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of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Emergency Meeting**

MINUTES

(December 12, 2025)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Order of Business

- a. Call to Order: 12:00pm
- 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 SIRAWIT (MARC) CHANSATEIN	X	
STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. FARHAN KHALIQ	X (LATE)	

ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE VACANT (NON-VOTING MEMBER)	N/A	
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ASCOM ADVISORS: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

c. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion: Jess, Luca

d. Approval of the Minutes: Motion: Emily, Jess

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)*

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

- a. Discussion/action to declare the PTK Club as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) (Need to create a new club account) Presentation by Club Members.
Motion: Al, Ray
Motion to Table: Al, Ray
- b. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$5000.00 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) to (Need to create a new club account) for PTK's Spring Convention. PRs to follow. Presentation by Club Members.
Motion: Jess, Ray
Motion to Table: Jess, Ray
- c. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$500.00 from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) to acct.#9576-25, to have "Rising Scholars" host an end of the year celebration. PRs to follow. Presentation by Club Advisors.
Motion: Jess, Kai
Jamie: We're asking for \$500 for the end of the year's party tomorrow on campus; we'll have club members and family. Potential high school students that just graduated are

going to be part of rising scholars. Asking money for food.

Jess: What's the budget breakdown?

Jamie: Order for pupusas and the person there to make it about 600 were going to cover the difference

Gio: This is your first time requesting money?

Jamie: Yes

Arthur: Are you sure you're not a learning community?

Jamie: no

Jess, Ray

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- d. Discussion/Action to approve NTE \$1500.00 from acct.#4500.04 (Event Supplies) for ASCOM Spring Welcome Week event. PRs to follow to reimburse board members and/or MCCD, Sadika's P-Card. Presentation by Tea Perales
Motion: Emily, Jess

Sadika: Welcome week in fall; this money will go toward that. Ray and Luca are aware as they are doing the planning again. The money is for that festivity.

Motion to vote: Jess, Ray

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- e. Discussion/Action to approve NTE \$1,000 from acct#4500.07 (Leadership Retreat Supplies) for ASCOM winter retreat. PRs to follow PRs to follow to reimburse board members and/or MCCD, Sadika's P-Card. Presentation by Sadika Sulaiman Hara

Sadika: This is for the retreat, and it will only be one day this semester. It usually happens the Friday before class starts. This money will be going towards food and supplies. I am going to be meeting with Al and Arthur to talk about it after the meeting.

Vote: Emily, Ray

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- f. Discussion/action to debrief "Finals Week Event." Presentation by: Event Co-leads.
Motion: Ray, Luca

Emily: Okay, so in the spirit of finals, we decided not to put together a slide presentation. but rather discuss the debrief with everyone. We had the event on Wednesday. I feel like it went really well. We had a lot of bagels. So thank you, Farhan. And I think that the Yerba Monte is a big success, you guys.

Jess: Also, something I wanted to add that worked out really well was, since last week was the last week of the food pantry. People that came looking for the food pantry were able to walk away with a handful of bagels, so that was nice. That worked out really well. It was also nice having the like, having the... what's it called? Having, like, campus police doing their event there, too, so there was even more, like, stuff for students to do in that area.

Gio: The food pantry is still going, not the market.

Farhan: And then... Oh, yes, thank you. Oh, yeah, like, during the planning, like, the Thanksgiving break kind of threw a wrench in some of the timings, because we didn't have a Friday meeting and several days off school, so that's, like, something to keep in mind for future events.

Jess: Also, another thing I noticed that was kind of, something to do better, like, something to learn from is. Halfway through the event planning, we got informed that the events needed to be 2 hours instead of 1 hour, so we changed around the time. And because of that, there was a lot of confusion about what time the event was actually going to happen, like... that wasn't, like, psych services wasn't communicated well, so they didn't show up for the first hour of the event. The volunteer sheet was still with the old times, and there was just general confusion about when the event actually started. So I think next time, like, try to get that time stuff figured out as soon as possible, so we don't think...try to avoid changing it unless absolutely necessary. But it was great to see so many people volunteer,

Emily: I think it was also good to cut the bagels as much as possible beforehand as something, Kave and I learned last year. Also... It can build up really fast. Also, having actually a sharp knife was so helpful. Yeah, that was great.

Eloisa: One, Amazon doesn't want spoiler Fresh Week. If you guys ever put that on the budget breakdown, we'll need to buy it at a store. So I do need to plan for that. I think... I understand this event was sweet timing, but I do feel like I had to follow up pretty frequently with, like, forms, posters, things like that, so I think it'd be really good to...part of Streamline, I get it's like a...not a great time to host an event in the semester, like, because you're all busy, but it did add more work. I had to be constantly checking where the status of things were. So it would be helpful if you guys kind of streamlined that for me, and I can just be like, here's the activities form, here's this, here's the PDF of the poster. And this isn't necessarily for this event, but I have had previous events where the budget breakdown is sent to me by two different people. I think going forward for the next semester, it would be really good if you guys, like, on your team for the events, really work together to assign tasks. So, like, two people aren't doing the same job of, like, sending me the budget breakdown, checking in, and then, like, I don't have to update two people, or, like, CCing everyone who is on that in one thing, so people aren't like, where's

this? I was like, I already told this person. So it'd be really good to have that cohesiveness, I think it's better for both sides, so everyone's on the same page. I get a lot of bagels, so I appreciate it.

Motion to return to item a: Ray, Jess

- a. Discussion/action to declare the PTK Club as an official club and to award \$100.00 in seed money from acct.#7200 (Intrafund Club) (Need to create a new club account)
Presentation by Club Members.

Chris: So we are the Phi Theta Kappa chapter here at College of Britain, and if you don't know, we just started this semester, but a fun fact is that YTL Kappa has existed on College Marin since 2006. It's been here for decades, decades, and we're just now restarting this chapter, and we want a strong start to, a more scholarly level of, clubs. So, We are presenting to you guys for funding requests of around \$5,000. And the budget breakdown that's detailed, it's in the request forms. You'll see all the numbers there. I will say, first of all, just minutes, the current A we are discussing is just to discuss. Oh, okay, gotcha. We are going to discuss the 5,000 yes. Okay, so as a second, my bad. Yes, so, yeah. But that's us. So I'll just give you a little spiel of what Phi Theta Kappa does. It's an international honor society with around 2 million members across the world. Some of what Fighter Cabo mainly does is provide scholarships to everyone in two-year community colleges, so that could be private scholarships, need-based scholarships, and also, scholarships from universities directly. So, for example, NYU offers scholarships specifically for PTK members, Columbia University does, Yeah, and there... and SF State does, Dominican does, so many universities across the world, not just locally. And we also host fun events, such as This semester, we hosted a scavenger hunt on campus with the help of the community our funding. As a matter of fact, Mark here is a winner, and I think he can definitely testify how fun that event was. Yeah, and we're looking forward to be here on campus, not just After some of our board member transfers, but we were here for 10 years, 20 years, so...The world ends. So, yeah, cool.

Arthur: First of all, thanks for being here. I wanted to ask, how do you plan to differentiate.

Chris: PTK from AGS. Right, that's nice, that's a really great question. So, how AGS works is that it's a local level orange society, so, meaning it's only limited to California, the California state. While Phi Theta Kappa has, national or global recognition. So, as I said, it also provides more scholarship, and it's leaning heavily towards scholarships. And... The advantage of being an international rather than a statewide society is that we have events at the statewide level and also at the international level. So, for example, AGS

does... conventions, locally. We have conventions in-state and out of state, too. And, you know, AGS, if you guys are familiar, does volunteering, right? So, Fight Data Campus counterpart to volunteering would be the college project, and also the RNC in Action Project. So, those are the two specialties. that PTK focuses on as members join a club. So, I'm gonna give a short description for the two projects. So, a college project is a project with the administration of College of Marin, and that would be Dr. Eldridge, and we work side-by-side with them and other relevant stakeholders to, create a project that aligns with the college's mission. So every chapter of Fighter Kappa does this, and we are one of the chapters that will be doing it. So, we set up meetings with Dr. Eldridge, and on January 21st, we would be having our second meeting with him to finalize, and also to talk with The board members opened a couple of how to execute a college project here on campus. Next would be...the Arts in Action Project, which is a research-based project where students get to get involved in social-based research. So, a couple research projects that was done over the past year was, establishing Higher, admission rates, the universities, retaining more students, connected with more high schoolers. So every, every chapter also does this, so it's, it's, it's one of the two things that PTK specializes on. And...Yeah, and if you... and the thing about research is that not many research opportunities are available, especially at the two-year level, so we would also like to bring research here on campus, and something for students to collaborate on, because PTK does give research grants to colleges. that make it to their, publication-wide level, recognition.

Gio: I have a question about the research. Is it restricted only to STEM students?

Chris: Oh, no, that's a really good question. Phi Theta Kappa does, like, a really holistic level research, so how it works is that at the end of, the year, which is January, they give out a research question, and there are different guiding questions that goes along with it, and. It depends on who your advisor is, or who your... or which faculty you're working on, but there are different perspectives that you could approach to research research. So, for example, if you're a STEM student, you would be approaching it in the quantitative side, and if you're a humanities student, you would be approaching the problem in the qualitative side. So, you could do a mixed methods research where both of you guys do the same thing. So, for example, if I'm researching how to, increase a retention rate for students that are looking to go straight to the workforce rather than a four-year university, I would have STEM students work on the numbers side, the statistics side, while the humanities students work on the more qualitative side of things, like interviewing these students. Having focus groups discussions, and writing up Their whole narrative.

Ray: And then I have one question. Do you also help international students specifically as well?

Chris: Yeah, for sure. So, Phi Theta Kappa is an international arts society, and that being said, the scholarships, some of them, I would say, are limited to, you know, people with a certain citizenship requirement, right? Some of the scholarships. But... That being said, most scholarships, I think. are open to everyone, it's just that some scholarships are limited to certain, you know, restrictions, and I think that's how all scholarships go

generally, but outside of that. Phi Theta Kappa will benefit you, even if the scholarship is not from Phi Theta Kappa. So, for example, if you're applying for, I don't know, the Jack Kent Cook Scholarship. 90% of the Jack Kent Scholars are Phi Theta Kappa members. So, and that scholarship is around \$60,000, which is around, like, a full ride, basically, or full tuition to your university of your choice, right? For two years. So...And that's not limited to PTK members, but coincidentally, PTK...Members do get most of it. So, it's not just in the club, it's also outside.

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Motion: Jess, Ray

Marc: You know, I'm Mark, I am one of the co-advisors with Briar, and then Chris is our president, and Brianna is our VP, but we have a full board, so it's nice that we're here to actually get the ongoing today, but I'm going to talk about, I'm glad that Chris talked about all the different, I guess, like, projects that we have, and I just want to...put it into context for why we're asking for \$5,000. If you can go to the next slide. We're essentially trying to, with revitalizing a chapter that hasn't been here for 20 years, or so, we are trying to get membership and a lot of engagement in a lot of our regional, events, so, there's the Nevada and California Regional Conference that we're trying to get 20 PTK members, to join. And we currently have 60 members. After the spring, with a lot of our fundraising events and all of our, Hope the City events, we're hoping to push that, maybe to 100.

And...

what... the regional conference is, is essentially a, networking event. It also has leadership and workshop, like, sessions for students to maybe develop some of their storytelling abilities, or narrative, or communication abilities, but essentially, it's a really good way for members to really understand the whole PTK ecosystem, because it's an international ecosystem, so there's a lot of different layers to it. And Chris and I were actually able to join in the fall. It was just us two, but we were able to see all the different workshops and understand all the opportunities at PTK, and we want to expand this so that the new board group that will join in the fall will feel confident being able to lead for the next year. And so that \$5,000 includes the \$3,500 for the regional conference, some fundraising infrastructure for a gala that we have planned for the spring, as well as \$500 for some merchandise or, Yeah, additional fundraising, and... We think that this 5,000 will directly support a lot of the academic and leadership success that y'all are building out for ASCOM. And on the next slide. we already talked a lot about this, but essentially, this honor society is set up to really align with Comm's plan for 2030, of being, like, the best place to study, learn how to list for positive community change, and a great place to work and grow. So that one's for, like, Breyer and I as, like, professionals, but...

A lot of the programming really hits each of the bullet points. And go to the next slide.

And so Chris already covered this. It's a really big network of scholarships. There's even

colleges who offer to fly students out to their college, and you can get a scholarship just by being a PTK member. So, there's a ton of opportunities. I was looking through the database, and there's, like, over 100 scholarships all throughout the nation just for being a PTK member. So those are really exclusive. And I remember there was a question of AGS versus PTK. PTK members are also usually AGS members, so there's just more opportunity for folks who are already in leadership positions or already members of AGS to join maybe the College Project or, the Honors and Action Project to provide more community support. Next slide. And so, this time next year, we're hoping... it's weird, they do a yearly cycle rather than an academic cycle, so this time this next year, we're hoping to submit our, our college project and Honors and Action Project, so then we can be honored at the BTK Catalyst event, which is one of the events, the international event that we are trying to fundraise for. We're trying to move our membership from 60 to maybe 100 plus members. We have 1,000 eligible students here on campus, so we definitely think that's, like, feasible, and then also just build a strong fatigue board so there isn't a 20-year gap between chapters. Next slide. Local engagement. Chris already talked about all the things that we're doing on campus. I'm going to go into some detail, but we're thinking that this is going to feed into our regional training, which will feed back to our engagement on campus, and then hopefully we're moving into international leadership, where we can showcase our campus at the PTK Catalyst event, and we'll need some of the fundraising provided by y'all in order to make this happen, but We're not just asking for money, we're gonna also do our share of doing our own fundraising. At the next slide. Okay, there we go. So, yeah, we initiated the college project with Dr. Eldridge, we're collaborating with clubs, and then we're prepping for Honors in Action. I'm gonna actually be the lead for Honors in Action, because I've been itching to get back into research, and then Briar's doing the college project. For regional training, we attended the fall regional training, to network with Skyline in Contra Costa. Chris is actually a Contra Costa student as well, so he has some connections with some of the folks over there, and just building out foundational knowledge, and then fundraising. So, we have prepped for a publicity plan, and then we're trying to build out some merch and some kind of stuff, too. And then hopefully this all just streamlines into the international leadership. And then next slide. So, essentially, 3,500 going into the regional, convention. And then, in addition to that, our fundraising of \$1,000 for the gala and \$500 for our merchandise will all feed into the international leadership. We're trying to get 20 students here. We're not sure what the number is for the Catalyst event, but it really depends on our fundraising success. But we think that the \$1,500 is more than enough for us to kind of build out all that publicity and engagement on it. This. Next slide. And we also provided, I think, a breakdown. There we go. Yeah, so the PTK, it's gonna be \$6,800 total, but we're planning to allocate the \$3,500 just, to start off, just so we can make sure that some students are going, and then we're gonna fill up the rest with our fundraising. Amy, if we have one more? Okay, thank you. So, yeah, it's just... all these investments moving into leadership, equity, and some transfer success, and then hopefully we can get some more. We're just trying to launch off this semester, so hopefully we can use that \$5,000 to have a sustainable BTK chapter. Thank you for your time.

Emily: I just had a question for Stephanie about our club account.

Stephania: Do you want to know the amount that we have? We have, \$17,590.59.

Ray: And this is... this \$5,000 is, like, the whole year, right? So it's not like you got to... maybe there's an idea that maybe you could come back, but this is, like, a whole thing. It's not like you just want to mess it up.

Marc: Yeah, this is our kind of starting off, and then hopefully the fundraising will give us enough sustainability for the fall as well.

Ray: Oh, sorry. The Gala music sounds really good. I think it'll be a great way, to...get, obviously, money in fundraising as well. I've never heard of that idea next. Yeah. That's a good one. No, that happened during our first meeting, so it was just like, oh, like, how do we fundraise? And then people gala. I'm like, that's amazing, so we got a good board.

Gio: I have a few questions, one of them being, on your budget, it says \$200 per room. For 4 times 3 nights, and then it says total cost \$150 right next to it.

Chris: I believe that's per person cost. Per person cost. So each per... each room has... It's good for four persons. So, if you do the math, it comes to around \$150 per person.

Gio: What would the \$1,000 for startup costs and fundraising be?

Chris: Ptk does a lot of fundraising events. Not our chapter, though. So, what we're planning to do is to follow those legality event, and... Our idea of fundraising is that instead of working with many, fundraisers. That's, for example, we've reached down cookies or bake sales. We want to have a big event where local community members could come into our events, because they're... they have the biggest, purchase power when it comes to fundraising, and especially in Marin County, I feel like it's a really great place to raise funds? So, for the \$1,500, we're... It's, it's seed, it's seed startup money. To invest in a venue, To invest in initial planning for catering. And also... We're planning to invite guest speakers, and... We're allocating a portion of the money to guest speakers, but of course. that \$1,500, if I'm being honest, is insignificant compared to what the actual cost would be. We did the numbers, and it... Comes to around... Almost 5 figures above, so... what we're planning to do with that \$1,500 is to use that as initial capital, then the rest of the materials to be used for our GAL events would be, through reaching out local businesses. So, for example, reaching out if A restaurant could cater for us. Or reaching out to, hotels nearby. To ask for, a one-night stay, right? And people would...community members would bid on a certain item that would be donated to us, and that could be a fundraising strategy on top of the gallop event. So the gallop event has multiple agendas, and we're trying to build in as much ROI as possible.

Al: you look like you did your math, so assuming your fundraising goes well, and you use this money. Have you calculated that that amount of money that you're gonna get we'll make you guys sustainable using this money from us. I don't know if you guys can tell from our budget that we don't have unlimited money to give out for clubs, and we have lots of other clubs, so I want to make sure that, you know, if you guys did the math, you could be sustainable, because I'm not sure how many times you can give out 5 grand.

Chris: I'mma be completely honest, 1,500? We're really trying to build capital, and... As our first semester here at College of Marin, We believe that God will really give us a head start, right? Because... I feel like for a club that's aiming to be here for decades, we... We need the most buying power for our students, and it's to also build community, because I'm gonna be honest, I'm not here to create a club, transfer out, then after a year, the club dies, right? So, that's what happens to most clubs, right? I'm gonna create this club. Then, you know, transfer out, club dies. What we want is... to build a strong sense

of community, not only in this college, but also outside of college. So that being said, we're putting 100% of our trust To the 1,500, And, you know, we're looking to spread this out throughout the year, so we're not going to be spending that \$1,500 in one event alone.

Gio: Yeah, renting out a space doesn't seem practical. Right. There's a whole bunch of spaces that the college provides, and there will be more soon. The fundraising that the college hosts they don't rent out spaces, they use the spaces that they have here as well, and that's... Like, the college being the fundraiser. They used the farm for the fundraiser. Another example would be at IBC, there's a whole large conference space that could be used. That's a very nice space. That could easily be used for a gala. Or for fundraising. So, renting out a space doesn't seem practical.

Bryer: I think what Christopher is trying to communicate here is that, these large events, as you all know, and as you've all experienced with running your own events. There are infinite number of costs that are associated with getting these large events up and running. And so, Space Rental is an example of something like that. we agree, there are spaces on campus that we can probably access for free. Very likely. And things like catering that we will definitely attempt to have donated, things like that. We are not sure, because we are in the initial stages of planning these types of things, we are not sure what those specific dollars are going to be going towards. But the general idea is that there would be some money that would help us seed these events, and seed the process of building them, and then all of the little detail things, like fall y'all, like, you know, any of the big events that are run on on campus, to seed all of the, the things that go into, developing and implementing those events. So, so yeah, so it's, it's... If it feels a little, light on the details, it's because it is light on the details. All of these things are being discussed and being developed. But because we're a brand new club and a brand new honor society on campus, there just is no money at the moment for us to kind of get that momentum in order to really properly fund to meet the honor society's needs. So if that helps. Address that in a little bit more detail.

Al: Yeah. So it seems like, at the moment, you guys don't have an exact, idea of how much you're gonna spend on what. And I was wondering, because we also have meetings like this, where next semester, where we can get money approved. I was wondering how urgently you need that money, and if you could come back when you have exactly what you're gonna spend on, so we know... I mean, we could also give to the, you know, you guys could also pitch in. Just one second. And come back when you have a more exact idea, like, for example, today we could fund, I don't know what you'd need right now, and then when you have a specific idea, then perhaps come back and say, hey. this costs this much, we couldn't get this, and we just need this to get started. And I feel like...I don't speak for all of us here, but I'll be more comfortable giving the money that we know exactly where it's going into.

Jess: I can echo that statement, Al. Like, I do feel a bit iffy about, especially such a... giving such a large sum of money out without knowing where it's going. Like, that just doesn't feel good to me.

Brier: Can I address that? Yeah, so I think that that was why we have this full breakdown, because we want you to see the direction of where things are headed, the bigger goals that we would like to, to work on over the course of next semester, and also following into the fall semester. And so that's why everything is kind of broken out on this. So that you can see those individual things. Where we have very specific and very clear, destination for these dollars, and where we are, like, okay, we think we're heading in this direction, this is what we're planning for, so that you can see that bigger picture. You know, I think it's... it's difficult to be in these situations where you're, you know, awarding smaller amounts of money for various things. We really wanted you to have that bigger picture over time, so that you can... you can see what's happening.

Arthur: Briar, so... I appreciate your aspiration, but I just want to say that, Like, historically, we've been more comfortable awarding out these amounts if people have, like, a... itemized bill, like, we need blah blah now for, like, what and what, because, you know, like, we only have so much, and if every club came in with a...a vision and a bigger goal, we would be out of money in the first 5 months.

Brier: Yeah, that's why... that's why this is broken down, so you can see those specific things there, and then you can see those, and... and ask questions about those.

Arthur: So with the... with the venues and, like, the capital for future gain that, like, we... it doesn't seem like...we really know what we're going to be using.

Brier: So, there are some specific items here where we're pressing funds, and then additional items where we're...where we're kind of showing you where the direction we're going in.

Emily: With the conference, I was just curious when it was, because, like, that's a section that I think is really well, broken down cost-wise. So if we know when that is, that can...

Chris: It's, it's in, it's in March, it's in March, and the thing is, if you're... The 1,500 We're preparing for it to be a multi-purpose fund, and it could also be a contingency fund for a conference, because in the budget breakdown, we detailed that it costs around \$6,000 for a few students to go to, and with \$3,500, we can only bring around...6, 7 people, right, 7, 8 people, right? So, we're really trying to see that if the money is not enough, and if there's a lot of interest, that money goes to fundraising. But if it doesn't, it stays in our account, and that would be used for a bigger goal, like the international conference. So, that's the reason why we can't really say You know, it's because, let's say, you know, I'm gonna book the hotel right now, right? Then there's 10 students that want, like, we don't even know the outcome yet for next semester. What if there's a big boom of students, right? But I do understand how some of you guys are coming from. Just personally, I would feel, like, comfortable with either doing the amount for the startup costs in the gala, or the amount

for the conference broken down.

Emily: it just seems like the startup money could go into the conference cost, and then that could shift the budget breakdown. Yeah, but that's just my thing.

Gio: So, I wanted to echo Arthur's sentiment, but also at the same time, I think we could all probably agree we'd be perfectly comfortable granting the conference side of the funding, but I think it's unfair to other clubs. For us to grant a large amount of money that is not broken down, and that would create a precedent where we hold other clubs accountable for having a broken-down budget, and then we don't hold you accountable. For that, and that's just... not...fair

Al: I also want everyone to keep in mind, not siding with anyone, but Trying to be neutral here. Clubs come in asking for money, I'll give one example. The physics club came in asking for money for \$800. Yeah, they didn't have a budget breakdown. But if we're talking about the number of students that are being involved. they are clearly in level with AGS, and probably the capability for even more students to be involved. So...you know, I feel like... There's only, like, 2 really big clubs here on campus, and...Yeah, they may not have broken down yet... broken down the amount yet, but you know, they're a big club, there are other big costs, there could be more. A lot more people joining, so...So keep in mind, we don't have a lot of big clubs, so I feel like that, like, going to their first meeting, there were already a lot of students there. They clearly have a mission to grant students scholarships, and many people here at Calm do need these scholarships, so maybe considering Their mission in giving them the money is also important to keep in mind.

Jess: One, you mentioned the physics-level example. Like, with them, they didn't have, like, appropriate... they had, like, a clearer outline. Like, they had a project, and they'd done some research to figure out roughly how much it would cost.

Al: like I said, I addressed that when I said, yes, they did have a clear budget breakdown, however, if we're looking at the numbers here. They, like, looking at their investment, they're clearly gonna do some bigger numbers.

Gio: To your point, we wouldn't be preventing them from doing those things in the future by not giving them the money now. We would just ask that they have a better plan for those things. come and request once they do for that portion of the funding, and then we would grant it. This isn't us saying, no, no. Right? This is us saying we would very much prefer to have everything broken down, because that's how we operate, and that's how we act with all of the clubs.

Jess: I agree that if we were to just, like, grant this kind of, like, vague, like, this, like, vague, unbroken-down sum of money. then, like, what's to stop other clubs, like, say, Physic Club? Or the, international club from coming and asking for similar situations, like asking for \$500 for events with no clear direction.

Al: But it seems like only 1,000 of those 1,500 seem to be vague, because if you look at the numbers. 500 of those are towards merchandise for resale, that's pretty clear. So, all that's unclear here is the money going towards the gala. And us having run these events, having known kind of an estimate of how much it costs, that...you know. the little things are just details.

Ray: And I... I wanted to add something else. AGS also came for money, and they are doing a very similar conference. And I feel like I'm also part of AGS, and I don't see them offering any sort of projects or any way... especially as international students, we don't really have ways to really get involved, and this club is really pushing forward to let us be part of projects, or let us do stuff, the way that AGS is perhaps not. And... We, again, we also gave AGS money, too. So, like, something... like, for example, the conference, like, I would definitely fight back that if we had to vote no, I do not think that that's fair, because AGS has a conference, pretty much the same conference.

Gio: AGS also had a fully broken-down budget when they requested funding.

Emily: I like the idea, just because it feels like we're getting a little redundant, I like the idea of... amending to the broken down part, so the \$500 and the \$3,500, so that would be \$400, and then encouraging a further breakdown for the gala in the future, and so it's not a no to the gala. It would just be \$4,000.

Chris: What if we shift the perspective instead of setting the rest of the money to the gala? Because the initial plan, right, is to actually put all the money to the conference, but that wouldn't be sustainable for the future. Like, you know, I'm just trying to ask, like, if that's possible. Right, well, so technically, so this funding would go towards

Emily: we're not going to control what you...exactly what you spend it on. This is just what I think makes sense, and it's also not a no to the gala down the line. It just... we've technically gone over time, is all.

Arthur: So, what I'm hearing overwhelmingly is we... we feel good about the \$3,500 for the... your trip, and then there's a \$500 for purchasing merchandise, which you'll be reselling. So I think most people are okay with \$4,000, is that correct?

Motion to amend item b to \$4000: Jess, Ray

Motion to vote: Ray, Gio

PASSES 10-0

- g. Discussion/action on budget report. Presentation by: ASCOM Treasurer (Stefania Rodriguez)
Motion: Jess, Al

Stephania: Well, for the office supplies, we have \$2,301. For the event supplies account, we have \$6,965. For the department account, we have \$8,470, and for the club account, we have \$17,590. I haven't subtracted the amount that they request.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken) Motion: Ray, Al

Officer Reports:

i. PRESIDENT REPORT:

Arthur: I will be doing my office hours after this meeting, and we need to finish up cleaning the room as this is the end

ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

Gio: I will be doing my office hours after this meeting; there are only 3 boxes so we will get that done quickly

iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Emily: 3 and half exam week. The finals event went well, I learned a lot. Got good reminders for co-leading. We'll have our last board meeting on Tuesday

iv. SECRETARY REPORT:

Al: I did half of my office hours and will complete the other half after this meeting, helped out with Finals week event. End of Report

v. TREASURER REPORT:

Stefania: Getting ready for finals, did the budget report, and I'm done with office hours

vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:

Jess: I have attended office hours, will do the final bit after, had a TPC meeting. Posted finals week. Getting ready for finals. Keeping up with posting

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

Luca: I attended office hours and went to finals week, and me and ray will work on events for next semester

Ray: Did most of my hours and will do the rest here. I attended the final week event.

And I'll be working with Luca for the presentation for the retreat

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

Kai: I attended office hours, and worked for finals week

Marc: I finish all my office hours and helped with finals event.

ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Farhan: Oh, yeah, I attended my office hours, came to the second half of the finals week event, which was pretty nice. I got some... an update on GA in the spring. It's on March 27th to the 29th. It's in San Francisco at the Hyatt, so pretty close, so just looking into more details for that.

x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:

Sadika: Finals are coming up. We'll be here. Today is the last day to pack up, Me and Eloisa and Tea will do the final round of the packing. We'll be taking the racks. Please take the things we won't use off and put them under the whiteboard. Please clear the whiteboard. Stipends will be sent over the break. The College will be closed and all of the SAA team will be gone on the 24th. You will not be hearing from us until the 5th. If you do not get your stipend, be prepared to let us know after the break. I'm working on CSS ribbon cutting. Both trustees, and ASCOM president will be part of that. Congrats on this great semester.

Tea: Congrats on final meeting of the fall, women of color cafe were happening at the same time. Students seemed to feel really supported. Thank you for submitting the evaluations on time, I will send that over next week. I communicated with Eloisa for stipend. I will meet with Farhan for Ga. And meet with Arthur and Al, to go over spring Ascom retreat dates. Let me know what you need. Great work.

Committee Reports: Motion: Emily, Al

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

ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL(FARHAN) –

iii. PLANNING AND RESOUCES ALLOCATION COMMITTEE() –

iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE(KAI) –

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) –

Jess: Tpc had its final meeting for the year. Just kind of going over, like, some housekeeping stuff, like, making sure that, like. Our project is in a good place to put it down for the winter break, and we're ready to pick it back up in the spring. Like, just kind of, yeah, going over, like, making sure that, like. Also, we discussed a bit, like, trying to get a better way to assign tasks to make sure they actually get done on time, because there has been a bit of an issue with people not, like, tasks not being assigned properly, and just going undone for a while. It hasn't been to the point where it's, like, putting... put our plans in any issue, but just something we're addressing now before it becomes an issue.

x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION COMMITTEE(AL) –Al: I met with the IDEA committee right before this. Let me take my notes out. our main highlight for the... for the meeting was Marco. Coming in and, updating us on the Police Advisory Council, and what they were up to. So, may I explain how the Council got formed? When they meet monthly, he talked about campus safety, Complaint form updates, And then the main one was talking about the sheriff's station. That's...

Right here on the parking lot? Wrong way, right there. how some students were feeling intimidated that they were there, because I think there are some rumors, I'm not sure if this is confirmed, they were working with ICE, so...Some students may feel intimidated by their presence there, so they kind of want to move them where they don't really seem associated with College of Marin. And then after that, an interesting thing that came up that I did not know, or I just...May have missed it. is that they send you emails every week talking about the Board of Trustees meeting, and you can actually speak up if you have any concerns during those meetings. On their agenda item, so everyone's more than welcome to go there if they have any topic they would like to talk about, or have any concerns with. There, yeah, thank you. Monthly, yeah. It's the last one of the semester. And then we just talked a little bit at the end of the meeting about equity not a phase, and that was it.

xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE –

xii. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (LUCA AND JESS)

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.*

IV. 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)*


Ray: *We don't have office hours next week.*

Jess: *Next semester it will help streamline the poster approval system. Throwing it out there. When someone approves a poster, they could put it into the google drive, and when they see something suspicious that is not approved, they could take it down.*

V. Adjournment: Motion: Jess, Luca 1:06pm



ASCOM President



ASCOM Advisor