



ACADEMIC SENATE

The primary voice of the faculty in academic and professional matters at Santa Rosa Junior College.

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 19, 2018

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Senate Chambers
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PRESENT:

J. Arild, L. Aspinall, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, C. Castillo, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, S. Fichera, A. Insull, D. King, J. Kosten, S. Martin, L. Nahas, G. Navarro, C. Norton, N. Persons, F. Pugh, S. Rosen, L. Sparks, E. Sullivan, A. Thomas, E. Thompson, N. Wheeler, S. Whyly

ABSENT:

S. Avasthi, C. Hillman, S. Sanli Vasquez, M. Starkey

GUESTS:

C. Grady, K. Bunas, M. Vidaurri

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

OPEN FORUM:

None

MINUTES:

September 5, 2018.

Motion: J. Carlin-Goldberg made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved. L. Aspinall abstained.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

REPORTS:

1. President's Report –E. Thompson

- **Chancellor Oakley** is giving Boards a January deadline to align their Strategic Plan with the Vision for Success. AB-705, the new funding formula, AB-19, and Guided Pathways are all intended to implement the Vision for Success.
- **Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Visit** – Cheryl Aschenbach, a North Representative of the ASCCC Executive Committee, has agreed to come to the next Academic Senate meeting to discuss the ASCCC's relationship with the Chancellor's Office. Questions for Cheryl should be forwarded to E. Thompson prior to the next meeting. It was suggested that a larger room be reserved for the next meeting so that more faculty can participate.
- **The 3.6 Committee, Program Review, Evaluation, Revitalization, and Discontinuance** – This is an Academic Senate committee that works in collaboration with the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) to make program recommendations to the President. If a program has been flagged for review, faculty have the right to come to the committee to make a case for their program. The committee is made up of six faculty and two ex-officio administrators. This topic will be brought

back for further discussion at a future meeting.

- **New Funding Formula** – A simulation of the new funding formula was included in the handouts but not discussed further. It was requested that this topic be further explained at the next meeting.

2. Liaison to the Student Government Assembly (SGA) Report – S. Whyly is the Academic Senate liaison to the SGA. The two main issues currently being discussed by the SGA are cuts to Library hours and housing availability and affordability.

3. Sustainability Committee Report – C. Grady. The Sustainability Committee is seeking Academic Senate support for the creation of a sustainability flag for courses that include a sustainability component. Scheduling and IT have been consulted and R. Ethington has agreed to create the logo. The goal is to have the tag ready for the spring schedule. Once the tag has been created the committee will work on adding additional sections. This topic will be brought back for further discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

ACTION:

None

CONSENT:

None

FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 1. AB-705 Math** – J. Carlin-Goldberg, and K. Bunas, Math faculty, presented the changes the Math Department is making in regards to the new requirements under AB-705. The changes in Math, English, and ESL will affect other departments in the following ways: entering students will no longer be required to take remedial classes and may have different skill sets which all faculty will need to be aware of; and all departments will need to revisit their pre-requisites. The Math Department has created three new math courses, deleted three courses, and revised four courses, and College Skills has created one new course. A flowchart was presented showing the new math course sequence. Students will now be required to choose between two math pathways, SLAM, Statistics and Liberal Arts Math; or BSTEM, Business, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The sequence may change as the State recently announced that co-requisites can be required and they are encouraging schools to offer concurrent support classes. The Math Department has also created a self-placement tool in Canvas for students who do not fit the new placement model. The tool would allow students to preview course content and complete practice material to aid them in selecting the appropriate course. The tool can also be used for students who want a refresher for a particular course. Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: alerting the Library to course changes so they can purchase the most relevant textbooks; and considering lab instead of lecture for support classes so students do not have a double homework requirement. The new placement requirements will be implemented in summer or fall 2019.
- 2. Placing Courses in Disciplines** – E. Thompson changed the instructions document based on new information and data from the Curriculum Office. The main goals of the document are to align the disciplines listed in the Course Outline of Record (COR) with the disciplines listed in the Disciplines List, and to address the issue of listing multiple disciplines. The document is proposing the following solutions: 1. The Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) provides a list to the departments; 2. The CRC collaborates with the IT Department to update SIS; and 3. The departments review their CORs and meet with the Academic Senate President if necessary to troubleshoot problems. It was noted that this is an urgent issue as we are not currently in compliance with the law.

Motion: N. Persons made a motion to approve the document as amended. The motion was seconded and passed. T. Ehret opposed. S. Martin and N. Wheeler abstained.

- 3. Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Oakley** – E. Thompson amended the resolution per the feedback he received. He noted that he will be meeting with Vice Chancellor Laura Hope and that he hopes to obtain additional information from the Chancellor's Office which could be useful to include in the resolution. Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: inviting an All Faculty Association (AFA) representative to the meeting with Vice Chancellor Laura Hope; the urgency of passing this resolution before we have to make the decision to continue with Guided Pathways in January; asking the Vice Chancellor if they have any evidence of faculty support; and getting a clean copy of the revised document out to Senators in advance so they can solicit feedback from their constituents.

Motion: N. Wheeler made a motion to move this to an action item. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY:

- 1. Establish Sub-Committee to Revise Senate Representation Areas** – this topic will be brought back at a future meeting.

ELECTIONS OF EXEC OFFICERS – this topic will be brought back at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.