

October 7, 2021
ZOOM

Present: Jonathan Eldridge, Greg Nelson, Mia Robertshaw, Meg Pasquel, Maria Coulson, Luanne Mullin, Marian Mermel, Janis Olson, Maridel Barr, Monica Applegate, Peggy Dodge, Sonia Saltzman (student rep), and Micöi Benèt (Mici).

Absent: David Wain Coon and Ana Camacho (student rep)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice President Jonathan Eldridge.

1. **Agenda** - The agenda was amended to change AB 361 & Brown Act requirement from an information and discussion item to be included as an action item. The agenda was approved as amended by consensus.
2. **Minutes** - The minutes of the September 9, 2021 College Council meeting were approved.

3. **President's Report**

COVID-19 Update

Over 98% of College of Marin employees are vaccinated or in the process of being fully vaccinated. 13 employees have been granted exemptions. Over 90% of students are in the process of verifying vaccination status and the remainder are applying for medical or religious exemptions. Those who have been denied exemption are taking online courses only. The revised [COVID-19 board policy](#) approved in August and the new administrative procedure [AP 3507 COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements](#) will go to the October 12, 2021 Board meeting for approval. Because Vice President Eldridge was experiencing technical issues this agenda item and update was cut short.

LRC Design Update

G4 Architects gave an update on the Integrated Learning Resource Center (LRC). The design development phase is now 60% complete. The [presentation](#) included an update on the project schedule and engagement, design responses and refinements made, as well as exterior design and interior design visual representations.

David Schnee, of G4 Architects, reported that the process while lengthy has moved along well with many technical meetings and successful constituent engagements. Public participation has been superb and the schematic design aims for the best room arrangements and space usage relationships. There are opportunities to make higher quality interior and exterior design choices but the project budget will inform the team to determine priorities.

Colors, materials and palettes will be reviewed in the next round of engagement. These will be best viewed in person and a physical sample board of materials will be made available at the Indian Valley Campus.

Marco Esposito, of the SWA group, gave an update on the exterior site relationships to the building with the goal to make the LRC an inviting building with plenty of sitting/viewing/interaction space around it. The re-envisioned social slope is now gentler and more refined. With rails removed, the design layout remains ADA compliant. This latest design provides for a lot of outdoor space to meet, gather, and study.

Marco Blagojevic, of HMC architects, reported that computer monitors cause variations in the true color, and the physical board will show actual colors and proposed textures. He encouraged constituents and members of the public to see the renderings in person that will be provided in the near future to make more informed choices. Sandy, earthy colors with white and stone accents are proposed for a majority of the exterior. The colors and open/glass event space are more transparent and expansive to outdoors. This will serve as a visual attraction to students and make for a striking event space, accessible to trucks.

Renderings of the interior design demonstrate the proposed use of space although materials and furniture have not been finalized yet. Any furniture and materials shown are purely demonstrative.

College Council really liked the look of the design. However, Meg expressed concern that this LRC presentation had not yet gone before the Academic Senate, contrary to the participatory governance process. Last week Marco Esposito, along with Isidro Farias, gave a Landscape Master Plan presentation to the Academic Senate where they could have made this same presentation.

Vice President Eldridge explained that design work is ongoing and has continued between the schematic design and now. He asked the architects if significant changes have happened. David Schnee assured the Council that the design has merely been refined, and is shown with more details than previous renderings. Vice President Greg Nelson reported that faculty have been a continuous, integral part of the design feedback process and that these renderings have integrated faculty feedback but are still conceptual and not actual images of what will be built.

The LRC presentation will go before the Board for feedback during the October 12 Regular Board meeting study session. There will be no action taken at the time concerning the LRC design. In November, the Board will be asked to approve the continuation of the direction of the design process so architects may continue the next phase of the LRC design.

Material boards and color selections will begin soon, with sample touch/feel board to be located at the Indian Valley Campus (IVC). The sample touch/feel board sample will also be made available at the Kentfield (KTD) campus. There will be an extended period of time to view the proposed materials and colors as well as more opportunities for community and constituents to give their input.

More refined technical design meetings will take place after the October 12 Board meeting and any questions and concerns will be addressed before the November Board meeting.

Action: LRC presentation and material boards to be shared with the Academic, Classified and Student Senates. Because the digital equivalent is not the same, having a combination of both forms of the color/material presentation is important.

Action: Meg will reach out to and discuss the Academic Senate LRC presentation timing with Isidro.

Board of Trustee Redistricting Process Next Steps

Vice President Greg Nelson explained the redistricting process. The first two public hearing have already been held. The next two public meetings will focus on receiving input from the public on trustee-area draft maps. The next and third public hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The demographer will use public comments and feedback received during the public hearings to draw map scenarios. The final public hearing for trustee-area draft map feedback will be held at the December 14 Board meeting.

While initial public participation has not been great, it is not unusual to see more public interest after proposed maps are made available.

AB 361 & Brown Act Requirements

Mia explained the Brown Act teleconference rules were suspended until September 30, 2021. AB 361 has replaced the executive orders but requires action from governance committees who must follow Brown Act requirements every 30 days to continue to meet by teleconference.

Under the Brown Act and AB 361, a board or committee by majority vote must find that it reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that one of the following circumstances exists in order to continue to hold Board Policy Review Committee meetings online only and via Zoom: “(i) the emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to safely meet in person,” or “(ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to propose social distancing.” (Gov. Code § 54953(e)(3).)

If the legislative body cannot make these findings by majority vote, then it will no longer be exempt from the physical public access, quorum, and public comment opportunity rules applied to teleconference meetings under subsection 54953(b)(3).

The College Council unanimously approved the conditions are met pursuant to AB 361 to continue to meet by teleconference: 1) the emergency (pandemic) is ongoing and 2) social distancing requirements are still in place.

Action: Mici will send a communication outlining the application of AB 361 for those who must follow the Brown Act requirements when meeting.

4. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

The Board policies and administrative procedures pulled from the September 9 agenda were reviewed in conjunction with additional policies and procedures for today's meeting.

Notably *AP 3507 (NEW) COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements* was discussed by the Council. Vaccine verification may be checked for those coming to campus for certain events and vendors and contractors will be required to verify vaccines. It may be best to add clarification about acceptable face coverings in the procedure. An acceptable face covering is one that fits snugly against the face, covers an individual's nose and mouth, and is secured under the chin.

These are a few examples of coverings that are not acceptable: Those with holes in the covering, including exhalation valves mesh or lace fabrics; those that cannot be secured under the chin, including bandanas and face shields (worn on their own); neck gaiters (also called multi-bands). OSHA regulations allow us to be more restrictive but not more lenient. Existing contracts will be amended to reflect the District's COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements and submitted to the board ensure compliance.

Action: Mici to assign a policy number to *BP 6XXX Single Use Plastics* before it goes to the Board, and pull *BP 6370 Contracts – Personal – Other Services* and *6800 Industrial Safety* for Vice President Greg Nelson's review.

Action: Monica will email text for required face coverings to Mici Benet and General Counsel Robertshaw.

5. Board of Trustees

The College Council reviewed the draft Board of Trustees regular meeting agenda for October 12, 2021, 2:00 p.m. New faculty members will be introduced at the meeting.

6. Constituent Reports

Academic Senate

Academic Senate (AS) President Meg Pasquel reported on the new faculty members who will be introduced to the Board on October 12, 2021. She was displeased that the LRC presentation did not go to the Academic Senate before going to College Council and the Board.

Two recommendations are to eliminate binary pronouns, and instead use “students” or “faculty member” in policies and procedures for more equitable and inclusive language. The Academic Senate has looked at *4250 Academic Probation* because of the nomenclature and proposes using different terminology such as “Academic Restoration”. Also, when terms are updated in a policy or procedure, a cross-reference of policies and procedures are needed to keep up with any such changes.

ESCOM

Luanne Mullin, ESCOM President, reported on the emergency fire program event, library and book Club with Dave Patterson, as well as two new clubs – one a reflection on World War II, and one an encouragement writing club. The LRC presentation was well received and ESCOM continues to develop its brochures and administrative processes.

Classified Senate

Maridel Barr, Classified Senate President, reported on placement of classified employees on participatory governance committees. Also, classified staff requested to have more seats on the Governance Review Council (GRC) because it has the lowest classified participation and the structure of the committees was set up 15 years ago.

She reported that three recent classified activities were well received with varying attendance: social hour (11), emergency preparedness (17), and a magic show (33). Next, the Classified Senate will meet with the Umoja Institute to discuss mentoring plans. The Senate is working on their own logo and planning for this years’ virtual Classified Halloween event.

ASCOM

ASCOM Vice President Sonia Salzman reported on student events including the club fest, ESL’s safe space to exchange stories, and the transfer panel which had better student engagement. There are eight events remaining for the semester such as a micro-aggressions in the classroom and other campaigns such as surveying students on the disproportionate impact of the pandemic to students of color.

7. Meeting Wrap Up

8. Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be November 4, 2021.

9. **Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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