

**March 6, 2025**  
AC 229 Kentfield Campus

**Present:** Jonathan Eldridge, Dana Emerson, Eresa Puch, Mia Robertshaw, Maria Coulson (Academic Senate rep), Dave King (Academic Senate rep), Sally Wong (Classified Senate rep), Brier Welch (Classified Senate rep), Ryli Bowen (ASCOM rep), Emily Cardwell (ASCOM rep), Gary Gonser (ESCOM student rep), Leonard Weingarten (ESCOM student rep), and Mici Benet

**Absent:** Lauren Amundson (Classified Senate rep)

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

1. **Agenda** – The Council approved the meeting agenda.
2. **Minutes** – The February 13, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. **President's Report**

Standing Item: Participatory Governance System (PGS)

Academic Senate Vice President Dave King reported that the GRC is ready to present the proposed Accreditation Steering Committee to College Council in April. In March, Klaus Christiansen, Director of Facilities Planning, Maintenance and Operations, will present the Environmental Action Committee proposal to the GRC.

The PGS survey to evaluate the participatory governance system at College of Marin (COM) is ready to be shared with faculty, students, and staff who have served on committees. The survey is confidential and anonymous.

Superintendent/President Jonathan Eldridge requested that the Accreditation Steering Committee proposal be included with published agenda meeting materials, so College Council members have time to review before they meet.

Environmental Impact and Mitigation Projects

Vice President of Finance and Operations Eresa Puch gave an overview of what she and Director Christiansen will [present](#) to the board of trustees in more detail for the upcoming meeting. She described plans for the IVC pool heater electrification, KTD solar hydronics, pool covers for both campuses, and EV fleet and chargers.

Vice President Puch reported that COM has been selected for initial data collection and modeling phase of a microgrid technical assistance program initiative.

Housing

General Counsel Mia Robertshaw provided an overview of the housing opportunity presentation that Marin County representatives Matthew Hymel and Ken Lippi will give at the upcoming board meeting.

The workforce housing proposal is for educators and County employees and would be located in the Larkspur Landing/Drakes Cove area. COM, and other Marin County schools, have been invited as bond guarantors in exchange for 9 to 18 dedicated units for COM employees, of 250, with a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units available.

The board will discuss the opportunity at the meeting and will take no action on the item.

The Council discussed the impact of such a housing project on traffic. Public transportation improvements are under consideration as part of the larger discussions between COM and Marin County officials. There is some community opposition to the project, as well as significant support.

**4. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures**

To the extent that a BP/AP is in a constituent group's purview, the College Council unanimously recommended that the following procedures be forwarded to the Board of Trustees as information items:

- *AP 4021 Program Revitalization and Intervention*
- *AP 4100 Graduation Requirements*
- *AP 4231 Grade Changes*

Maria Coulson, Academic Senate President, gave an overview of changes made by the senate to the 10+1 procedures listed above.

Chapter 1, 2, and 3 policies and procedures with no legal updates are currently under review by administrators as part of the regular review cycle.

**5. Board of Trustees**

The Council reviewed the draft regular board meeting agenda for March 11, 2025. This meeting will be held in the IVC Building 9 conference room.

Highlighted items included: Affordable Workforce Housing Guarantor Financing Program, Measure B 2023-2024 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Annual Report, Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Update, Environmental Impact Mitigation Projects, Board Sustainability Committee Discussion, Student Wellness & Health Center Update, and initial proposals and openers for CSEA and SEIU.

From now on the senate reports will be heard before the CEO report.

**6. Constituent Reports**

Academic Senate

Academic Senate (AS) President Maria Coulson reported that besides the three procedure updates before the Council, the Senate is reviewing *BP 3260 Local Decision Making*. The Senate contributed to the program review process and instruction side of the proposal for the accreditation steering committee. The Senate intends to hire some faculty to conduct program review, is looking at grant applications, and met with Dean of Enrollment Jon Horinek to discuss how to better support students on probation.

Classified Senate

Classified Senate President Sally Wong gave the [update](#) for classified employees. Staff enjoyed learning more about Vice President of Finance and Operations Eresa Puch and her role at COM, in Episode 4 of the *Classified Know More* Podcast. They feel they benefit from getting to know better the administrators who are in other departments through these podcasts.

ASCOM

Ryli Bowen, the ASCOM President, reported on recent and upcoming events. ASCOM hosted a scholarship event to help students see what categories they qualify for. ASCOM will be offering its own scholarship to students soon.

The ASCOM Black History celebration was well attended, but the student senate would like to increase the educational components of these events. ASCOM has created more educational engagement for its March Women's History month event.

ASCOM is already accepting packets from candidates for its student senate election, with an increase in interest by the number of applications. Six Senate officers will be attending a conference in Los Angeles this April and students are discussing the possibility of holding a peaceful protest in response to actions taken by the United States Administration.

ESCOM

Gary Gonser, ESCOM President, updated the Council members on ESCOM's many events and activities. ESCOM continues to attract new student members through its active engagement throughout Marin County.

One such event will address how people deal with loss and retain socialization as seniors. Stacy Torres, author of *At Home in the City*, will be a speaker. She looks at how

older adults cope with health setbacks, depression, gentrification, financial struggles, the accumulated losses of neighbors, friends, and family, and other everyday challenges.

A new ESCOM collaboration has led to work with the California Film Institute. Because of this partnership, ESCOM has been invited to table at the Rafael Theatre where it hopes to attract new members.

More details of the ESCOM report may be found [here](#).

**7. Meeting Wrap Up**

President Eldridge will visit the academic, classified, and student senates with a special surprise to thank them for their reports at today's meeting.

**8. Meeting Schedule:**

The next College Council meeting will be on April 10, at 3:00 p.m., in room AC 229.

**9. Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.