

**December 10, 2020**  
ZOOM

**Present:** David Wain Coon, Jonathan Eldridge, Meg Pasquel, Maria Coulson, Peggy Dodge, Luanne Mullin, Marian Mermel, Monica Applegate, Janis Olson, Maridel Barr, Fernando Sanchez Lopez (student rep), Bertha Cazares (student rep), Mia Robertshaw, Jesse Klein (guest) and Micöil Benèt.

**Absent:** Greg Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Superintendent/President Coon.

1. **Agenda** - The agenda was approved by consensus.
2. **Minutes** - The minutes of the November 12, 2020 College Council meeting were approved.

3. **President's Report**

COVID-19 Update:

President David Wain Coon reported that a new COVID-19 health order is in place until January 4, 2021 and the number of people present on campus needs to greatly reduce. Luckily most in-person instructional courses are almost complete. Director of Marketing and Communications, Nicole Cruz, was quickly able to communicate the order to the COM community on the day of the state-wide announcement.

End of Year Summary

President Coon stated that nobody could have anticipated the challenges of this year, during the pandemic, along with the political tension and racial injustice, but the College of Marin did an extraordinary job serving the community and supporting one another.

He recommended that as we look to 2021, we can find silver linings that have come out of 2020 - such as the vaccine. Luanne said she felt that things could have been much worse and that many have learned about their resilience. Meg added that she looks forward to 2021 and that 2020 has changed the way the District conducts its business so the future of work may look different because of this. Monica added how much she appreciates the great job COM has done communicating, planning, socializing, staying safe, engaged in creative thinking, turning on a dime to adjust to changing needs, training staff and faculty, and appreciates how the COM community overall has made the best of things. Peggy agreed but also said that while she initially thought COM decided to stay closed too soon, now realizes it was very forward thinking. COM is lucky it does not have the same pressures as K-12.

M&O Naming

President Coon proposed naming the M&O corps yard after Robert “Bob” Thompson, who recently passed away. In order to do so, the draft resolution is under review by the various constituent groups, as required by the District’s policy and procedure. Once feedback and approval has concluded, the proposal will come to the College Council for approval before going before the Board of Trustees to authorize the naming.

Meg reported that the M&O naming consent agenda item was unanimously passed by the Academic Senate. The Classified Senate, SCEA, SEIU, and Managers, Supervisors and Confidential (MSC) employees also unanimously approved naming the M&O corps yard after Robert “Bob” Thompson.

**4. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures**

The College Council approved all recommended changes, without revision for the following policy and procedures:

BP 2355 Decorum, BP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning (formerly Credit by Examination), AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning (formerly Credit by Examination), AP 6335 Contracts – Accessibility Information Technology, and AP 7337 Fingerprinting.

These policies and procedures will go to the December 15, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting for first read, approval, and for information.

**5. Constituent Reports**

Academic Senate (AS)

Academic Senate President Meg Pasquel reported unanimous approval of the proposed M&O corps yard naming, the return of AP 4231 to Administration regarding grade change issues, and stated that the Academic Senate is re-examining process issues that affect academics and workload. The Union is working with the AS on these issues. Meg also provided the Council with additional background for the change to BP/AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning based on the Chancellor’s Office recommendations. Faculty are reviewing new ways to determine a student’s mastery of a subject besides SAT scores, that are implicitly biased.

Meg reminded the Council that February is Black History Month and all COM events will be exclusively based upon black history.

Classified Senate

Classified Senate President Maridel Barr reported that three Umoja guest speakers (Yashica Crawford, Colleen Mihal, and Walter Turner) addressed the Classified Senate about success of students and training classified staff to promote equity. The Classified Professional Liaison Coordinator, reported that updated charges from the various PGS

committees are under review. The Classified Senate is also requesting reports from Classified Professionals on Participatory Governance Committees throughout the year. The Classified employees held their last virtual community hour of 2020 and plan to survey the community for ideas for next year's virtual events to keep people engaged.

#### ESCOM

Luanne Mullin, ESCOM President, reported that all four vacant seats on the council were filled by an author, a career educator, an attorney, and an international businessman. So far ESCOM has raised \$1,000 in donations and that the virtual December holiday party was a success as was a recent Rotary Club event.

#### ASCOM

ASCOM President Fernando Sanchez Lopez reported the last student event was for mental health services to support students so they could better cope with current stressors and final exams.

He announced that he's been working on the Giving Tuesday campaign and stressed its importance, as a Student Emergency Access Fund (SEAF) recipient himself.

ASCOM is working to resolve the disconnected feeling experienced by students and working towards improving the students' experience next semester. The ASCOM retreat will take place the second week of January 2021 and ASCOM anticipates a lower attendance rate due to the Zoom environment.

ASCOM is committed to finding out what psychological and financial resources are needed by students. They plan to vote on an Open Educational Resources Resolution this week to address office hours, equity issues, opinions about cameras during classes and exams (to address privacy concerns), and various other barriers.

Efforts to create a storyboard, for student club recruitments, are currently suspended.

President Coon expressed that he is pleased that the students know the names of the staff in the psychological and student services departments.

#### **6. Board of Trustees**

The College Council reviewed the draft Board of Trustees regular meeting agenda, for December 15, 2020.

President Coon described the annual organization meeting that includes the Honorable James T. Chou administering an oath to the elected trustees and a rotation of officers.

The proposed Board meeting calendar for 2021 has every board meeting fall on the second Tuesday of every month for the entire year and that means the College Council meetings will fall on either the first Thursday of every month.

7. **Meeting Wrap Up**
8. **Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting will be in February of 2021. Mici will send out a Zoom calendar invitation once the Board approves the meeting schedule.
9. **Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.