

Professional Learning Committee (PLC)

MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025

3:30 - 4:30 pm

AC 303 & Zoom

Present: Steve Carrera, Stacey Lince, Mary Kesler, Alyssa Graff, Holley Shafer, Nikki Harris, Tessa Kaplan, Lauren Servais, Nico Chen, Teresa Perales

Absent: Cari Torres-Benavides, Allyson Martinez, Shawna Callahan, Liz Boner

Agenda - Agenda approved

Minutes – 10/14/25 minutes approved

Introducing new PLC Member: Nico Chen

Funding Request: Alyssa Graff & Isabel Murrin (Caring Campus Conference) \$500 approved

Appreciative Inquiry:

- Stacey Lince & Ephantus Mogere: 3-part Accessibility training
- A new "Untethered" initiative with the BACCC consortium (22 colleges) will create shared, virtual professional learning opportunities focused on AI.
- Craig Coss' – art class

2026 Spring Flex Week Planning

- Timeline: The proposal call is being accelerated due to the Jan. 5 Pre-Flex start date.
- Proposal Call: Emailed next week
- Proposal Deadline: ~1st week of December
- Calendar & Advertising: Before winter break
- Theme for Convocation: "Honoring Our Past, Defining Our Future" (Centennial branding)
 - Convocation: Will feature an alumni panel sharing experiences across different eras.
- Flex Session Proposal Categories:
 - Resisting division and building community
 - Creating equitable learning environments that address the diverse needs of learners
 - Anti-racist, culturally responsive pedagogy and practices
 - Cross-disciplinary and interdepartmental collaboration
 - Wellness and community building, rooted in anti-racism and critical action
 - Sustainability and environmental action
 - Innovation and AI for teaching and learning
 - Serving our community

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- Honoring 100 years of College of Marin: Exploring our history, legacy, and future through reflective, inclusive, and community-rooted learning
 - Process: The committee reviews all proposals, providing feedback or suggesting collaborations to ensure quality and relevance.
 - Suggestion that presenters connect their topic's history to its future. Provides a unifying lens for all sessions and ensures relevance for classified staff (e.g., history of an occupation).

Classified Professional Learning Day dates:

- **Spring 2026 Date:** Will be a Friday in the last week of March, the week after spring break.
- This change responds to manager survey feedback and aims to increase attendance.
- Risk that staff may not rearrange remote schedules for an in-person Friday event.
- This is a trial; attendance will be monitored to inform future planning.

Professional Learning & Development Center (PLDC)

Goal: Establish the PLDC as a dedicated professional learning space, not a general conference room.

- Access: A formal process (e.g., email/form) to identify users and groups who are in alignment with professional learning who can utilize the PLDC space.
- Recurring Professional Learning groups: Culturally Responsive Pedagogy & Practices (CRPP), UEI, Classified Leadership, Caring Campus, AI Collective, FDIP.
- New ideas: A "maker space" for borrowing classroom tools and a lending library for professional books.
- Layout: Includes an employee lounge, a center with workstations, and a workshop space with movable furniture and dual-delivery tech.

Next meeting is November 18, 2025

Meeting adjourned