



Minutes of the
Meeting of the Comets Affordable Learning Committee
March 8, 2021
1:00 - 2:00pm
Zoom Location: <https://palomar-edu.zoom.us/j/773647788>

APPROVED

PRESENT: William Carrasco, Michael Dudley, Adriana Guillen, Joseph Lucido, Duy Nguyen, Nicole Siminski, Anastasia Zavodny

ABSENT: Kelly Falcone, Ray Rey

GUESTS: Natalie Lopez

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Anastasia Zavodny, at 1:04pm in the Zoom video conference location.

Approval of Minutes: MSC: Dudley, Siminski. CALM Committee approval of the minutes of February 22, 2021. The motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Announcements: *none*

Agenda Changes: Selection of CALM Committee co-chair moved to last Information/Discussion item.

Video for Textbook adoption: Siminski updated that the textbook adoption procedure is not yet available for Fall (and she is not currently teaching Summer courses). Siminski will look to partnering with someone who has access to current textbook adoptions, and/or will create the video as soon as Fall becomes available.

Questions for Surveys (Faculty/Student): Carrasco shared the work he has done in organizing the Google Drive of all CALM files. The committee discussed the types of questions for future student surveys. It was expressed that establishing ongoing surveys would allow the committee to create and maintain a longitudinal database. Lucido stressed the importance of using similar or the same questions whenever possible to allow a robust set of data collection across time. The committee agreed a focus on student surveys and outcomes should be prioritized over faculty surveys.

Grant Funding Update: Zavodny shared her discussions with the Foundation and Guided pathways leadership (VPI Sivert) regarding the available funds for CALM grants. Dudley recommended, and the committee agreed, that given the length of time since the last call, a new call for Implementation Grants should go out to faculty for these remaining funds. Zavodny expressed that VPI Sivert and the Foundation expressed concerns that the entirety of the Italian language program was already converted to ZTC, based upon their website, and that therefore funding should not be granted to the Italian request. Guillen indicated there may be a miscommunication, and that Italian was still in need of a textbook for their second-year courses. Timing of this new call was discussed, with tentative dates of a call period from March 23rd - April 11th, decisions announced April 26th, with deliverables requested of the grant recipients by November 1st and implementation in the Spring 2022 semester.

Selection of CALM *Tabled.*
Committee Co-Chair:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm.
Respectably submitted,
Anastasia Zavodny