



**Student Services Building, Room 254
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Meeting
MINUTES
February 21, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

- a. Order of Business Call to Order: 12:00pm
- b. Roll Call:

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT RYLI BOWEN		X - excused
VICE PRESIDENT EMILY CARDWELL	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE EMELIA NACOS	X	
SECRETARY KAVEH MANSHOORI	X	
TREASURER KATHERINE HSIAW	X	
SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY LARA BISHOP	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES FARHAN KHALIQ	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES JORGE CHAN	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING ARTHUR HU UNEXCUSED. Proxy: Giovanni Carbonaro		x - unexcused
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING CECILIA CHAN UNEXCUSED. PROXY: Lara Bishop		x - unexcused

STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. GIOVANNI CARBONARO	X	
ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE VACANT (NON-VOTING MEMBER)	N/A	

c.

ASCOM ADVISOR: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

- c. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to amend agenda: Kaveh, Lara
Motion to change item a. To be for Scholarship event: Kaveh, Lara
- d. Approval of the Minutes: Motion: Gio, Kaveh
- e. Public Comment
 - a. *This segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the ASCOM Executive Board on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The ASCOM Board or Members may respond briefly to questions or statements, however, for more information please contact the ASCOM President or Secretary to have an item placed on the next regular meeting agenda. (Brown Act 54954.3)*

no public comment

- I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken) Motion: Kaveh, Jorge
 - a. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$1,200 from acct. # 4500.04 (Event Supplies) for Scholarship event. Presentation by event co-leads. Motion: Kaveh, Jorge
Motion to vote: Lara, Jorge

Kaveh: This is just for food. The event is just an outreach event so the only expense is food. We are going to have World Wrapps and drinks. They will either be normal sodas or La Croix depending on pricing.

Motion to vote: Jorge, Kaveh

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- b. Discussion/action to recognize Engineering Club as an official club and grant \$100 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) as seed money. Presentation by club members.
Motion:Kaveh, Jorge

Jason: I am the president and founder. We already have 15-20 members and have had one successful meeting. All we need is recognition from ASCOM.

Emily: Where are you planning on holding meeting?

Jason: SMN 109. Faculty advisors are Dr. Everitt and Dr. Dunmire.

Motion to vote: Jorge, Kaveh

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- c. Discussion/action to recognize Political Discussion Club as an official club and grant \$100 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund club) as seed money. Presentation by club members.

Motion: Jorge, Kaveh

Alright. We have political discussions. We discuss current topics or whatever we feel like discussing. Create a safe space to challenge ideologies. ICC member is Arthur. We have 40 members in our group and a lot of sign-ups during club fest.

Emelia: Is there a club already?

Emily: It was political economy club. There was confusion with an old club but this is new.

Emelia: is this reactivating them or?

Emily: We cross referenced. This is a new club.

Motion to vote: Jorge, Lara

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- d. Discussion/update on ASCOM merch/giveaways. Presentation by Kaveh Manshour, ASCOM Secretary.

Motion: Lara, Jorge

Kaveh: This will be a weekly item until we get the ASCOM merch and giveaways figured out. I don't have a huge update, but I can say that I've met with Sadika and been in contact with Nicole Cruz about vendors for the merch and giveaways. Hopefully by next Friday I can present a few options to ya'll for the designs, and the week after that we can request funds for the merch/giveaways.

- e. Discussion on Equity Video. Presentation by Tea Perales, Equity and Activities coordinator/ASCOM co-advisor.

Motion to discuss: Kaveh, Giovanni

Tea: I am going to pull up the video. It is a short snippet around justice and anti-racist topics. I wanted to bring this up around the climate and president leadership that has been being used in a negative way. The video provides more info into what DEI actually needs.

Video plays

Tea: Any initial thoughts?

Emily: I was interested in where they talk about equality versus equity. These things are support systems to help people. They do not take away from anything. It reminds me of that cartoon drawing of a baseball field used to describe equity.

Tea: Insightful point Thank you all. I know that cartoon image is on the baseball field used to be a DEI training visual. When it comes to DEI language, it is constantly evolving and changing. A year or two ago I learned that that image is actually needed to be critiqued. Has three people off different heights. Only taller folks are able to see it with step stools to stand on. That imagery can imply that those people are less then or under qualified. Puts ownership that it is something that they are lacking. The system makes people be marginalized. There are new examples of that where they remove the fence. Removing the fence is removing the barriers. I found that more insightful. Any other comments?

Gio: I heard a while ago that Wells Fargo got in trouble for holding interviews to satisfy DEI requirements but not hiring anyone. They circumvented because there was a lot of racism at Wells Fargo and retroactively preventing people from being hired due to their race.

Tea: Yes. See how it is coming up in our country in social media and through companies.

Emily: It feels ironic with the amount of political control people have right now. Elon Musk was not elected, and in a way he is the antithesis of the meritocracy he champions so often. It creates a feeling of unfairness where the people at the top with all of the money say you need to pull yourself up by the bootstraps. Extreme level of wealth. That wealth lets them pine after political power.

Tea: Do ya'll have ideas on how to show up to move towards values you believe in?

Kaveh: I think that by being student gov. who plans all of these events, we can make efforts by really recognizing all of the learning communities on campus and what they do for equity on the educational front.

Emelia: The nice thing is that the ASCOM board is pretty diverse. Our president and vice president are women. It is nice that the student body elected a nice board to represent them.

Jorge: We can continue to push these messages that we learn from these videos.

Emily: I also think that empowering the entire student body to run is a good option to make sure people have the widest range of options for representation.

Tea: We should follow through with these efforts, because there's a threat to them. It has been heightened due to administration I think it is an opportunity to be representing the student body. I appreciate people that have followed up to learn or have critiques. These conversations are valuable and important. Thank you for engaging. I am inspired by the reflections y'all have today. Thank you for your time.

f. Discussion about upcoming events. Presentation by all board members.
Motion: Kaveh, Jorge

Black history month is in 5 days. Hopefully the weather will be nice. If it is raining, we will be in the cafeteria. Pizza, soda, and the library will come and have a bunch of books. It should be fun. I already sent out the volunteer sheet. I sent it out over email.

Emily: I would love one sent in through the Whatsapp that I can access without signing into the ASCOM gmail.

Tea: Did y'all submit order for food?

Katherine: I sent an email to you with all the details.

Tea: Did that include drinks?

Katherine: Yes, it included drinks.

Tea: I have noticed that programs are going great. For future events. If it is scheduled to end at 2pm. Students might come by if it is advertised. If there are still folks there engaging with students. At club fest and welcome week, board members were cleaning up and leaving. I want to make sure y'all are still accessible even after the food is there.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken) Motion: Kaveh, Jorge

Officer Reports:

- i. **PRESIDENT REPORT:** Ryli has been staying busy, was very helpful with club fest. Tended all office hours and is also keeping track of attendance of the events we are putting on. With a larger board it can be hard to make sure everyone is following through in the event. We want to facilitate as much accountability as we can. Not just for well-being but to improve all of our personal accountability as coworkers and board members. Wanted to put that out there. We will tally those types of things. Easier on all of us.
- ii. **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Attended office hours, club fest went well, getting over the flu. Had a busy week academically. Everything is solid. Working on getting a recurring ICC meeting time in place. Working with everyone's availability
- iii. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:** We had a meeting on Tuesday, wasn't a super long one. We've continued talking about things we've been doing like centennial planning and changing logo to reflect that. Club best. It is hard because right now I just have photos I take. Since we have some stuff next week, get photos from that. The board has no idea what we do. The more I show the better.
- iv. **SECRETARY REPORT:** I have been working on merch and giveaways and will be sending an email regarding snacks and office supplies soon.
- v. **TREASURER REPORT:** I did my office hours and was present at club fest. A lot of fun. Everyone was engaged. Working on coming up event. End of report.
- vi. **SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:** I attended my office hours, posting on Instagram, and I have been working on diorama for Black History Month. End of report.

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

Attended club fest. Went really well. Aside from that, attended office hours, planned for scholarship event. Came through and things are going to go well. End of report.

Farhan: Attended club fest last week. Nice to see all the clubs. End of report.

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

Office hours done and helped with club fest. End of report

Arthur: My report is that I attended office hours, attended a session for the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. End of report.

ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: We were supposed to have a meeting but it got cancelled. I attended club fest and helped set up. Working on black history month. End of report.

x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT: Tea: Congrats on club fest. A lot of members really liked it in the cafeteria. Staff said they could feel the energy and hear the sounds of students getting involved. Putting the two day event on was amazing.

Congratulations. I want to remind folks that if there are posters on the table there, put them up please. Check in with senators, those posters have been delayed and they can have an impact. Speaking to DEI, when programs that are centered on marginalized communities. Remember to get those up. I have purchased airplane tickets, registration and hotel for GA. For folks that are confirmed, I sent an email out yesterday. I need additional info for carpooling. I am reevaluating budget. Ubers and Lyft will be helpful info to figure out if we can start registering folks on the waiting list. Folks on waiting list, stay tuned and we'll be in touch. Thank you all for marketing, it was a great turnout. Need that space right now. QT Pie Cafe. LGBTQ+ meeting is happening during community hour. We will meet to check in and head over to the Black History Month event. Also, our maintenance and operations informed me that blue recycling in the office. If there is a box that is from the food pantry or from the pop up produce stand. Some people bring items in those reusable boxes. It needs to be broken down. If there is a soda box that is empty. Maintenance and operations has asked to break it down and putting it into the bins. Katherine, if you can be specific of what flavors and details of which pizzas on the food request, that would be great. End of report.

Sadika: A couple of things, I want to make sure. I checked socials. Lara, when there are events, there needs to be pictures taken and posted. If you can't be present, have someone take photos and put them on Instagram. Now, absences. I want to remind everyone if you are absent. You have to let myself, Kaveh, and Tea know in advance. It will be unexcused otherwise. Also, please pull down any club fest posters. Pick it up and put it in the recycling. The sandwich boards should come to us. Don't depend on someone else to do it. Please start to do that. Event attendance. Big kudos to club fest. I got to see it this week. I noticed that only a handful of folks staffed it. If you are not here it should be communicated. Let co leads know if you have a class. It falls on the shoulders of a few. We are communal and collaborative. Just make sure that if you need anything, you are letting Tea and I know. If there are things you will be absent for, communicate that. Ryli won't be present, but we meet regularly. Thank you.

Committee Reports:

- i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT:
- ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL:
- iii. PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE: They were talking about accreditation and having a plan for the future.
- iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE: We met yesterday, committee that professors request new equipment. The professors need to get requests in to the Deans office before March 14th.
- vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE:
- viii. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE:
- ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION COMMITTEE
- xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE:
- xii. CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

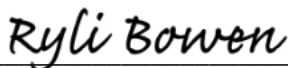
III. Communications from the Floor

- a. *This time is reserved for any member of the Board to make announcements on items that are not on the agenda. A time of limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and ten (10) minutes per topic shall be observed and the total time will not be extended.*
None.

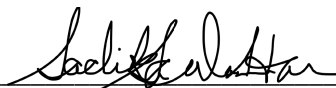
IV. Public Comment

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No public comment .

V. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Jorge, Gio
12:49pm



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ASCOM Advisor