
GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL

Minutes

May 11, 2026

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

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

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

Membership Absent: Farhan Khaliq, Wendy St. John

Guests: Vladislav Verbitschi, Alyssa Graff, Mia Robertshaw

Action Items

1. Approved agenda (unanimously).
2. Approved minutes from 4/20/26 (Byrne/Bagtas, approved unanimously).

Discussion Items

1. Chair report
 - a. GRC membership 2026-2027:
 - i. Blaze Woodlief will substitute for Dave King while he is on sabbatical. GRC chair elections will happen in the fall. Committee members should consider who may want to serve as chair. A co-chair model may serve well.
 - b. College Council:
 - i. College Council recommended that Classified Professionals review MOU between SEIU and CSEA on CPLC/classified appointments to see if clarifications or revisions may be needed.
 - ii. Human Resources sent out a survey on DEIA efforts in relation to PGS Committees. Dave will complete the survey on behalf of the GRC.
 - c. PLC:
 - i. There was some confusion about chairs and membership on the PGS website, which is in process of being resolved. Inconsistencies on how PGS chairs are listed can lead to confusion. Revisions to the PGS Plan and website should streamline this to avoid future problems.
 - d. TPC Subcommittee on AI & emerging technology
 - i. Heather Rahman, chair of TPC, inquired about forming a subcommittee to address AI and potentially instructional equipment technology. Dave provided an overview of process based on Environmental Action Committee and the Accreditation Steering Committee last year. Ryan Bryne, who was

also copied, provided helpful input about considering whether the new entity would be a standing committee, advisory committee, workgroup, or something else. The goal for developing this group is in Fall 2026, which would take place during revisions to our PGS Plan.

2. Student outreach for PGS participation

- a. Vlad Verbitschi, incoming ASCOM President, introduced himself. The committee discussed the function of the participatory governance system, the Governance Review Council, and ideas for supporting student participation on PGS committees. President Verbitschi described his campaigning on being a voice for the students on helpful changes at COM, and shared interest in considering joining GRC. ASCOM will be holding special elections for unfilled board positions at the beginning of June and will move toward student assignments to committees then. Dave will send information on the PGS, how students can apply to be on committees, and ideas for outreach.
- b. Dave shared several outreach ideas he had received from Sofie Totapudi (Transfer and Career Center) and Kristin Perrone (Counseling), including:
 - i. Alpha Gamma Sigma and Phi Theta Kappa (honors societies)
 - ii. International Student Club (Brier Welch advisor)
 - iii. Political science students interested in policy (Paul Cheney)
 - iv. Relevant departments (e.g. CIS for TPC)
 - v. COUN 117: PIQ Boot Camp
 - vi. ENGL C1001 (critical thinking students)
 - vii. SOC 205: Intro to Research Methods
 - viii. Learning Communities
- c. Next steps: Dave will contact Brier Welch on about reaching out to learning committees, Cara Kreit on reaching out to summer English C1000 students, and Kristin Perrone and Sofie Totapudi on reaching out to Summer COUN 117 students.

3. Fall FLEX Proposal

- a. Alyssa Graff presented an idea of developing a joint PLC/GRC FLEX training for PGS committee chairs and members. This training could support training from someone outside COM in combination of local best practices. The committee discussed sequencing training and outreach efforts strategically, such as offering a general FLEX session on PGS and best practices in the Fall, with a follow-up specific chair training in September or October. There was agreement that recording the training would be beneficial, especially if made available on ProLearning for future and prospective committee chairs. GRC members also expressed interest in making this a series of events related to improving the PGS and revising the PGS plan next year.
- b. Next steps: Dave will work with Alyssa to sketch out the FLEX activity and bring back ideas to the GRC at our next meeting.

4. PGS Committee Reflection procedure

- a. Dave has not received reflections from committees yet. The deadline is this Thursday, May 14th.
 - b. Dave will email a follow-up to committee chairs today, including the request that individuals committee members be provided with a copy of the reflection form. If any committees do not submit feedback by the deadline, Dave will contact chairs individually to resolve.
 - c. GRC members agreed to complete its reflection at its next meeting. Members who cannot attend Friday's meeting will be asked to provide individual feedback.
 - d. Requirements for PGS committees to fulfill accessibility standards came up. Dave will bring this up at College Council for guidance.
5. PGS Plan revision process and timeline – Deferred.
6. Next meeting: Friday, May 22nd 10:00am-11:30am on Zoom.

Adjournment: 2:01pm