



**Student Services Building, Room 254 College
of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Emergency Meeting**

AGENDA

(October 10, 2025)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

a. Order of Business Call to Order:

b. Roll Call:

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT ARTHUR HU	X	
VICE PRESIDENT GIOVANNI CARBONARO	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE EMILY CARDWELL	X	
SECRETARY ALVARO (AL) RODRIGUES	X	
TREASURER STEFANIA SANTINI RODRIGUEZ	X	
SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY JESS SCHIFFMAN	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES RAY MCCLURE	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES LUCA MAGALHAES	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING KAI MCCARTHY	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING VACANT		
STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. FARHAN KHALIQ	X	
ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE VACANT (NON-VOTING MEMBER)	N/A	

ASCOM ADVISORS: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

c. Approval of the Minutes: Motion: Jess, Al

d. Public Comment

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I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken) Motion: Al, Jess

- a. Discussion/action for the Umoja Equity Institute who is requesting a collaborative partnership with ASCOM for the Don Barksdale Homecoming Week Pep Rally—Mariner Madness. Presentation by: Emily Schaefer
Motion to discuss: Al, Jess
Motion to table: Jess, Luca
- b. Discussion/presentation about COM Centennial Ideation Challenge. Presentation by Ryan Byrne, Associate Dean of Student Services – Athletics/Kinesiology/Wellness and Mental Health Services.
Motion to discuss: Al, Jess
Motion to table: Jess, Ray
- c. Discussion/action to discuss upcoming ASCOM events. Presentation by: ASCOM members.
Motion to discuss: Jess, Luca

Arthur: This week is week 5 for, alumni panel. We're going to start coordinating and reaching out to some alumni after we get their contacts, and we'll be starting to do the week 5 stuff.

Jess: Spooky Seasons on track. We're going to watch movies well. We have not picked a movie out currently. We're planning on putting a poll up on Instagram that will run until Monday. We're thinking of doing, like, something chill, kind of...comedy, less, like, kind of dark and creepy. Yeah. We're on track, we got the budget stuff done, and we will put that on the next meeting agenda.

- d. Discussion/action on budget report. Presentation by: ASCOM Treasurer (Stefania Rodriguez)

Motion: Jess, Luca

Stephania: Office supplies account we have \$2364, event supplies \$9688 for department \$9000, I subtracted \$3000 we gave to Fall 'yall. And for the club account we have \$27,982.42. Any questions?

- e. Discussion/action to discuss debrief of the ASCOM event "Midterm Meet-up".

Presentation by: Stephania, Ray.

Motion: Jess, Ray

Ray: Okay, as you guys know, this previous Wednesday, we had the Midterm Meetup, and we had the dogs, just to recap, and then we had Boba, as well as some of the giveaways. So, 4 dogs and 4 owners came, which was great, Marin Humane helped us. They were volunteering, we were able to give them lunch, which they really appreciated. Some of them left a little bit early, so we weren't able to give all the dog treats and lunch to everyone. But the people who were there were able to give a little bit extra to them, which was great. And they were very happy to be there. We had some comments from the students saying I needed this. They make me feel so calm, they are so calm, and I love this, amongst other things I just don't remember. A lot of people were very appreciative of them, which is great. Specifically, this person is over here. He was with the dog for a long time, with all the dogs for a really long time, which was really cool.

Stephania: So, as you know, we gave some boba. We gave around, well, around 150, Bobbas in 3 different flavors. So, we got more than 50 followers on Instagram. And we gave away our pants, pencils, and bags.

Ray: So, for future improvements, Sadika was there, and she first noticed that there wasn't a poster. We didn't have, like, an actual sign-up board with the poster on it, so it's kind of just looked like we were just there, and there was no, like, region. No one really knew why we were there, right. So, she suggested that maybe next time we should, at future events, have a post aboard, you know, those. Outside, right by our table, people can kind of see that. Another thing was the speakers, so she kind of suggested that we should have some music. I did not want to have music just because of the dogs, but she said that maybe having something, like, just soft in the background all to the side would have been good. So that could be something. Try and remember the music as well, since we don't obviously always have a DJ for their events. And then the parking permits as well were something that was a bit of an issue, so Elouisa was really helpful in trying to get that sorted. She emailed all the parking permits to the dog owners, and unfortunately, some of them weren't able to print them. I think some of them were a little bit older, so I think, you know, they're not as caught up with technology as they weren't able to print it. So, we had a little bit of, like, a hiccup there, where they were scared to leave their car.

Stephania: The boba wasn't on time, so I don't know if we'll order from that place again, but the boba was good, and the owner said that any of the members of Ascom we can get a 30% discount.

Ray: And then, again, thank you so much to all the volunteers who came up and helped. I think it was a good event overall. I don't think that there were too many hiccups. I think a

lot of people were able to help out, and if there were hiccups, people stepped in really quickly, which was great. So, thanks to the board, thanks to the advisors as well, and Elouisa especially, who kind of just tied everything together.

Emily: You guys crushed it. Yeah. I heard a lot of really good things afterwards, and a lot of people saying, oh my gosh, I didn't know, I wish I knew, and so that was something that, that, It's like we have those post days up, but I think word of mouth is going to be really important moving forward as well.

Jess: For future events we could advertise in our classes, that would help with word of mouth.

Sadika: Amazing. You all did a great job. Those dogs were the cutest things ever. They totally made my day. It was very lively. I don't know if this was mentioned already, but having sandwich board poster sizes always needs to happen for all the events. Ray and I kind of scrambled to figure out how do we get this everywhere, and we use the 8x11s, but, Let's make sure that we do have the 22 or the 23 by 33 size posters printed for every single program, and Kai is doing a lot right now, right? Running solo, so I need everybody else to pitch in and ensure that that support is there for Kai, okay? And then besides that, I would just also mention, you know. There are a lot of folks behind the table, which is really wonderful. That everybody gets to see you, but feel free to move around and talk with folks and introduce yourselves, because I... that is another way for you to build visibility of ASCOM, is not necessarily just being. Behind the table, right? So, whether that's going up to folks and saying, hey, come on over, there's other things that are happening, the dogs, or this is, you know, hope midterms are going well. It just helps with building that identity of ASCOM, so I just wanted to put that out there. And overall, it's just a great job. It was a lot of fun. Thank you for what you all did.

- f. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$90.75 from acct.#4500-01 (Office Supplies) for ASCOM board members snacks. PRs to follow reimburse board members and/or MCCD, Sadika's P-Card. Presentation by: Al

MOTION: JESS RAY

Al: Well, Arthur was the one who initially asked me to get some snacks, and then I also posted on the group chat on WhatsApp, asking you guys what you wanted. So, from the people who replied. Arthur asked for Coke, and then someone else asked for sparkling water. Some bars, as well as forks, and we've also had requests for some carrots and hummus. And I did some digging in on Amazon to find out that would all come to about \$90.75.

Jess: Plus, tax?

Al: I believe in plus tax, plus delivery, fees, and whatnot.

Motion to vote: Jess, Gio

PASSES 9-0

Motion to return to item b: Jess, Gio

b. Discussion/presentation of the COM Centennial Ideation Challenge. Presentation by Ryan Byrne, Associate Dean of Student Services – Athletics/Kinesiology/Wellness and Mental Health Services.

Motion to discuss: Al, Jess

Ryan: I'm Ryan Byrne, I am Associate Dean of Student Services, overseeing the Student Health Center. And I'm here today as part of our centennial... as part of our centennial celebration to talk about, the Ideation Challenge. And so, I'm curious if anyone was in the town hall meeting that, President Eldridge hosted, last week on... I think it was Monday? Was anyone there for that? So, I was able to present during that time for the ideation challenge, so I wasn't sure how much to overlap with that, so I wanted to kind of read the room. before I dive into this. I'm going to talk through the ideation challenge, what it is, why we're doing this, and... but the web page really has some great resources. And ultimately, as I... I'm going to kind of finish up in terms of our marketing plan, we're going to be really... the effort's going to be to drive folks to the webpage. But this is really my first, stop in terms of promoting it, aside from the President's Town Hall, as I wanted to share that with... share this with ASCOM, and ask for your help. And, putting this out to... your peers and see if I can get some advice from you all as to how to best market it. We have a marketing plan in place, but, you know, there's always room for fine-tuning. So... Really, as we celebrate our last hundred years, we also want to look forward to the next 100 years and see how students can shape that with some innovation and imagination, and really incentivizing that with a significant prize, as well as the actual implementation of the idea. in, 2026. What we're looking for is something that is outside the box, like unique, bold ideas, something that's going to have a real impact, that makes a difference, makes College of Marin better for students, faculty, and the wider community, or the wider community, I should say. And realistic and achievable. So, it's a... big ideas are awesome, but this should be doable. It should be something that we can implement. So, I wanted to go over some of the details. On this, ideas really could... the types of ideas that we're looking for, can come from anywhere, so it could be something that enhances student experience, improves campus infrastructure, strengthens community engagement, leverages technology and innovation, promotes sustainability, or something totally outside the box, what we're calling our wildcard category. So, anything that you can imagine, we want to hear it. In terms of the mechanics of how this works. Students will submit a simple proposal describing their idea, and you can see there's a link there for submitting your idea here, and that's, if you're interested in taking a deeper dive into that, you can see exactly what's in the web form. It'll include a short action plan, maybe even a list of visuals or sketches or a short video, depending on what the nature of it is. And then, finalists will be invited to present their ideas to a panel of alumni, employees, and community leaders. So, in terms of timeline, as you can see the key dates there, we are looking for... the deadline is December 19th. So, we wanted to kind of strike the right balance of promoting it now, getting it out there, getting the excitement, not having too much lead time until it's the due date, but not everything needs to be, like, 100% fleshed out, like, it is done, like, you're ready to implement, because... you're going to be still presenting to the panelists in the spring if you are selected as a finalist for this, so... You know, really, the short action plan is important; the overall idea is important. Be ready to be able to present on it, but it doesn't need to be totally done. And then, as maybe the most exciting here, we have a significant award, for a grand prize, a \$5,000 award. And what's also coolest is that we are having a commitment to actually implementing the idea. And so, the resources necessary to be able to implement that idea, and featuring it on the website, social media, public recognition at the Centennial Gala, and we also have some runner-up awards of \$2,500 and \$1,000 for second and third place, respectively. So, at this point, I wanted to provide an opportunity to see if I can answer any questions that you may have, and, Any feedback that you may have as we go into next week, we're going to

be promoting this at Fall Y'all, and then, starting to work on, you know, just signage around campus, posters. The sandwich boards, emails, social media, class visits, and so forth.

Ray: What would be a simple example? I'm not sure what you mean

Ryan: What we're looking for is something that we haven't already thought of, I guess. I'll share that, because if we've already thought of it and it could be that impactful, then maybe we would have already implemented it. But I think it's just something that can affect you, you know. let's say from a campus infrastructure standpoint, you know, I think there was, a suggestion that I received from a student who I already met with, who wanted to talk to me about, at IVC having, more of, like, a natural landscape habitat for, some biodiversity in terms of, and being able to have, like, the science departments being able to leverage that for their classes. And so... You know, I don't know if that's a winning idea or not, but that's an idea that has come up through this process at this point, so I can give that as an example. But, I mean, it could be something around, you know, technology and innovation. You know, just general student experience. I mean, we have this new building opening, obviously, the CSS. I mean... There could be ideas around the CSS. So, I don't want to say anything that could restrict the creativity that you all may have. It's just, if you're ever having those moments where you're like, wouldn't it be cool if College of Marin had fill-in-the-blank? That's what we're looking for, it's like, okay, what does that look like? Let's flesh that out, and let's start to look at how that might be implemented, and let's figure out a plan for executing that, and then pitch it, and talk through what that impact would be.

Emily: I think the potential submission section is helpful; that would be the ideation part. I really like this idea and I'm hopeful that a lot of people will enter. I hope you're going to put out posters. I think it's really helpful to get some QR code.

Ryan: Yeah, thank you for having me today, I appreciate it, and You know, if there's any questions that come up, or any follow-up, you know, there's information on the webpage there for, for contacting, should be information on the webpage for contacting me, but you should have oh, there's well, Nicole Cruz is her contact is on that webpage, but you could also reach out to me

if you have any questions.

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

Officer Reports:

i. PRESIDENT REPORT:

Arthur: I will be attending my office hours after this meeting. Earlier this week, I attended the Kong Foundation Scholarship celebration alongside Al, Ray, Jess, and Stefania, so thank you guys to everyone that took time out of their day and showed up. I've begun organizing and reaching out to, and...trying to reach out to the alumni for the alumni panel. I've also started working on UC transfer applications. And I attended the midterm event earlier this week.

ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

Gio: I attended the donor dinner last night out to see Arthur's speech. I will attend my office hours after this meeting. I will also hold the ICC meeting after this meeting.

iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Emily: I had my office hours today. I had a good time at the midterm event. I have a meeting with Dr. Eldrige after this meeting.

iv. SECRETARY REPORT:

Al: I attended my office hours; I helped with Midterm Meetup. And I will attend my office hours after this meeting.

v. TREASURER REPORT:

Stephania: I attended the midterm event, I completed my office hours, and we all started planning the Dia de Los Muertos event. We already know how the poster is going to look like.

vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:

Jess: I've been keeping up with posting all the stuff on social media, except I have not been able to post the stuff for follow y'all yet, because the posters I was sent are not the right aspect ratio, so they get cut off on the top and bottom. But other than that, everything's been posted. Over the weekend, I'm going to throw together a reel for the midterm event, which I attended. That was super fun. It was really cute. Definitely a good call on that. Also, as has been mentioned, I went to dinner with Arthur, and he gave an amazing speech, and there was some really good homegrown food there. It was a great time, all in all. Yeah. I think that's everything, and then aside from the stuff that I mentioned about spooky season previously in the meeting.

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

Ray: Stephanie and I both worked on the PowerPoint presentation, the debrief for today. I did it during my office hours, which was good. I tried to attend the GRIT, but I could be saying that word wrong, meeting, but unfortunately, they didn't end up coming together. There were some people missing, so that wasn't able to happen.

Luca: I helped set up the midterm event. I worked on Dia de Los Muertos and

attended my office hours. And worked on my UC apps.

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

ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE

Kai: I attended my office hours working on poster the spooky season just went submitted. I attended the educational planning committee event.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Farhan: I attended my office hours. I had a meeting about the spooky season.

x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:

Tea: We had a Women of Color Cafe happening around the same time, so it was great to see folks. I felt... I feel like Women of Color Cafe had a great turnout, about 25 folks, which is the highest we've had in a while. So, it really felt like they felt supported during midterms coming from your event, with Boba, and then coming in to decompress in that space. So, I think it just... was a really great day at the college. So, thanks for all your leadership on that. We could... I could see that the students were feeling the care around that. Next... Wednesday is, it's fall, y'all. And then the following Monday, the 20th, is a collaboration with COM Chella and the Transfer Center, for Transfer Day. So, I'm really looking forward to that. We'll have a DJ there, and it's going to be a really great event, so please spread the word about that, and join us, and let me know what you need.

Sadika: Big kudos again, as T said, for a successful event, for Women of Color Cafe. It's always so good when students will verbalize how supported they feel, so great job, y'all. I just sent you, Arthur, the list for the alumni for the last two years. My apologies, I'm getting that to you later. Big kudos to Ray and Stephania, because y'all were cos and were a person down, and so even more, you know, just even more to say to you all, just in how successful it was, so I'm really proud of you. If there are items that need to be cleaned up today, please do that. So, if you can clean the table before you all leave, I would appreciate it, because I come in on Mondays, and oftentimes either Gio's cleaning it, or someone else is cleaning it, or I'm cleaning it. So, I would really ask if there were any excess things in the office, just go ahead and tidy up, so that Monday morning is nice and fresh. Besides that, I don't have anything else.

Committee Reports: Motion: Jess, Ray

i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT (ARTHUR AND GIO C):

ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL(FARHAN) –

iii. PLANNING AND RESOUC E ALLOCATION COMMITTEE(GIOVANY) –

iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE(KAI) –

Kai: We talked about a lot of statistical parameters, to try to get more students to get access to transfer applications, and discussion on how to track students in the future; they are working to get the percentages after they transfer.

v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE –

vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE(LUCA) –

vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE(MEBA) –

viii.GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION
COMMITTEE(RAY) –

ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE (JESS AND CRISTOPHER) –

x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION COMMITTEE(AL)

Al: As you all are aware the new president is throwing a lot of orders related to immigration, so he's sending out a lot of ICE agents around. And that creates, some fear here around the college, as there are... there is an undocumented student population, so we've had the honor to have the president in the call, and we were just mainly talking about. How we can be... More prepared for it or, when the time comes. We know exactly the right policies.to try to defend our undocumented student population as much as possible. So we just want to have the right... be prepared for if the time comes, to have the right policies in mind, to know what actions to take, because when that happens, time is of the essence, and they cannot afford to waste any time discussing what to do. So, that was interesting to get to listen to that.

xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE –

xii. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (LUCA AND JESS)

III. Communications from the Floor Motion: Jess, Ray

- 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.*

Gio: I have one thing to say; I sent out a fall y'all volunteer sheet. It's on Wednesday and we are tabling there, please come and sign in if you can.

Emily: Arthur and I are starting with the alumni panel; please give us the contacts of any alumni you may know.

Ray: I might end up moving my office hours on Thursday; I don't want to confirm that yet. Again, this Thursday I have to change it to Friday.

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V. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Al, Jess at 12:39pm



ASCOM President



ASCOM Advisor