

February 15, 2024
AC 229, Kentfield Campus

Present: Jonathan Eldridge, Nekoda Harris, Mia Robertshaw, Eresa Puch, 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), Leonard Weingarten (ESCOM guest), and Mici Benet

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Agenda** - The agenda was approved without changes.
2. **Minutes** – The meeting minutes from December 7, 2023 were unanimously approved.

3. **President’s Report**

Spring Semester Welcome/Opening Debrief

Superintendent/President Jonathan Eldridge welcomed College Council and reported that enrollment is up this semester and there is a lot of great activity on campus since spring semester began.

Visioning

President Eldridge reported that staff and faculty engaged in a robust visioning activity at the spring Convocation that the Board will integrate into values and themes as the next Educational Master Plan (EMP) takes shape as the process is being developed for the Fall 2024/Spring 2025 work that lies ahead. Holley Shafer is conducting a multi-factor environmental scan to include a review of College of Marin’s (COM) mission.

Defining “community” and “accessibility” will be part of refining COM’s mission and will also inform the Centennial celebration, planned to begin in Fall 2025 and continue through 2026.

Accreditation Site Visit

President Eldridge reported that the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has revised its standards that will reshape future accreditation centered work as well as policies and procedures.

It has been seven years since the last site visit and the accreditation team will be on site, at COM’s Kentfield campus, on March 7, to get more in depth information about COM’s program review processes. After their meetings with staff and faculty, the ACCJC Team

will let the District know their recommendations to the commission by the end of the day.

Naming of the LRC Project

President Eldridge asked College Council if they approved the LRC Project be named the *Dr. David Wain Coon Center for Student Success*, after reviewing materials provided them per the requirements of [AP 2800 naming of Facilities](#). Broad community and constituent support is desirable before bringing the formal naming resolution to the Board of Trustees.

The Academic Senate expressed reservations that the building will be referred to as the “Coon Center” which would be insensitive given historical/cultural connotations of the name and that future students will not have known Dr. David Wain Coon to appreciate the reference. Also, other buildings are referenced by their acronyms (“SS” for “Student Services”, “FA” for “Fine Arts”, and “AC” “Academic Center”) in course catalogues. What would the building’s acronym be given this lengthy name?

Overall, the Academic Senate supports dedicating the building to Dr. Coon for his contributions to COM but seek to minimize the impact of the “Coon” name, perhaps by having a dedication plaque on the building. The Academic Senate has a list of suggested names for the LRC project.

ASCOM and the Classified Senate mirrored the concerns of the Academic Senate and asked if there would be any additional recognition of the building site the land of indigenous people. ASCOM requested additional time to discuss with student to bring feedback to the Council.

President Eldridge will pull the placeholder for naming the LRC from the Board meeting agenda and bring the Council’s feedback to the Board for their consideration. While it is desirable to reach a consensus on the naming of the facility, he reminded the Council that naming of facilities is ultimately in the Board’s purview.

4. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

To the extent that a BP/AP is in a constituent group’s purview, College Council unanimously recommended that the below administrative procedure (AP) move forward to the Board of Trustees as an information item (procedures) based on work with PRAC and equity recommendations.

- AP 5031 Instructional Materials Fees

Mici Benet reminded the Council that the May 2024 CCLC Update will be the largest update historically due to the ACCJC changes. Because of the amount of progress made

to date a more streamlined process was proposed to the Council. Due to this the BP/AP focus in late Spring, Mici will work to create larger update bundles for constituent review instead of smaller, individual Board Policy (BP) and AP updates. Also, she requested that non-substantive or minor citation updates go through a fast-track review process as compared to legal or substantive updates.

College Council agreed to the recommended changes so long as they are informed of any changes, however minor, and have reasonable time to provide feedback before the BP/AP goes to the Board.

5. Board of Trustees

The Council reviewed the draft Board of Trustees' regular meeting agenda for February 20, 2024. A comprehensive update on the Bolinas Lab Field Station, Workforce and Career Education, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and Accreditation reports were among the items highlighted.

6. Constituent Reports

Academic Senate

Academic Senate President Maria Coulson reported that faculty has met three times since last year, is in discussions with Student Accessibility Services about the LRC project floorplans, supporting Early Childhood Education staff during the current changes to the program, and continues its work on course revitalization (in particular Computer Information Systems and the Discontinuance Process AP) and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) transfer patterns, and AB 1111 (Common Course Numbering Project that requires implementation of a student-facing common course numbering (CCN) system across the California Community Colleges).

The Academic Senate appointed Ron Oxford, part-time librarian, as the point person the coordinate zero textbook cost and open resource initiatives.

ASCOM

Student Senate President Ryan Barbosa reported that the Club Fest had a very strong start with over 35 active clubs represented. One of the most popular clubs is the Club of Clubs that brings students together for a wide range of activities. This year ASCOM also had an information booth to increase student awareness of ASCOM. The next big ASCOM event is on February 22, for Black History Month.

The elections for 2024-2025 will be held in April. There have been some ASCOM Board changes with two recent senator resignations and ASCOM is working to simplify its Constitution by removing complex language in order to make it transparent, accessible, and clear.

Classified Senate

Classified Senate President Sally Wong reported that CS is making progress on its Caring Campus initiative and working on developing leadership opportunities. A major goal is to improve campus culture and foster a welcoming climate for students. CS is hosting two breakfasts, one at each campus, to take place on February 28 (KTD) and February 29 (IVC). The Professional Learning Committee is developing events for March 20, to support visibility and communication of resources. CS also continues to raise funds using the See's candies Yum raiser described in past meetings.

ESCOM

Gary Gonser, ESCOM President, reported that ESCOM held a successful booth at the recent Resource Fair and Club Fest. An ESCOM representative also attended the most recent ASCOM meeting and Interclub Council (ICC) meeting since they have a seat.

ESCOM continues to form new connections and is working on several Spotlight events that can be found [here](#). Highlighted were an event on death and dying and a presentation on human trafficking. ESCOM also expects to hold another art exhibit during the spring semester.

7. Meeting Wrap Up

President Eldridge will report the Council's feedback about the LRC naming to the Board of Trustees, Mici will send her presentation about the proposed revised BP/AP review process to the constituents, and a follow up discussion about the LRC naming will be on the next agenda.

8. Meeting Schedule:

The next regular meeting is one week earlier than usual on March 7, 2024 and in room AC 303 because of the accreditation team site visit. This may change if needed to accommodate the accreditation team.

9. Adjourn Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.