
GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL

Minutes

January 29, 2026

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/4445154517>

Membership Present: Emy Bagtas-Carmona, Ryan Byrne, Maria Coulson (substitute), Dave King, Melanie Palomino, Joanna Pinckney

Membership Absent: Enrique Amador Mendieta, Farhan Khaliq, Wendy St. John

Invited Guests: Steve Carrera

Action Items

1. Approve agenda (Coulson/Byrne)

Discussion Items

1. Housekeeping
 - a. The committee discussed the potential of changing its meeting time this semester to accommodate members who cannot be present. Dave will send out a poll with alternative times.
2. Spring 2026 Goals: **Deferred**
3. PGS FLEX Workshop Recap: **Deferred**
4. Facilities and Safety Planning Committee and governance processes
 - a. Steve Carrera, chair of Facilities Safety and Planning Committee, posed a question for the GRC: Are facilities rental procedures subject to FSPC review and to our participatory governance system more broadly?
 - b. Steve provided context for recently proposed revisions to the Miwok Aquatics Facility rental operating guidelines. While COM has priority on pool scheduling, other users also have access to the IVC pool, including special events on weekends. Since the opening of the facility in 2022, procedures developed by an advisory committee made of the Marin Aquatics Board has been in use. In December 2025, it was decided the procedures were going to change to be implemented in March 2026.
 - c. The GRC discussed the charge, which includes, “The Facilities and Safety Planning Committee (FSPC) operates as a subcommittee of the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC) to ensure faculty, staff, and student involvement by providing feedback, making recommendations, and sharing information regarding the planning, design, construction, safety, upkeep, and use of district-owned facilities to foster an equitable, inclusive, and accessible experience for all constituents.”
 - d. GRC members shared how facility rental procedures are inconsistent across the college.

Members also shared other issues with rentals, including overscheduling, lack of support staff, and other health and safety concerns that seem relevant the FSPC's charge and responsibilities.

- e. GRC members discussed the potential need to update AP 6700 to address some of the issues the college is experience with facilitates rentals.
- f. The GRC Chair will reach out to College Council to work toward further clarity on how facilities rentals relate to PGS.