



**Student Services Building, Room 254
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Meeting
MINUTES
February 7, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

- a. Order of Business Call to Order: 12:01pm
- b. Roll Call:

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT RYLI BOWEN	X	
VICE PRESIDENT EMILY CARDWELL	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE EMELIA NACOS	X	
SECRETARY KAVEH MANSHOURI	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	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING CECILIA CHAN	X	

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

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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, Emily
Motion to change item d to \$150: Kaveh, Emily
Motion to adopt: Emily, Lara
- d. Approval of the Minutes: Motion: Jorge, 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)*

Kevin: So I keep forgetting, I've been around for 11 years. I have a quote I want to share. The French statement saying the more things change the more they remain the same. An article from 2017 in which I don't think you can share. I am apolitical. In 2017 you had a ASCOM board that lead a protest against DACA elimination that 159 people attended. A lot of people that are currently important in your lives. Isha Azami was the president. He was 16 when he came to College of Marin. He finished at 17. In the photo, if you notice in the back, the tall man is now your president. Dr. Eldridge. I couldn't find the audio, but they chanted "educate, don't deportate". They had 150 people on campus that day. I have enjoyed being around ASCOM and ESCOM. Thanks.

I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken) motion: Emily, Geo

- a. Discussion/action to grant NTE \$1,500 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) to transfer to Heritage of Asia & the Pacific Club, acct.#9576-26 for food and supplies throughout the semester. Presentation by club members.

Motion: Emily, Jorge

Cecilia: Katherine, how much do we have?

Katherine: We have \$17,600

Reva: Okay. Perfect. Yes. So we are Heritage of Asia in the Pacific. My name is Reva. I'm the founder and the President. And with me here today is Hannah Periana. She's our amazing vice President. We are here to ask for a budget that will cover us for the whole semester but we were hoping to propose an amendment to the original amount requested from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and we do have a presentation that we hope will justify that. But does that require a vote 1st or?

Ryli: We will look at presentation first and amend from there.

Reva: Perfect. Okay, so this is us at one of our previous events last semester. And so over the last 2 years, since we've been founded. Our goal has been to provide academic and personal support for AAPI students where previously there has been none on campus. That's Asian American Pacific Islander. We're a very diverse community, and we have very unique challenges that we face and so while our ultimate goal is to become a learning community, We've seen a great success just from presenting ourselves as a club. And so last semester, we had over 60 students and 32 staff supporters, staff members and allies. We hosted weekly study sessions that for 3 days a week, and we had an average attendance of over 10 students coming per day, and for larger events. We had over 20 people regularly coming to those events. So far we've accomplished a lot with the money you gave us. We ran a survey at the end of the year to find out how our events have been affecting people, and many of them would report meeting new people. 100% of students report higher feelings of community pride being more involved on campus and having higher self-esteem. We've also provided academic support through study sessions and sharing scholarships, and, thanks to AAPI staff people like Jackie from the RWL and Mark Zerudo from the Transfer Center. We've offered free transfer workshops and tutoring directly to students. We've also had several successful collaborations with numerous clubs on campus, other departments, and even outside community organizations like the Marin Chinese Cultural Association. Our newest collaboration is this semester with Puente. So if you haven't heard yet, the Puente program has been on pause for the past 2 semesters, and so they have graciously offered for us to partner with them and share their space in the meantime, and for us to share resources and for us to help them with like manpower and further resources. So this is a really exciting alliance between the 2 of us. And while we are different communities, we do share a lot of similar goals. We want to give community-based support, and we all have the eventual goal of helping students graduate or transfer. However, this new alliance also means that we'll have more people to support. So whereas before we only needed to have to budget food to support maybe 10 people per day, 3 days a week. Now we have a space that's open for 5 days a week from 8 Am. To 8 Pm. We're seeing a foot track of traffic of way more than 10 people per day. and in addition to dedicated study hours, we're hoping to add weekly social hours for both communities to actively mingle and connect. And we're hoping that it will improve solidarity and harmony amongst our communities. So these 2 efforts alone that you can see in the food and drink budget would constitute \$1,500 for the entire semester. But we would also like to make an additional request of an another \$1,500 to finance our bigger monthly events. So these are going to be things like our movie nights, our field trips to the city to celebrate lunar New Year and cultural events in addition to our year end party that we usually have. I've just been informed that we were accepted to host a panel at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Higher Education Conference hosted in Oakland, and we may need funds to help finance tickets to help students attend. So this is a list of some of the events that we are hoping to host this semester that includes cultural events. We're hoping to have like, I said earlier, the weekly social hours, more workshops and some more cultural exploration

activities which might require reaching out to outside organizations for lay making hula Chinese Scripture to kind of connect the calm community with the outer community and solidify those connections. And in addition, we're very excited to be hosting AAPI Heritage Month with you in a couple of months. So all this to say, we've done pretty well with our regular budget. We usually request \$1,500 and obviously we're not assuming that we'll be financially supporting the whole of Puente. That's not what the goal is with this additional \$1,500. But we still want to account for a much larger student body within our membership this year, and a lot more events like the conference that we're attending. And so we feel like \$3000 would go a really long way, and we would really appreciate your help in helping us support these other students.

Gio: Does the budget count the conference?

Reva: Yes.

Cecilia: Does Puente help out at all financially?

Reva; They help with resources from the events

Hannah: Last end of year party was split.

Katherine: Are you guys doing any fundraising to help, or are you expecting to get help primarily from ASCOM?

Reva: Primarily ASCOM. We host more community building events so we don't know if we'd have time for fundraising.

Emily: I've seen how beneficial it has been for community. The SMN building is closed by 7pm, so having dedicated study spaces is valuable. The COM Library doesn't cut it. Being closed at 8 pm is really awesome. Absolutely crushing it. I am in support of it. I think it is tricky watching the fund dwindle but this is an entire semester and you guys are very large, so this makes sense to me.

Ryli: I don't think funds arguing to be wasted. And you have an organized plan which we love to see.

Motion to amend item a from \$1500 to **\$3000**: Kaveh, Emily

Motion to vote on amendment: Emily, Kaveh

Motion to vote: Kaveh, Emily

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- b. Discussion/action presentation by Community Action Marin about Community Needs Assessment Survey. Presentation by Mo de Nieva-Marsh, Director of Community School Partnerships.

Motion: Emily, Lara

Mo: I know you have zoom. You will also get a copy digitally. My name is Mo. Excited to be in space with you. We are largest social service in Marin County. Our transition aid youth housing co-locates to

help. Between ages of 18-25. How do we figure that out? It is throw these series. What type of funding we want to bring. As a transitional aid youth. There is a personal stake and investment. Data is will be shared. These are trying times. Info is not shared with everyone else. Info is protected knowing we are in a intentional data strengthening. You are the gem. It is not just young people but ascon and other learning communities. Being distributed tr. important for me as student leaders to be ambassadors. You are Marin county. Fill out this survey and inform you how we can strengthen community services. Leave some resource guide. Team they are here/

Ryli: This is something we want to help out with and get out on Instagram quickly and follow up until deadline. We can bring some posters to upcoming events. Three different events.

Mo: English and Spanish. If you need any printed versions, reach out. Any events we co lead. This is more of data fatigue, survey fatigue. This will guide us, and I want to connect because this is important

Ryli: You will be out of town 12th-17th. Emily our VP is planning it the most. It is a good opportunity where a lot of student traffic will be.

Mo: WE were also here for resource fair. What is the best way to communicate?

Emily: Email is easiest for me. I can send google form for table RSSVP. Email on

Mo: it is Mdenievamarsh@camarin.org. I will also give you cell >>>. And open lines of communication.

- c. Discussion/action to officially recognize the American Chemical Society Club and grant \$100 from acct. #7200 (Intrafund Club) as seed money. Create a new club account. Presentation by club members.

Motion: Emily, Jorge

Diego: Hello! I am here to request official recognition for ACS chapter at COM. As student chapter we foster connection with fellow students within chemical sciences. We are structured by ACS as an organization, and we make a connection with other chapters. We host workshops, lectures to attend, lab tours and other outreach activities.

Ryli: Do they have their paperwork?

Kaveh: Yes.

Emelia: Did you get an email about club fest

Diego: Yep!

Emelia: Awesome.

Motion to vote: Jorge, Emily

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- d. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$150 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) to transfer to acct.# 9576-37 for Nature Conservation Club to host a club meeting dinner.

Motion: Emily, Jorge

Nyima: So we are Nature conservation club, we do educational walks and try to spread awareness to different programs at COM about field work biology. We've done two educational walks this winter. We went around IVC and had some landscape architects talk about the local ecology. We have done a walk around Bolinas in a ranch. We learned about butterflies and the changes in population. A total of 20 members.

Ryli: Where and what type of food is the dinner for?

Nyima: Saigon village and Chinese food.

Ryli: Date?

Nyima: About two weeks out from now. I had a question, if we get the money, is it reimbursed through receipts or does it go directly into the club account?

Sadika: It goes directly to the club account and then they get reimbursed. Send me an email and we can talk about it.

Motion to vote: Emily, Jorge

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- e. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$467.80 from acct. #4500.04 (Event Supplies) for Black History Month event. Presentation by event co-leads.

Motion: Emily, Jorge

Gio: Can you pull up budget breakdown in google drive. We were gonna do pizza and soda. We haven't done pizza in a while. We also threw in an extra 100\$ in case something happens. It is 20 slices, 5 pizzas. 100 people.

Ryli: You all should get 8 pizzas and get largest slice. If you go through website it is better to see the price

Tea: You can ask them to double slice it, that's what we have done

Ryli: 8 pizzas don't last half the event time.

Gio: If we wanted to do more would we have to reenter our budget?

Kaveh: We can amend the item.

Motion to amend item e to \$650: Kaveh, Emily

Motion to vote on amendment: Kaveh, Emily

Motion to vote:

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

Motion to discuss: Gio, Arthur

Tea: Good morning. I am hoping this will be on the agenda every week. As folks may know, as being co advisor I am also the Equity and Activities coordinator and the chair of the equity and inclusion committee. I wanted to bring in a video each week to build off of what we discussed at our retreat. Share this image that was shared at our retreat. This is the white supremacy iceberg. Iceberg that shows how white supremacy is in history of the United States. How white supremacy shows up today. Overt to some folks. What is below the surface exists. All the isms like racism, all the injustices are rooted in white supremacy which is why programs like the learning communities and MESA and resources exist on campus, they are our efforts to dismantle systemic issues and help the disproportionately impacted. with that format, I wanted to wish a happy Black History Month and black futures. I wanted to show video coming up that inequities exist. It talks about how white supremacy shows up in medical industry and efforts to overturn that.

Video plays

Tea: Initial reflections, thoughts takeaways?

Ryli: Seeing the beginning of video about assumption that black people have a higher body mass and are put lower on the list of transplants is shocking. That is so terrible. That being disproven too, that hardship must be extremely hard to deal with.

Emily: That it cost lives is what stuck out to me the most. Quality of life too. Even if someone hasn't been killed by their organs, it changes how they are able to function.

Tea: How can folks connect this to the history of white supremacy, looking at how it shows up in science, how might you notice current events and current political climate. Experiencing US today.

Gio: I think in recent news, there has been a lot of talk about insurance things they do to avoid paying out people I would not be surprised if there was a history there in regards to similar things and denying coverage.

Cecila: I know this also happens in labor rooms also. POC will get denied anesthesia because they thought they had a higher pain tolerance leads to babies dying and complications.

Tea: That definitely exists today with black parents giving birth. Complications affecting the baby. Venus Williams advocating during labor she was feeling she was disregarded. She did have a life threatening complication that was coming up. I know people say this is new info for y'all. How can you all incorporate this in your black history month. How can this help shape that?

Emily: Something that comes to mind is that we touched a lot on EMT program is there is not a lot of different conditions present as on darker skin conditions. Intentional to get more broad understanding of things moving forward. Include things that can be overlooked racially and things ate can negatively

impact someone. There are some Instagram accounts that are specifically dedicated to shoeing conditions on darker skins since there aren't many resources online.

Tea: Any other reflections or thoughts? White supremacy shows up in inaccessible information. Various studies and departments. Topics like this come up. Black history month event is meant to bring visibility to African American folks. Show up to support folks with the future on black American folks. Not only serving but thriving. This is an opportunity to expand what the program can be to center black American folks. Advocate for them. Thank you for your time.

g. Discussion about upcoming events. Presentation by all board members.

Motion: Emily, Lara

Emily: Club fest next Thursday! Fill out volunteer form.

Ryli: I will send it out.

Emily: If you don't know about plans for the following Wednesday, fill out form for the following Thursday. Club fest is going well, food was ordered on Tuesday. I would love more people to table at club fest. I will be sad if people don't announce it on Thursday.

Ryli: Yes, please hand out poster, or mention to your teacher to mention it to the class.

Gio: Black history month is coming Feb 26th. The event is on a Wednesday.

Emily: EAC has an event on Wednesday. They will have a bunch of internships and career opportunities.

Lara: Have they made a flyer I can post?

Emily: They have. I will email Amely so we can post it.

Jorge: Scholarship event will be locked in next week.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken) Motion: Emily, Lara

Officer Reports:

- i. PRESIDENT REPORT: I completed office hours. I changed them because I went to get tour of Grant Grover school that is by the athletic facility. I am going to be in a placement there to volunteer. Specializes in special ed students. Changed my office hours. Just Monday and Wednesday. Now that I have finalized schedule I will send out time slots for every other week. 5 of you one week, five of you the other. Email me the time that works. I will predominately keep it during office hours to start. Met with club fest co leads. Attended centennial planning meeting. Discussing a game plan of getting centennial year advertised. They will be having several major events throughout the school year. They want to get the centennial vision. They will

advertise and fundraise for that year and the event. I have a few handouts. There is a bunch of events they are drafting. In the process of who will take lead on which events. See how it can be shaped. They want to incorporate student representation. Something I like is that Dr. Eldridge wants to highlight student work. Art, music, research, acting. End of Report.

- ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Office hours. Club fest planning. It was a tough week. We persevere. we get stronger. Everything is great. We got the college counsel meeting coming up on Thursday. Come to me if you have questions about clubs. End of report.
- iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: Technically there is a board meeting today that is special. Nothing to discuss. More info about it in next formal meeting on the 17th. Next board meeting I will bring pictures of events. Last meeting it was a short one so didn't present. Send photos from retreat. Resource fair is appreciated . For upcoming events, take pictures please. End of report.
- iv. SECRETARY REPORT: I completed my office hours and worked to plan out club fest. Other than that, settling into the semester. End of report.
- v. TREASURER REPORT: Office hours and I signed up for the volunteer thing for club fest and am working on black history month. End of report.
- vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY: Working on black history month. We can hopefully make it educational. I posted on Instagram and completed office hours. Excited for club fest. End of report.
- vii. SENATORS (2) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES REPORT: Jorge: This week I stopped by resource fair and attended career fair. Attended my office hours. Scholarship event next week. Talked to Jesse Klein about joining police board. End of report

Farhan: Went to the resource fair. Rain and power outage threw me for a loop. We had a community hour meeting yesterday. End of report.

- viii. SENATORS (2) – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING REPORT: Arthur: I managed a way to stay on the board. I am also talking to Jesse about joining the police board. Finalized my office hours. End of report.

Cecilia: Completed office hours. Finished working on event schedule. I completed club fest poster and ICE awareness poster. Sent to Tea. Working with co-leads on scholarship events. Helped with the Resource Fair. End of Report.

- ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: I will attend my office hours. I am having another meeting on Sunday. From 4-5:30. Should talk about resolutions. I have been working on black history month. End of report.
- x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
- xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT: Tea: There are posters readying the mailroom which have been printed which is great. You can get a key from Sadika. You can post those up to sandwich boards. That would be great. Today would be great. Women of color cafe is on Wednesday. Second of the month. We will have free lunch. Spread the word. Thank you for serving on IDEA committee. Cecilia, it would be great to have you. I am waiting for being updated for GA to begin registration. End of report.

Sadika: I want to ask: Arthur and Cecilia, make sure there is a rain plan on any poster. Any activities form needs to have that as well. Have a back up. We will have that to P.R. and Marketing. Make sure they have that well in advance. In terms of club fest, we are all set to go. Let us know what you need. Kaveh and I will meet about merch and snacks. Give him your feedback. Heads up: I am in a split role. I am present but will be in my office a lot of the time. Email me if you need me. I am not in person Fridays but I will be on campus more. End of report.

Committee Reports:

- i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT:
- ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL:
- iii. PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE:
- iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:
- vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE:
- viii. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE:
- ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION COMMITTEE
- xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE: We looked over the calendar for the semester. I got ASCOM events up there. They have that now. Talked about timing and signing approval for stuff.
- 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.*

Emily: Narcan is over there. Great stuff. It doesn't have any issues with anyone. It stops your opioid receptors. My point is if you think someone has an overdose, you can save a life. If you are interested they are in that box.

Ryli: Sadika mentioned yesterday we will explore options about students who reached out to better efforts on harm reduction efforts. We are discussing opinions for first aid kits. Get info on how to properly use it and understand when it should be used.

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V. Adjournment: Motion: Emily, Jorge
1:19pm

Ryli Bowen

ASCOM President

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ASCOM Advisor