



Student Services Building, Room 254
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Meeting
MINUTES
September 29th, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

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

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT RYAN BARBOSA	X	
VICE PRESIDENT GAVI BAR-OR	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE SAIDY REYES	X	
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	X	
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:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Grisha Driscoll

Dominic Cantini

Student 1

Student 2

Student 3

Lucas Nerelli

Cassie

Sarah [Student]

a. Adoption of the Agenda:

Tshiamo, Jorge

Amend to add Marleen for presentation on speak safe to item a: Jessica, Gavi

Amend to add \$750.00 for Spooky Season haunted house supplies: Sabrina, Saidy

b. Approval of the Minutes:

Tshiamo, Tino

c. Public Comment

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I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken)

a. Discussion on Speak safe. Presentation by Marlene Capra, Executive Director

Sabrina, Jessica

Marlene passes out handouts.

Marlene- Thank you to Tshiamo. We are a multi-generational task force working with Marin county of Education. We work with elementary and up to prevent human trafficking. School staff spend a lot of time with you guys, so you guys can help know and become aware to help someone else your yourself. I want to tell you what makes or nonprofit. Our youth or normalizing this conversation. We have a lot of students who are student leaders and some of them have been exploited. Why do we do what we do- we

know 51% of our youth are usually attending school when they're being exploited. Those vulnerabilities, how to have those conversations, and how to get that support. By the time I get to middle school, we have to get this conversation earlier to them. They believe it was their poor choice that got them into it. We tell them it's not their fault and they're victimized. I want you to know, that most students don't realize they're a victim. Less than 1% will ever report, but they'll tell a trusted person. You are that trusted person. It only takes one person to turn it around. We also know that extortion is on the rise. That is what you want to pay attention to. A lot of times they're exploited by someone they know. We have four active cases right now. Last year alone there was a 10 million dollar lawsuit. That is something we want to turn around. 1/8 athletes have experienced some form of exploitation. Our goal is to create awareness, and partner with COM. We had an event here and we had a great turnout. Tuesday night for Dominican and that was attended by a survivor leader. We did an event for USF. We are developing mentor leaders who understand how it happens. We want to mobilize your voice, all backgrounds, all ethnicities, all genders because if we don't, we're not effective. This year we have educated our LGBTQ staff, we are doing scheduling training at San Rafael, some colleges, wellness staff, and we just finished a coaching camp. After every presentation we have surveys. We want to make sure we are giving the education as effectively as we can. I want to continue working with our colleges. Once you learn about this, you'll know what to do. We are educating law enforcement. What I would like to do is continue a partnership. I want to start at home, maybe we can have an event in January. I want to broaden that awareness. Three takeaways to think about is that youth exploitation is happening locally, be proactive.

Ryan- exploitation is an area that doesn't get talked about enough. Thank you so much for doing this. How. Recent is your organization?

Marlene- Back in the 90s. We have world leaders. It is a mandate here where it is a curriculum to talk about it.

Tino- Have you collaborated with other programs here? I know MAPS can be good.

Marlene- No, but we have had it with other schools. We have partnered with others in the community.

Tshiamo- Thank you, I myself have been in that situation so it is important to help and educate others. It is a mental health issue as well. Thank you for coming, it is very important

Marlene- Yes, super important.

Ryan- Let's stay in contact.

- b. Discussion/action to declare Club Heritage of Asia and the Pacific as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money. Presentation by Reva Siu-Masset.

Gavi, Tino

Reva- We have been talking about this for a very long time. Our goal is to become a learning community. Our first step is to start a club. Our advisor is a counselor. She is of Asian descent. We also have another who is of Asian descent. I don't know if Lucas wants to say more.

Lucas- We saw Puente and Umoja, and we wanted to be like them but except we're Asian. We want to become a learning community.

Tshiamo- One of the committees helps learning communities.

Motion to Vote: Gavi, Tino

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- c. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$500.00 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) refreshments for a film screening on 10/9 AC 255 3-5pm for Rising Scholars Club. PRs to follow for reimbursements. Presentation by Mark DeHart, Rising Scholars ICC Representative.

Jorge, Tino

Mark- Hello everybody. We will be screening a film on Monday. It is a documentary about the struggles and challenges when they are released from prison. They lack resources and support. A lot of the instructors of sociology and psychology are offering extra credit for this event. You are welcome to invite any friends and family. There is a \$20 recommended donation.

Ryan- How many people are you expecting?

Mark- About 100, maybe 200 people. We have quite a few RSVP'd. That is from our own club. Plus some students from other classes. Maybe around 150 people.

Ryan- The majority are College of Marin students?

Mark- We are inviting rising scholars from SRJC. Hopefully, some of them are showing up as well.

Tshiamo- for the funding of the food, what are you offering?

Mark- Water, sparkling water, maybe some soft drinks, juice, chips, granola bars. And pizza.

Ryan- And this \$500 is for the pizza?

Mark- Yes.

Motion to Vote: Gavi, Jorge

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Mark- I remember from the last meeting. I was listening to a discussion about getting stuff from Costco. I don't know if that was for club events.

Ryan- That is for ASCOM events, you can access your club funds and you get reimbursed.

- d. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$2,000.00 from acct.#7300 (Interfund Transfer MCC Departments) for support for the Drama Program's decision to offer free tickets to the upcoming performance of "Peter and the Starcatcher" and discuss the benefits of this initiative. PRs and FOAP to follow. Presentation by Erin McBride Africa and Elena Wright, Coordinator of the Drama Program and Director of Peter and the Starcatcher.

Tshiamo, Sabrina

Elena Wright- I am a new teacher here, thank you for being leaders. I have the numbers and the budget, but to start off the pandemic, being together has been declining. Theaters have also declined. We know this is expensive, just the numbers are 31 thousand dollar initiative. Ticket sales have been 1500. Around covid, we are around 700. Pre versus now is drastic. Pre-8th graders are like wow, drama is fun, but now they're lonely. Part of it is that they don't know what they're missing. I will hand it over to some students.

Grisha Driscoll- We are going out into the world; we are coming out of the pandemic. It is all new. The theater is ancient. The sad thing is that growing up is that theater isn't being promoted. Even though Marin county has the highest count of theaters. However, we are having a cut-off of elementary, middle school, high school, and college. Post-pandemic, we have an amazing opportunity to share theater. Ticket prices are going up. To make these things free and make it accessible to everyone, especially in our lower grades, it allows people to be exposed to wonderful stories. I think it is a wonderful play to allow anyone and everyone to go to. We still need actors and theater has been propagated to not be profitable. Teachers and parents are not being promoted enough. Everyone still needs books, movies, plays, tv shows. To get people inspired or even see the show, things are opening up. Let's take advantage of this new age, to feel and hear to learn and be with each other.

Student 1: This program has shown a lot of success. It is time for new people to shine as bright as Robin Williams. People should enjoy doing theater at any level. I have worked with some talented people here and if they get that attention here, they can excel.

Student 2: Alexandra Frye. I was the secretary of the drama club. I am an English major at Sonoma state. We are reading plays and scripts. Playing us clips, when you read it, you need to see it. Two years ago, our teacher told us to see the show live. Our class came back the next day. The majority have never seen a Shakespeare play before. When you see it in front of you.. people will be able to see

Lucas- I will say that I did drama a little bit in high school and found that there's a sense of unity. When I watch the volleyball games of my old high school, there's a lot of energy.

With theater, there is the same sense of community and unity. You can see it in their faces and actions. I had a lot of fun moments backstage with the crew. I want to see this exposed the same way

Dominic Canti- Have we all been in a dark place in our life? We all have an outlet, it can be sports, shows, for me it was theater. If theater is the outlet that they have, I want them to see something and relate to that.

Cassie- I was an environmental engineering major, but now I do drama. Something I have noticed at the math lab is that everyone is focused. When I walk into the theater building, it is what do *we* have to do. It is echoed with art, but I imagine it is creative too. It is so valuable to have an art form. To be more accessible to have a theater. To make it more on the conscious of the college.

Sarah [student]- I was shocked when the theater was this big. I never experienced such a warm and loving community. Everyone is accepting everyone the way they are. Acting is an art in so many ways. The theater department saved me. Everyone was there for me. It creates friendships. There is so much going on in Marin county. We want to put this show out and make something good. The drama club made me realize how much I love theater. I made friends in two weeks. Theater makes the world a better place. It needs appreciation. We are not asking for much, just a gift of appreciation. It is so deep and so warm. It is good work.

Ryan- Thank you all so much. I came from a family that was into movies and music, that is my go-to. I hope to see every one of you guys be the main faces here at COM and remain passionate. It is an industry that is underrepresented.

Tino- have you guys created a survey to see how many people will show up? And how many days

Erin- Not a survey, but our ticket length is not working. But we will be recording who is walking through the door. IT will be open for nine days.

Tino- The cost for each ticket?

Erin- About ten dollars.

Tshiamo- In high school, I was in theater. I moved here in 2020. I was 19 and drama was out of the window and I fell out of love. I tried to find different outlets and an outlet was theater. I understand and I am here as a board member who understands.

Grisha- We will have auditions soon, it is on our website. And our Instagram.

Ryan- If you want to send any fliers.

Sadika- What percentage of the funds are for the public?

Erin- Every single human who wants to come to the show.

Sarah [student]- We put in a lot of effort, we put up posters in San Rafael, San Francisco

Ryan- Anyone who comes and asks for money, it has to be for College of Marin students. So when you guys come and ask for money, but it also goes to the rest of the community, there are certain criteria. It is our job to serve the students of COM, not the general.

Erin- We tend to make 4 thousand/ 5 thousand dollars per show. I don't have a breakdown of those dollars are student spending. This isn't covering our full ticket cost.

Tshiamo- In this sense, if you have a way to track students, like showing their ID, it will allow us to provide those funds.

Erin- we can have a QR code. There are 600 students. We haven't had a show out. Sometimes there are 50 people in the audience, but back in the day, there could be a packed theater.

Student 3: The majority is to benefit the students.

Sabrina- Do you guys charge these ticket prices for COM students? It is usually 20 and then for students.

Grisha- Whatever money supports us as students too. The more people we can get may be free. It will allow the show to be rolling. The theater department to get more attention.

Erin- Classes are getting cut, and the department is getting cut. We are in danger of going away. It exposed why people should take classes.

Sarah- Making the shows free could make people realize that they like theater, There are a lot of people of all ages. It can even make people take classes at the College of Marin.

Tino- Have you reached out to any other resources?

Erin- No, I am not familiar with fundraisers.

Grisha- Our department head is out, we have an interim head. We have not, but if were to do so. We are not sure.

Ryan- I believe we all want to fund the 2000 dollars to the students if we can find a way to track that 2,000 went to the students. If you guys can come here and create a debrief for us so we can continue having this conversation, we are more than happy to approve the funds.

Motion to Vote: Tshiamo, Jorge

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- e. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$400.00 from acct.#7300 (Interfund Transfer MCC Departments) to seek approval and partnership with ASCOM and Community Action

Marin upcoming event. Presentation by Diamond Alexander, Kinesiology & Athletics Operations Specialist. PRs and FOAP to follow.

Tino, Jorge

Ryan- Diamond came here two weeks ago. They're asking for money.

Tshiamo- That's fine.

Motion to Vote: Tshiamo, Jorge

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- f. Discussion/action on officially acknowledging an ASCOM Auxiliary Member: Giovanni Carbonaro. Presentation by Ryan, President.

Jessica, Jorge

Ryan- We are thankful that you have met the requirements. Thank you so much for being involved.

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

Motion to skip- Jorge, Tino

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

Tshiamo, Tino

LXHM

Ryan- details are finalized.

Tino- Sign up for the volunteer sheet, please.

DDL M

Ryan- We started planning, it is on November 1st, and Prof. Lara suggested hosting it on November 2nd.

Tshiamo- That's a Tuesday.

Ryan- Instead of Wednesday, it would be on Thursday.

Tshiamo- Let Tino and I know.

Spooky Season

Tshiamo- We are requesting money.

- i. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$750.00 from acct.#4500.04 (Events Supplies) for Spooky Season. PRs to follow for reimbursements to board members and MCCD, Sadika's P-Card. Presentation by Tshiamo, Senator of Student Activities and Services. Gavi, Sabrina
Tshiamo- It's on the Google Drive. Over text, we have everything. LED lights, fog machine. Then we have our costumes, it depends on all of us. Most of the things, can be used in the future. Hanging mummies, black tarp. All these things can be kept in the shed. We are requesting 750 dollars.

Ryan- We can discuss this out of here.

Motion to Vote: Gavi, Tino

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PASSES

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken)

Officer Reports:

i. PRESIDENT REPORT:

I had a meeting with Keith, he is the director of investment. He requested ASCOM to be there for a scholarship. Started planning for DDLM and finalized LXHM. I am meeting with the board of directors. It is only September 29th and it feels like it's been four months. It is okay to pump on the breaks.

ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

I worked on the ICC minutes. I went to one of the lunches with one of the presidents. We have thirteen official clubs.

iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

I met with the AGS president. I had my 1-1. I also met with the environmental club and me with DDLM and LXHM. If you don't see me, it is because I am with clubs. I talked with Sadika and she said to let you guys know.

iv. SECRETARY REPORT:

This week I had my meetings with LXHM and DDLM. We got to get organized, and I am gearing up for LXHM.

v. TREASURER REPORT:

It was a slow week. I have been busy with school and attended my office hours.

vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:

I did a few posts, office hours, and my 1-1.

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

Tino- I did my office hours, my office hours, and LXHM.

Tshiamo- I did the breakdown for the spooky season, and office hours, and created a student activities form for the Spooky Season event. I have organized and taken things to the shed.

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

Fatimah- I put up posters, office hours, and DDLM.

Jessica- I had my office hours, spooky season, and created the posters.

ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

I had the meeting with LXHM, my office hours. I read through the transition binder. Deep cleaning day on Monday.

x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:

Sadika- I apologize, but I need to head to another meeting.
MY REPORT: Tea is out of the office and will return on Monday. If you need anything, please contact me. Kudos to Tshiamo and Sabrina for doing a fabulous job cleaning the ASCOM room and organizing everything. Please be sure to get the LatinXpression big poster on the sandwich boards. Reminder that Costco orders need to be to Malaika on the 1st and 15th. Reminder that if an agenda item goes over the 10-minute limit for the item, you must vote to extend the time.

Please be mindful of this. Finally, my hope is to have check-ins with folks in the next two weeks. Thanks all and have a great weekend!

Committee Reports:

i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT – GAVI & RYAN:

Our next meeting is next Thursday.

ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL – NONE:

iii. PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE – JESSICA:

We met on Tuesday and we talked about campus safety. They're thinking of changing the sheriff station. They're also thinking about making psychological appointments more accessible.

iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – TINO:

We are meeting next Monday.

v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE – FATIMAH:

I met with them on Wednesday and they want to put up plaques for formal instructors who have passed away. They also want to put a ramp here.

vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE – JORGE:

Nothing to report.

vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE – TSHIAMO:

Funding approval.

viii. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE – NONE:

ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE – ALIYAH:

We meet in three weeks.

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

We meet next week.

xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE – TSHIAMO & TINO:

We meet next week.

IV. Communications from the Floor

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II. Adjournment: Tshiamo, Gavi

1:28 p.m.



ASCOM President



ASCOM Advisor