

**Student Liaison Report
SRJC Academic Senate
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SGA Meetings:

SGA has met 5 times since the beginning of August. Several issues of wide-spread concern to students have been identified already this year: on-going issues regarding student housing/the affordability of living circumstances in Sonoma County and cuts to available hours for the SRJC library. SGA was also very involved in the activities for Welcome Day and have plans to be involved in the upcoming Wellness Fair. Several new student appointments have been made in SGA including the VP of Student Life in Petaluma and the VP of Student Health Services. There have been many new student appointments to important committees on campus as well including the Guided Pathways Task force, Sustainability Committee, Student, Integrated Student Success Committee, Textbook and Instructions Materials Committee, and the Graduation Speaker Committee. There will be a list sent to the Senate after the next SGA meeting minutes are published with the names of all students appointed to committees on campus thus far. These students will be our colleagues and partners in these committee meetings so if you are appointed to one of these committees this should help you get to know the students you are serving with if you don't them already.

Cuts to Library Hours:

This issue was discussed at SGA meetings and student representatives along with the student body president, Eduardo Osorio Juárez, who all spoke on the issues facing students due to the cuts to library hours. These include losing safe, quiet spaces for studying, accessing library materials and the internet, or simply existing. AFA has offered their support, asking SGA to please make them aware of what they can do to support the students in their efforts to see the cuts to library hours rescinded/augmented. I would like to respectfully suggest that the Academic Senate could make a similar offer of support.

Housing Issues/Measure N:

The new Housing Advisory Committee has come up several times in discussions at SGA. It appears the issues surrounding affordable housing in Sonoma County are not resolving themselves (to the surprise of no one). Students are hugely impacted by this and it is affecting their decisions about whether to take classes and how many to take or even whether to remain in Sonoma County. Trustee Dorothy Battenfeld (SRJC Board of Trustees) attended the SGA meeting on 9/17/2018 and brought along proponents of Measure N, including Santa Rosa City Councilperson, Jack Tibbetts, to provide more information to the student government representatives about the measure, the opposition to it, and to invite them to events if they would like to be involved in helping to get it passed.