



Center for Student Success, 3rd Floor
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
(August 12, 2026)
9:00 a.m.

Order of Business

- a. Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.
- b. Roll Call:

OFFICERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
PRESIDENT VLADISLAV VERBITSCHI	X	
VICE PRESIDENT SIRAWIT (MARC) CHANSATEIN	X	
STUDENT TRUSTEE HENRY GORAY	X	
SECRETARY MALISA NG	X	
TREASURER YANIS LOUAHDI (Appointed 8/12/26)	X	
SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY Vacant	X	
SENATOR – ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION JESSICA SCHIFFMAN	X	
SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES ANTHONY MENA	X	

SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES JAFF FEDE	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING BRIANA GONZALEZ	X	
SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING EMILIA ALIOTO (Appointed 8/12/26)	X	
STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. ISABELLA QUESADA (Appointed 8/12/26)	X	
ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE	N/A	

ASCOM ADVISORS: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

- c. Adoption of the Agenda: Marc, Malisa
- d. Approval of the Minutes: Jess, Marc
- 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: Marc, Jess

- a. Discussion/action to appoint State Student Representative to the ASCOM Board 26-27.
Applicant: Isabella Quesada. Presentation by Vlad Verbitschi, ASCOM President.
Motion: Jess, Marc

Vlad: For applicants that are here, we would like to have you share your experience and interest in this position. The board will then move on to a vote. Isabella, you now have the floor to talk about your interests and qualifications for this position.

Isa: Hi you guys, I'm Isa. I'm interested in the SSCCC position. A little bit about me. I am from Mill Valley. This is going to be my first year as a full-time student at College Marin, but I've been enrolled since spring of 2025, so I've been taking classes here for the last few years. A little bit about my experience, I'm finishing a summer internship with Illumina CPA. It's an accounting firm that focuses on international business and exchanges, and through that, I've kind of strengthened my organization skills and research. I've kind of learned more about this kind of international exchange and diplomacy, and as well, I was the director in training for this Girl Scout camp called Camp Arequipa, and basically I spent the last 4 months designing a week-long program for over 100 campers and over 50 counselors and during that time, I served on the board for the Richardson Bay Service Unit for the Girl Scouts of Northern California, and through then, I was kind of the liaison from the unit to our camp, and then during the week, I kind of worked as administration, kind of problem solving, and making sure that everything went smoothly, and mentoring new counselors. And then just a little bit about me, I love playing tennis, I love music, and the reason why I'm interested in this position and ASCOM in general, is because I really want to get involved with the community at College of Marin, and I think that advocacy is really important for students to be able to go up to senators and say what they're thinking and make sure they can be represented, and then the reason why I'm interested in the SSCCC position specifically is because I really want to get involved with global exchange, I want to major in global studies later, and get involved with, kind of, that field, and learn kind of what it means to be a diplomat and represent the students at a state level.

Vlad: Thank you. Board members, do you have any questions for Isabella? I have a question. I think it's really interesting that you did all that work with Girl Scouts. Were you a Girl Scout when you were younger?

Isa: I was, yeah.

Vlad: That's awesome.

Motion to Vote: Jess, Marc

8-0 PASSES

In favor of Isabella

- b. Discussion/action to appoint Senators of PR & Marketing to the ASCOM Board 26-27.
Applicant: Emilia Alioto. Presentation by Vlad Verbitschi, ASCOM President.

Motion: Marc, Jess

Vlad: For applicants that are here, we would like to have you share your experience and interest in this position. The board will then move on to a vote. Emilia, you now have the floor to talk about your interests and qualifications for this position.

Emilia: Hello, my name is Emilia, as you know, and my pronouns are she/her. I forgot to mention that earlier. This will be my second year here at COM. I would like to join ASCOM as the PR and Marketing Senator, because I want to contribute to the College of Marin community by increasing student outreach and engagement in campus events. I believe that my work at ASCOM, along with everyone else's, can help students feel more connected to each other. I would say that I have very good communication skills and an enthusiasm for working with others. I am outgoing, detail-oriented, and

dependable, and I enjoy finding creative ways to engage people. I'd also say that I have a good eye for making visually appealing material, because I am artistic, and I like to draw and design things, which comes in very helpful when one of my main duties as a PR Marketing Center is to create the flyers and posters for campus events and activities. I also think that my dance experience really helped me understand how to present something attractively as well, because dance was all about working together to present a piece that is attention-grabbing and retaining, and I think this could really help when making promotional videos for social media, because I would ensure that the video background and lighting looks well, and that the video flows well, which is actually more important than it seems, because that's what allows people, or makes people actually want to watch the video fully and retain the information. I do have some experience making flyers, so during my time at San Marin High School, I was an event coordinator for 2 years at the Anti-Racist Student Union, and this union was made to try to decrease racism within the student community. I have example of a poster I made. So, this was put around campus to remind students about microaggressions, and I designed it this way because I thought that the simplicity of it really made it feel less overwhelming, and that the contrast of the colors really made the details pop. I believe that this really helped promote the material on the poster, and it allowed people to actually stop and want to look at the poster, which is one of the main important things about a post. It's useless if people just walk by it, so that's why. I also do have some new marketing ideas for promotional social media things, so one of them is to use more videos and create more videos for the Instagram instead of relying solely on reposting flyers, because again, that's more eye-catching when scrolling through social media. And these videos could include maybe doing small interviews at events, like student events that are exciting and engaging, to then excite more students to come to the future events. And then, also maybe post polls and quizzes to better understand student preferences about campus life, and their knowledge already on future events.

Vlad: Thank you, board members. Do you have any questions for Emilia?

Marc: Me. Which tool did you use to make posters?

Emilia: Well, with the resources I did have in high school, I was using Canva, which isn't... I believe that maybe here we have a better...

Marc: We have the premium one.

Emilia: And then I am interested in maybe designing things by hand. I don't know if maybe that would attract more people to the poster, if it's just, you know, rather than just, like, a digital-made thing that can be scanned and copied and put around. Like, I obviously wouldn't make each individual poster by hand, like, and so yeah, that's what I was using.

Motion to Vote: Jess, Marc

9-0 PASSES

In favor of Emilia

- c. Discussion/action to appoint Treasurer to the ASCOM Board 26-27. Applicant: Yanis Louahdi. Presentation by Vlad Verbitschi, ASCOM President.

Motion: Marc, Jess

Vlad: For applicants that are here, we would like to have you share your experience and interest in this position. The board will then move on to a vote. Yanis, you now have the floor to talk about your interests and qualifications for this position.

Yanis: Hey everyone, glad to be here. So, yes, I'll keep it succinct. I am interested in running for Treasurer. So, I'm interested in really just applying what I've learned from my personal endeavors, from my academic coursework as a business administration major, and some real-world experience in, most notably a smaller local business. Imagine the finances there. I really want to translate what I've learned theory from my courses over to real-world practice, into something that could make a lasting, impactful change, especially on the local level here, such as at College of Marin. I've held various positions in club leadership, working closely with Treasurers in the past, getting experience and insights into how it works, and the kind of effects and positive changes it can have when finances are managed correctly. I'm really interested in just combining the strengths of my past experience, teamwork, and more of a renewed approach to how we can manage a budget in a direction that benefits all students, peers, and even faculty. So, what I like to do is bring some transparency for students to know where their tuition is going, including ensuring that we have equitable practices, most importantly for smaller clubs to avoid feeling disadvantaged when they're requesting funding, and working closely with the board to flag any discrepancies in the budget that may be a cause for concern. I always look for the benefit of all COM students and new ways to improve their experience at College of Marin. From my time at COM, I've heard, I've listened to my peers' experiences, how they feel that the campus budget is, where it's going, what they'd like to see, what areas we could improve on. And mostly, I'd like to effectively execute the duties of the office to enhance our student life for not just ourselves, but later students coming in. Really bringing in a holistic approach to when we're managing the finances, the budgets, and dedicating to places where I've heard students would like some more attention. I've learned from my peers of where they'd like to see some more funds allocated to, places that they feel it's lacking, places that they feel is in a good spot, and from all these insights collected, I'd like to go ahead and take action. Take a meaningful action that, you know, our students can have a more thorough understanding of where the budget is going. And I'd like to do this through auditing, working closely with the executive board over at ASCOM here. Secondly, I'd like to really implement a regular budget status dashboard for meetings to facilitate the analysis of our funding, and just bringing it all together, I want to go ahead and bring in all our students' collective concerns, hearing what they are most interested in, and making sure overall that we have a transparent approach over to how we're handling the budget, the finances. And as far as financial tools to do so, I have experience with most budgeting programs. So, this is a position that I feel that I could be most effective with. Thank you.

Vlad: Thank you, board members. Do you have any questions for Yanis? I have a question. What made you want to switch from your prior position to this one?

Yanis: I would say number one is my desire to want to translate over from my academic coursework to applying what I've learned, not just from my coursework, but from other personal endeavors, into something as hyper-local as the student governing board. I feel that I would make a real change, and apply the skills that I've collected over the years in my interests of personal finances into making wider community change.

Motion to Vote: Jess, Marc

9-0 PASSES

In favor of Yanis

- d. Discussion/action to move NTE \$30 from ASCOM account 4500.06 (Graduation Supplies) to 5820.01 (Printing/Publicity) to cover the Spring 2026 printing costs. Presentation by Eloisa Costa.
Motion: Marc, Malisa
Eloisa: Last year we went \$30 over the allotted budget, so to make up for that, we just need \$30.
Motion to Vote: Jess, Malisa
10-0-0 PASSES

- e. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$127 from acct.#4500.04 (Event Supplies) to purchase snacks, drinks, and food for ASCOM Board July outing. Reimburse ASCOM/Sadika's P-card or members. Presentation by Eloisa Costa.
Motion: Marc, Malisa
Eloisa: This was for the students' beach outing. We bought snacks and food, but we never had it approved beforehand. So, any funding we do, we have to have it approved to get it reimbursed.
Motion to Vote: Jess, Malisa
10-0-0 PASSES

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken)

Motion to Skip: Jess, Marc

Officer Reports:

- i. PRESIDENT REPORT:
- ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:
- iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:
- iv. SECRETARY REPORT:
- v. TREASURER REPORT:
- vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY:
- vii. SENATORS (2) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES REPORT:
- viii. SENATORS (2) – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING REPORT:
- ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
- x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

- xi. ASCOM ADVISORS 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 – xii.
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION –

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 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

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V. Adjournment: Jess, Marc 9:34 a.m.



ASCOM President



ASCOM Advisor