

March 7, 2024
AC 303 Kentfield Campus

Present: Jonathan Eldridge, Nekoda Harris, Mia Robertshaw, Maria Coulson (Academic Senate rep), David King (Academic Senate rep), Sally Wong (Classified Senate rep), Lauren Amundson (Classified Senate rep), Ryan Barbosa (ASCOM rep), Gavi Bar-or (ASCOM rep), Gary Gonser (ESCOM student rep), and Mici Benet

Absent: Eresa Puch, Rebecca Yim (Classified Senate rep), Caitlin Rolston (Academic Senate rep)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. **Agenda** - The agenda was approved without changes.
2. **Minutes** – The meeting minutes from February 15, 2024 were unanimously approved.

3. **President's Report**

Accreditation Site Visit – Initial Debrief

President Eldridge reported that the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) team made no recommendations after careful review of the ISER and the on-site visit at College of Marin (COM), at the Kentfield campus. Furthermore, the team *commended* the College on its robust, coherent, equity-focused planning process including its program review, Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) assessment, and resource allocations. Therefore, COM not only met all the ACCJC standards but exceeded them.

Next steps will include COM's review of the draft ACCJC report before the report goes to the Commission and, once the ACCJC approves the report, COM will receive its accreditation credentials this summer.

Naming of the LRC Project

Based on last month's Council discussion, President Eldridge shared the concerns raised about the LRC building naming with the Board of Trustees, at the February Board meeting. Council members had the opportunity to see the revised naming resolution, that took their concerns into account, for the Board to act on at the March 12, 2024 meeting.

While the Academic, Student, and Classified Senates support dedicating the LRC building to Dr. Coon for his contributions to the District, they still expressed some reservations. In particular, avoiding confusion and having an effective, consistent naming and acronym protocol for internal or external references was a primary worry.

Educational Master Plan – Next Steps

President Eldridge differentiated the [Strategic Plan \(SP\)](#) from the [Educational Master Plan \(EMP\)](#). He described the SP as shorter term and action oriented to implement goals towards COM's mission.

The current EMP is for 2019 – 2025. A SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of the District is underway for the visioning of the next EMP. In fall 2024, once community partners have convened for input, the next iteration of the EMP, which may have a different length, title, and focus areas based on constituent input, will be drafted and routed for approval.

An additional consideration is that the future ACCJC Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) will look different since accreditation standards have been consolidated. These revised standards will play a role in the next ISER, with continued careful institutional planning.

Alumni Engagement

President Eldridge gave an update on the Centennial planning, about community meetings and a focus group of recent and past alumni who convened to collectively discuss ideas about their affinity with COM. There is agreement that improved alumni outreach would be very beneficial. Alumni engagement will be a very large project, but this is also a great opportunity to expand on donors and scholarship funding. More information about this will be available at the April Council meeting.

4. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

Mici Benet shared that board policies (BP) and administrative procedures (AP) due for review as part of the regular review cycle are underway but that there likely won't be any for the Council's approval until May or fall, with the expectation that fall will be very busy.

5. Board of Trustees

The Council reviewed the draft Board of Trustees' regular meeting agenda for March 12, 2024. Among the items highlighted were the study session items such as the Marin County Racial Equity Plan Report, PARS Update, and a Mission, Values, & Planning Exercise for the Board of Trustees, and a Sabbatical Report by Jaime Tipton.

6. Constituent Reports

Academic Senate

Academic Senate (AS) President Maria Coulson reported that the distance education (DE) accessibility reviewer may change to an ally content reviewer. AS is in the initial

stages of forming a social work certificate for a wellness coach and an addiction counselor. Marin County has a large need to fill such positions so COM should consider Counseling as a new discipline.

Recently Beth Rhodes, the Project Manager for the Learning and Resource Center (LRC), gave the AS an update and walkthrough of the LRC building floor plan.

Classified Senate

Sally Wong, Classified Senate President, updated the group on the Classified Breakfast, made possible by volunteers. Upcoming events include the Classified Professional Learning Day on March 20, with wellness activities, and the popular Spring Fling on April 24, in Kentfield.

Other updates included that two CS representatives will attend the leadership institute conference, ongoing Caring Campus initiative exploration, and the end of the See's candy fundraiser on March 15. The Book Club has doubled its membership to 25 and members are currently reading *Skinful: A Memoir of Addiction* by Robyn Flemming, with *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer planned next.

ASCOM

Student Senate President Ryan Barbosa was happy to announce that the ASCOM board vacancy was filled, the ASCOM Constitution has been updated, such as outdated stipends, and recent events focused on behavioral health and women's history. The annual student senate assembly will be held in Santa Clara, with students from across California in attendance. ASCOM elections are underway with submissions due on March 18. He reminded the Council that half of the current student board and senate will graduate in spring.

Gavi Nissom Bar-or, ASCOM Vice President, added that student clubs have increased membership significantly this academic year. Enabling clubs to reactivate more regularly and making it easier to start a club are contributing factors. Recently, ASCOM also passed a resolution for a community fridge thanks to Student Trustee Saidy Reyes. The fridge makes more fresh free food available to students.

ESCOM

Gary Gonser, ESCOM President, provided the Council with a report updating members on two new clubs, ESCOM outreach efforts, upcoming events, and work in progress that may be found [here](#).

7. Meeting Wrap Up

The Council will discuss the Centennial and Alumni Planning in more detail this April and, in May, there will be a Measure B update.

8. **Meeting Schedule:**

The next regular meeting is on April 11, 2024 in room AC 229.

9. **Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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