



Student Services Building, Room 254
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Meeting
MINUTES
November 17, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

- a. Order of Business Call to Order:
- b. Roll Call

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT RYAN BARBOSA	Tardy X 12:17	
VICE PRESIDENT GAVI BAR-OR	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE SAIDY REYES	Tardy X 12:09	
SECRETARY SARAH REYNOSO	X	
TREASURER JORGE CHAN	X	
SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY ALIYAH BASSA APPOINTED 6/7/23	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES TSHIAMO TSHABALALA APPOINTED 6/7/23	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES FLORENTINO VICENSIO APPOINTED 6/7/23	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING JESSICA DE LEON	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING FATIMAH NAKHUDA	Tardy X 12:03 p.m.	
STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. SABRINA KHALIFA APPOINTED 9/1/23	X	
ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE VACANT (NON-VOTING MEMBER)	N/A	

ASCOM ADVISOR: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Giovanni Carbonaro

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC: Lucca Defabio, Kevin Colgate, Cyrus Bokaie, Megan Englebrecht

- a. Adoption of the Agenda:

Amend minutes from 10-6-23 item “c” to add \$14.77 for it to be a total of \$193.77 to cover the tax on the business prime subscription: Sarah, Tshiamo

Move agenda item e to become agenda item b due to presenter’s time constraint: Sarah, Tshiamo

Tshiamo, Jessica

b. Approval of the Minutes:

Sarah, Jorge

c. Public Comment

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Kevin- we at escom we have powerful speaker phones. We can ask to arrange to have IT come.

Gavi- That would be great, I think. This is just a temporary issue that usually we don't have a problem with—audio.

I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken)

- a. Discussion/action to declare the Script Slayers Club as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money. New account to be created. Presentation by Cassandra Nesbit, Script Slayers Club President.

Jessica, Aliyah

Cassandra- We just read scripts every Friday. Last time we read a script and acted it out. There is a more understanding of plays in general. We will talk about historical context of the show. It has been an awesome time. This is to create more awareness for the drama department.

Tshiamo- when do you meet?

Cassandra- at one on Fridays

Jessica- how many people?

Cassandra- last meeting we had ten people show up. The meeting before that we had five people. So, yeah.

Motion to Vote: Sabrina, Jorge

7-0-0

PASSES

- b. Debrief on the theater production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Presentation by the drama department.

Sabrina, Jessica

Printed out pictures and shows. They did a survey and it had questions: are you a com student? How did you hear about the show? 37% were students. 200 students attended. 67 of students said that free ticket price was a factor to attend. They only had information from the last two weekends. 52 said they have never seen a show at COM before. It was wonderful. They hope to have more publicity.

Gavi- that is awesome, I am glad a lot of students went.

- c. Discussion/action to declare the Cycling Club as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money into Club acct.# 9575-09. Presentation by Cycling Club representative.

NO ACTION

Motion to skip: Jorge, Tino

- d. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$256.00 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) into club account 9576.14 (current balance is \$54.93) to have the Architecture Enthusiasts Club go to an architectural project in the east bay to meet the designers and contractors involved with the project and ask them about their practice with lunch involved. PRs to follow. Presentation by Zachary Fahlsing-Cappelletti, Architecture Enthusiasts Club Co-President.

Jessica, Jorge

Megan- for our field trip, we will see one of the projects from one of the architecture professors.

Gavi- Nice.

Sabrina- what site is it?

Megan- I believe it is a housing project.

Motion to Vote: Jessica, Jorge

7-0-0

PASSES

- e. Discussion with incoming 11th President/Superintendent of College of Marin, Dr. Jonathan Eldridge. Time allotment of 20 minutes. Presentation by Dr. Eldridge.

Sarah, Jorge

Dr. Eldridge- Great! Thank you. You know it. It's really hard to hear anything that you're saying. And my hope was that this could be. An interactive discussion wanting to hear from all of you. So my thought is that maybe I need to work it out so that I can be there in person for another meeting, or maybe if the sound gets fixed. So if it's okay, what I'd like to do is pose a question to all of you that you can think about, and then come back and actually have a discussion about that upcoming. And then there's one other item that I would like to put out there today. So I'll start with my question. That you can ruminate on until until we can meet again. And that is I would like to get your perspective on. What is one thing that I could do as the next president of the college in the first year that would just knock your socks off. You can think about it. My other question is that my vice president position will be vacant, so we are putting a committee together for that and I would love to have a student representative. It will be you know, several hours of time commitment, probably in early February, and to review applications and have a meeting about that, and then a number of other hours in March for first round interviews, and then whatever participation the person would like when we get to the final stage later in the spring. But I remember when I was interviewing for my vice President Job 11 years ago. at the time the student trustee, Scott Blood, was on the committee. And it was great to have a student there in that process, so would love to have a student again as we go out and hire for the Vice President position this next spring. So if there's someone who's interested, you can let me know that. Be happy to make sure that they get any questions answered and hopefully get them on the committee, and there will be plenty of opportunity for students to engage the finalists. We'll have open forums and other things in the spring. the question I posed like, I said, it is difficult to hear here today, so my preference would be to leave you with that question. So that's one request. The question I posed like, I said, it is difficult to hear here today, so my preference would be to leave you with that question. Have you developed any other questions you may have of me? And then show up in person? To your next meeting, and make sure that we have a great discussion if that would work.

Tshiamo- that is a great question. The first thing that pops to mind is if there is any way to create some form of student housing. That will be the cream of the crop. It takes time, definitely come back.

Eldridge- Yeah, it's an issue for employees for students. Obviously, in Marin County. It's a major issue. Generally. I do think there's a role for the college to play in housing. I think it probably to make it work financially, so that it becomes affordable for folks. It will take a coalition of us and school districts and others coming together and finding ways to pool resources. But I'd love to talk with you about that. Share a few of the ideas I might have as well as hear more from you on that topic. And yeah. If 2 weeks from now is a good time to do that, then great, we'll, we'll make sure that's on the agenda, along with hearing from the rest of you? With other thoughts on the question

Tshiamo- if a student were to do the committee, when will it begin?

Eldridge- I think the plan would be to have one organizing meeting. This fall before the end of finals. Week, and then the real work would begin probably early February with review of applications. I don't know how ASCOM typically goes about appointing students to committees, like with participatory governance committees. So, if you have rules around how you or a procedure that you use, you can use that. But if there's interest and however ASCOM wants to get to me, that would be great. We have space for one student.

Ryan- thank you, I am happy with the search committee. We believe you are the most fitted to represent all of us. We have a good experience working with you all so far. But in my past experiences as class president at St. Mary's, the majority of candidates they always emphasize that they want to work with students and increase their presence, so do you have any plans to increase the student representation on campus and collaborate with ASCOM.

Eldridge- this is one of those topics we should talk about more in depth. Real meaningful change happens over time, staff is consistent, but students come and go. So the real challenge is doing the change with students. If it takes a couple of years to work through, so that being said, I have been open with the leadership with ascom, I want your agenda to be mine agenda too. I think there are easy ways to engage students with focus groups, surveys, there is always more to do. We can also invite students to conversations. It also doesn't have to be a commitment, I do look forward talking more about that. We should talk more Ryan.

Ryan- you did touch on the topic of changing the way we survey students and with outreach. Our generation is used to social media outreach, but there is a lack of strong social media presence. Are there any plans to improve the communications department?

Eldridge- Two things real quick, and then I'm gonna run. But I'm gonna make sure that we that we'll get back to you with your last meeting. And then also, I'd love to get on your agenda regularly, We do have an approved position. It will be a communication coordinator. As we get that hoping, student opinion will be critical. Yes, there is an effort. The second thing, I was encouraged to get on Instagram to pull more communication. President Eldridge is where you can find me. I visited classes, and each one we took a photo together. I'm using that to ask questions, and show up to things. We can build a network.

Tshiamo- We would love to see daily routines.

Ryan- I have been giving a follow. We would love to see taking the dog on a walk, getting a coffee. These things might not seem relevant, but students will see that you're just like us.

Eldridge- I have been posting a lot of photos. I would love to spend some time inviting all of you. I would love to talk about this sometime Ryan. I do plan on doing all of that. I don't start until January, but I am trying to get the ball rolling now. I will try to make it to your December 1st meeting. I look forward that.

Ryan- thank you and we look forward to working with you and we appreciate the meaningful conversations.

- f. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$10,000.00 from acct.#5200.10 (Rep. Fee, Travel/Conference) for General Assembly in the Spring. PRs to follow to reimburse MCCD, Sadika's P-Card and/or individual participants. Presentation by Sabrina, SSSCC Representative.

Jessica, Jorge

Sabrina- this is just getting the budget for GA approved so we can book the rooms and confirm everything.

Ryan- Are we having an increase or decrease?

Sabrina- last year they went overbudget. But no.

Motion to Vote: Sabrina, Jessica

8-0-0

PASSES

- g. Discussion/Action to approve NTE \$500.00 from acct.#4500.04 (Event Supplies) for the Finals Week event. PRs to follow to reimburse board members and/or MCCD, Sadika's P-Card. Presentation by Finals Week Co-leads.

Sarah, Fatimah

Gavi- we are asking for 500 dollars. We are looking at food and concessions provided by the police. the dogs aren't expensive, but it is not expensive.

Tino- the police are paying for everything?

Gavi- yes, they are.

Motion to Vote: Fatimah, Jessica

8-0-0

PASSES

- h. Debrief on Día De Los Muertos event. Presentation by Día de los Muertos Co-leads.

Gavi, Tino

They give their presentation.

- i. Debrief on Undocumented Students Event. Undocumented Students Event Co-leads.

Jessica, Sabrina

They met every week, they would accommodate for each other's schedules. On the day of the event, they could have been more involved. Talking about the event outside of meetings times is important too. The work was divided equally. The strengths are that they all contributed. They had a lot of cohesive unity in planning. What could have been improved is that there was a lack of urgency, they forgot the sign up sheet. They scrambled to see who could be there and who couldn't. Checking with community hour is helpful because the day was wrong. The day of, there was only one table set up, so make sure to put an earlier time on the activities sheet. During the event, crumbl cookies were good, lots of painting and crafts, very informative for undocumented students. Pitfalls were catching up with last minute details, needed more involvement from learning communities, and turnout was less than expected. Tshiamo helped a lot with student engagement. Thanks to Giovanni and Tino, Sarah and Jorge to help set up.

Sarah- What was the student turnout?

Tshiamo- about 70-100.

Ryan- however there were a lot that stayed and were engaged.

- j. Discussion on Equity Video. Presentation by Tea Perales, ASCOM Co-Advisor.

Sabrina, Jessica

Tea- have you all heard of National Day of Mourning?

Tshiamo raises her hand.

Tea defines equity and shows a video about the truth of thanksgiving.

Fatimah- I thought this is a cool video to show because I have never

Giovanni- I have been aware of the history, but I have never been aware of the day.

Ryan- what I have been taught in school is that the natives and the colonists had a peaceful dinner.

Gavi- I am not aware, but it is important

Aliyah- It is important to think about this day when thinking about thanksgiving.

Jessica- it is important to be well informed.

Tshiamo- I celebrate it as a grateful day. The things we say and the titles we say have a racial and bad connotations behind them. It is important to be educated and not just go about it.

Sabrina- It also acknowledged the whitewashed history and get educated. Thanksgiving nowadays, people have lost touched with its origins.

Tino- it was a good video, I believe it should be taught in schools now. When it is thanksgiving, I tell my family members about the history of it.

Jorge- I have a vague idea of it.

Saidy- I didn't know either, it brings to question why we celebrate thanksgiving

Sarah- So, should we still celebrate Thanksgiving?

Tshiamo- similarly, we should be aware, it is like saying how we can go along with it. At the end of the day, they don't believe that it is giving thanks and the murder of their ancestors. It is good to acknowledge, that their existence is there.

Tea- that is a good question, knowing that history is not taught to us accurately, a lot of things are not being shared. It is getting information and education and honoring the truth.

Tino- I appreciate what we're going towards. We do talk about this in my household.

- k. Discussion/update on upcoming events. Presentation by ASCOM members.

Sarah, Tino

Finals Week

Fatimah- we are reaching out to people still. We have it figured out with the police department, we have the posters, the puppies.

Jorge- we need to figure out the reel which we will do next week.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken)

Officer Reports:

i. PRESIDENT REPORT:

I have been holding my office hours. We had the undocumented student's event. Scheduled a meeting with dr. Eldridge on the 22nd. We are discussing the roadmaps and transcript evaluation. Please bring to me any matters. Met with Sadika and will be holding 1 on 1s.

ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

I had a light week. The icc meeting was cancelled. There is one meeting left. The majority of what I did was securing for finals week.

iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

I have been meeting with folks. Trustee Martinez and she's the new trustee. Had a meeting with the advisors to go over the community fridge. Had a board of trustee meeting. they want to have more plants that require less water. We had a mesa update. We had the annual audits. I had the IDEA committee. 124 students answered the survey.

iv. SECRETARY REPORT:

Last week, Tino and I cleaned out the shed a little bit. I went to undocumented students day. Office hours and my committee meeting.

v. TREASURER REPORT:

I had attended undocumented students day, took care of PRs, Finals week, and went to Dr coons last meeting.

vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:

Made a few posts, had a meeting with Tea. I'm working with Patrick from the IT apartment because a lot of mycom accounts are getting hacked. Made a dia de los Muertos reel.

vii. SENATORS (2) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

Tino- I helped clean out the shed, attended undocumented students day, I talked to Gavi about a club shed. I also talked with meg about a monthly thing. I attended my office hours.

Tshiamo- last week was just a few that happened that I attended, undocumented students day. The town hall that happened last week.

viii. SENATORS (2) – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING:

Fatimah- I have been meeting with finals week, I did the poster, office hours.

Jessica- it has been slow. I attended Dr. Coons town hall, office hours. I have been taking down posters.

ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

I had my office hours, I set up for undocumented students day, I worked on the debrief for undocumented students. I had a meeting with the region 3 rad.

x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:

Tea- thank you Gavi for saving the day and finding the microphone issue. Thank you all for your reflections around the video. Special shout out to Saidy who has been working on the community fridge, she has put in a lot of labor and love into this. A lot of folks are working on their college apps, so reminder to take breaks and drink water. Schedule if anything with Sadika and I. We will be planning for general assembly soon. It will require checking emails in a timely manner. When it comes, it will move very quickly. We have a few weeks left, but we are still needed to show up and communicate as needed. Next week we will have the peer reviews.

Sadika- good afternoon, I am sick. I have not been in, my hope is to be back on Monday. Congrats on the events. If you are going to miss office hours, please communicate with the board. We are wrapping up, so think about what is in the room and clean up after yourself. Thank you to the folks that went to the town hall.

Committee Reports:

i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT – GAVI & RYAN:

Not much happened in this meeting besides approving board of trustees agenda and revising. They are following up with Katy Rice. A lot of students are complaining that cars aren't stopping when trying to cross. Next meeting is December 7th.

ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL – NONE:

iii. PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE – JESSICA:

NTR.

iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – NONE:

v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE – FATIMAH:

NTR. They meet in two weeks.

vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE – JORGE:

NTR.

vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE – TSHIAMO:

They were unable to attend.

viii. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE – TINO:

NTR.

ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE – ALIYAH:

Meeting next week.

x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACTION COMMITTEE – SAIDY & SARAH:

We met before the ascom meeting. we talked about the VP search committee. We talked about submitting a proposal with affinity groups. They also talked about the Native American resolution and we found out Nikki drafted it. So IDEA will come up with a new resolution for next year, so IDEA wants to develop a relationship with local leaders. EUI had a great Barksdale homecoming with great turnout.

xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE – TSHIAMO & TINO:

They met yesterday. They will begin putting in the events for 2024. They discussed spring fling. Nequeshé asked for ascom to lead a specific booth. They discussed the budget, they are slightly over budget. Mary urges to fill out the community hour form.

IV. Communications from the Floor

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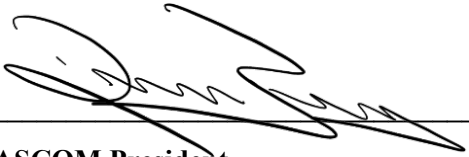
Tshiamo- the Costco order is in.

I. Public Comment

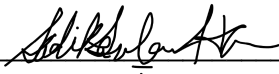
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II. Adjournment: Gavi, Jorge
1:29 p.m.



ASCOM President



ASCOM Advisor