

March 5, 2026

AC 229 Kentfield Campus

Present: Jonathan Eldridge, Eresa Puch, Maria Coulson (Academic Senate), Dave King (Academic Senate), Cara Kreit (Academic Senate), Sally Wong (Classified Senate), Brier Welch (Classified Senate), Emily Cardwell (ASCOM), Gary Gonser (ESCOM), and Mici Benét

Absent: Dana Emerson, Mia Robertshaw, Lauren Amundson (Classified Senate)

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

1. **Agenda** – The Council approved the meeting agenda and agreed to hear Dr. Holley Shafer’s report before discussing the standing PGS item.
2. **Minutes** – The February 12, 2026, meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a minor edit recommendation.

3. **President’s Report**

Update on Plan 2030, Holley Shafer

When Plan 2030 launched, stewards were asked to meet with their coordination teams to review strategies, suggest adjustments, and begin cross-college collaboration. Dr. Shafer reminded Council members that the steward role is to facilitate communication and coordination amongst the offices and groups engaged in the work outlined in the plan by connecting representatives where needed and appropriate. Since fall, some stewards have begun these conversations, while others are still building broader engagement. The EPC will meet with all stewards this spring to review progress, coordinate efforts, address challenges, and propose Year 2 updates.

Faculty raised concerns about the perceived lack of inclusion in coordination teams, and Dr. Shafer reaffirmed that team lists were only starting points, and the process will remain open, inclusive, and faculty-involved. Also, assessment and review of goals vary across areas, with some conversations still in initial stages. Dr. Stormy Miller Sabia has joined the work of getting student input related to student access and student experience.

Academic Senate Vice President Dave King highlighted several 10+1 areas connected to the plan, noting limited senate engagement to date. President Eldridge noted the plan does not suggest changes to policy or process connected to

10+1 and emphasized the need for stronger, consistent communication between representative bodies and committees as one way to increase engagement.

Dr. Shafer reiterated steward flexibility and EPC's advisory role. The EPC advises but does not direct implementation; stewards will discuss progress and recommendations for year 2 strategies with the EPC this spring. EPC will summarize progress and update the Board of Trustees on quantitative performance indicators in June.

The plan and the goals are online, and Marketing is preparing a new, more accessible version for the Master Plan webpage. President Eldridge will follow up on website updates, and Maria Coulson recommended a campus-wide message and a link to the standalone Plan 2030 document.

Participatory Governance

President Eldridge discussed the possibility of shifting committee appointments to spring so new members can observe at least one meeting before fall, with administrator appointments planned for late April. There may be some logistical challenges, such as elections and student schedules, but FLEX week onboarding and staggered terms for continuity are recommended.

Dave King will bring the proposal to GRC and coordinate getting committee term lists from Vidhyah for implementation next year. GRC reviewed FLEX activity and identified the need for additional training in consensus building, chair responsibilities, and meeting management, while also discussing the process and timeline for revising the PGS plan. Cara Kreit recommended The Grove, in San Francisco, as a training resource. Self-evaluation for PGS committees will continue, and PRAC operational concerns remain under GRC review.

Student Trustee Emily Cardwell will ask ASCOM about their committee experience, and report back to College Council.

Update on CPPSAC/Sheriff Substation

In November, the Board received a recommendation not to renew the substation lease and requested additional information. A sub-committee will present these updates at the March 10, 2026, meeting. The long-standing plan has been to relocate the substation from Lot 6. Staff will recommend a month-to-month extension while discussions with the County continue for alternative plans. The substation oversees over 10,000 calls a year, but there is shared agreement that the current location is not appropriate, and a long-term plan will be brought forward.

4. **Board Policies and Administrative Procedures**

Policy and Procedure Review: To the extent that a BP/AP is in a constituent group's purview, the College Council unanimously recommended that the following policy and procedures be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for a first read and as information items, respectively:

- BP 3850 Display of Flags
- BP 4010 Academic Calendar Review
- AP 4110 Honorary Degrees
- BP/AP 5030 Fees
- AP 5040 Student Records and Directory Information
- AP 5110 Counseling
- AP 5160 Open Educational Resources
- BP 5420 Associated Students Organization Finance
- BP 5450 ESCOM Emeritus Students College of Marin
- AP 7120 Employment Recruitment
- BP 7348 Outside Employment Conflict of Interest

Ongoing: Chapter 3, 4 and 5 policies and procedures with no legal updates are under review by administrators as part of the regular six-year review cycle. This work is in conjunction with the CCLC 46 and CCLC 47 reviews and revisions underway.

5. **Board of Trustees**

The Council reviewed the draft organizational and regular board meeting agenda for March 10, 2026, in the Building 9 Conference Room, at the Indian Valley campus.

The PARS presentation covers supplemental retirement strategies to CalPERS and CalSTRS, including investment of funds to earn interest toward long-term obligations.

6. **Constituent Reports**

7. ASCOM

Student Trustee Emily Cardwell reported ASCOM received the resolutions packet for the General Assembly for the SSCCC, in San Francisco on March 28–29. Two student board members will attend. ASCOM will host a midterm exam event to help students relax. The event will feature dogs, yerba mate, and art supplies. Emily will attend the Marin Women's PAC luncheon, which Vice President Dana Emerson is emceeding.

ESCOM

ESCOM President Gary Gonser updated the Council on ongoing activities and community engagement. ESCOM's March programming includes elder-studies interviews, an AI-focused spotlight, and an upcoming "What About Aging" exhibit addressing ageism. Centennial events will feature tabling, and a May 8 talk by Nathan Price on AI and scientific wellness. The details of upcoming ESCOM events may be found [here](#).

Academic Senate

President Maria Coulson shared that the Program Review Working Group has met twice with PRAC and department chairs. The Senate supports the new batch process for reviewing and revising board policies and administrative procedures. Significant distance-education recommendations are in progress. Procedures for equivalency have been revised to clarify the process and strengthen guidance; drafts are posted on the HR website and under review. She noted that the Academic Senate passed a resolution related to PRAC.

Cara Kreit asked whether the Centennial video project has protections for students, including alternatives for those who opt out and considerations for vulnerable students. President Eldridge will follow up with Malaika Smith, who is overseeing the project.

Classified Senate

Classified Senate (CS) President Sally Wong's full report can be found [here](#). She reported well attended recent events, the Classified Book Club's completion of reading [Audition](#) by Katie Kitamura, and joining the fall COMmon Read [Solito](#), by Javier Somora, with librarians prepared to provide copies. Nominations for the Classified Appreciation Awards for the May Employee Appreciation Luncheon will soon be open. The [Hop Into Spring See's Candies Fundraiser](#) continues through March 20.

8. Meeting Wrap Up

Dave King will compile the list of current committee members with their term lengths (current and upcoming) and will bring the membership transition and training for discussion.

President Eldridge to follow up regarding centennial video filming of students.

9. Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting will be on April 16.



10. **Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.