
GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL

Minutes

April 20, 2026

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Membership Present: Enrique Amador Mendieta, Emy Bagtas-Carmona, Ryan Byrne, Dave King, Melanie Palomino, Joanna Pinckney, Wendy St. John

Membership Absent: Farhan Khaliq

Guest: Mia Robertshaw

Action Items

1. Approved agenda (unanimous).
2. Approved minutes from 3/23/26 (Byrne / Palomino). Palomino abstained.

Discussion Items

1. Chair report (Dave King)
 - a. Participatory Governance System (PGS) Committee Reflections were sent to committee chairs. In addition to the GRC, College Council, Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC), and Career and Technical Education Committee (CTEC) have acknowledged the request to complete a reflection by May 14th. Dave will send a reminder email to PGS committee chairs this week and request confirmation that the form has been sent to their committee members.
 - b. PRAC has resumed its meetings. Academic Senate President Maria Coulson has designated Meg Pasquel as co-chair for the committee, and President Coulson has been appointed by the Academic Senate as a voting member instead of co-chair.
 - c. Dave met with Angela Olmanson from CTEC. The committee recently met and made changes to how it operates. The GRC's evaluation from last academic year was helpful for encouraging conversations within the committee. CTEC will be holding elections for a chair soon. The chair of CTEC—and most PGS committees—is elected from the membership, not appointed.
 - d. The PGS Plan designates two-year terms for appointments but does not identify any limits to the number of terms an appointee may serve. This was also clarified at College Council last week.
 - e. Human Resources presented at College Council that they will be sending a survey to PGS Committees and other groups to compile information about DEIA work being done across campus as part of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. Dave will keep the committee informed when the survey is distributed.

2. Appointments to PGS committees for Fall 2026

- a. College Council is working toward shifting PGS committee appointments to happen in spring for the following fall semester to help facilitate transitions and committee efficacy. Associated Students at College of Marin's (ASCOM) process already appoints committee members in the spring.
- b. President Eldridge recently made the managerial appointments to committees for Fall 2026. Emy Bagtas-Carmona will be moving on from GRC membership and Mia Robertshaw will be joining the GRC in the fall. Ryan Byrne has been reappointed to another term on GRC.
- c. Dave sent lists of appointments to be made to the Classified Senate and CPLC as well as to the Academic Senate President. The goal is to make appointments and fill vacancies this semester as much as for terms beginning in the fall.
- d. The committee discussed ways for continuing and improving outreach to students who may be interested in joining committees. Dave will reach out to 1) Farhan Khaliq to see the status of ASCOM appointments, 2) the incoming ASCOM president to invite them to the May GRC meeting, and 3) Sadika and counselors to see how the GRC can help facilitate student participation on committees.

3. PGS Plan revision

- a. College Council seems to support an overhaul of our PGS, including the PGS Plan. Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) and Community College League of California (CCLC) leaders have been invited to help COM sort out ongoing 10+1 and participatory governance issues, which may also help facilitate the revision to our PGS.
- b. One of the GRC's responsibilities is to "recommend to College Council changes and revisions to the PGS based on evaluation process and recommendations from governance groups."
- c. The committee discussed ideas on the process and timelines as well as changes it would like to see in a revised PGS Plan:

i. Process:

1. Focus on developing and implementing revisions next academic year (2026-2027).
2. The GRC may want to hold a retreat in the fall to develop an outline/framework for revising the plan to propose to College Council.
3. After a framework is in place, the GRC in partnership with College Council and others can hold meetings with specific groups and stakeholders to complete the revisions over the course of the academic year.
4. The committee discussed balancing the need to narrow focus and make progress over the course of the year while also taking in the wider input from the constituency groups more broadly. Fall and Spring FLEX weeks can be effective opportunities for seeking broader input on ongoing revisions.

ii. PGS Changes:

1. Dynamic web-based PGS Plan (like at [Cañada College](#) and [Monterey Peninsula College](#)) rather than a static PDF.
 2. Dynamic and centralized PGS calendar (like at [MPC](#)), with intentionally scheduled PGS committee meeting days and times.
 3. An accessible list of PGS committee membership appointments and vacancies
 4. A more formalized process for making appointments in the spring for fall terms.
 5. Clarity on voting and consensus requirements and best practices.
 6. Updates to all PGS committee charges to better reflect both the work they do and the work that is needed.
 7. Clarity on the purview of the Technology Planning Committee and Institutional Equipment Committee in light of the educational technology proposals from the Distance Education Committee recently accepted by the administration.
- d. The GRC will continue conversations about PGS Plan revisions at our next meeting.

4. Future meetings

- a. The committee rescheduled its next meeting to Monday, May 11th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm to accommodate committee members unable to attend on Thursday afternoons. Agenda items will include completing the GRC's self-reflection, outreach to students and ASCOM, PGS Plan revision process and changes, and the process for developing the GRC's evaluation of our PGS based on the committees' self-reflections.
- b. The committee also scheduled a special meeting to complete this year's PGS evaluation during finals week on Friday, May 22nd from 10:00am to 11:30am.

Adjournment: 2:02pm