



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 10, 2018

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Senate Chambers
Bertolini 4638

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PRESENT:

J. Arild, L. Aspinall, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, S. Fichera, A. Insull, J. Kosten, L. Nahas, G. Navarro, C. Norton, F. Pugh, L. Sparks, E. Thompson, N. Wheeler, S. Whyly

ABSENT:

P. Bell, C. Castillo, D. King, S. Martin, N. Persons, S. Rosen, S. Sanli Vasquez, M. Starkey, E. Sullivan, A. Thomas

GUESTS:

M. Vidaurri, L. Kuwabara, K. Bunas

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:19 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

OPEN FORUM:

1. **Executive Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** - E. Thompson announced that the MOU that the All Faculty Association (AFA) negotiated on behalf of the Academic Senate to secure reassign time for the Executive Committee has been agreed to and just needs to be signed. The MOU will take effect spring 2019. An additional 80% reassign time will be added to the current 80% reassign time for the President and will be split among the members of the Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION

2. **AB-705** – M. Vidaurri brought three amended Board Policy documents for Senate approval and the new placement rules for Senate endorsement. The changes are to bring the school into conformity with AB-705.

Math – K. Bunas presented the proposed AB-705 compliant math placement model. It is possible that the model will undergo future changes based on additional guidance from the Chancellor's Office and additional co-requisite courses may be considered. Departments will need to reevaluate their math pre-requisites and determine which of the new courses are appropriate.

English – L. Kuwabara presented the proposed AB-705 compliant English placement model. They will keep an eye on the demand for the various classes and try to adjust sections where appropriate. The English department is developing a professional learning series with seminars to further discuss.

The following was noted: A, B, and C sections of English 50 will likely be added in the future; each department will need to assess the preparedness of the students in their classes and determine if and what type of concurrent support is necessary; English 100 will still be offered; the Curriculum Review Committee will notify departments of classes that need updated pre-requisites; student populations that are not addressed by the new placement rules should be directed to the self-placement tool until further guidance is provided; course pre-requisite changes can be submitted to the Curriculum Committee as soon as they are ready, departments do not need to wait until the policies have been approved; advisory courses can be listed as completion or qualified placement; and this is not an endorsement of the law but an endorsement of our plan to remain in compliance with the law.

Concerns and suggestions voiced by Senators included: the need for money from the state to provide support services for students and instructors; using Guided Pathways money to provide some support to faculty; adjuncts being disproportionately affected by these changes; making sure to check in with departments to ensure that their needs are being met; and repeatability of co-requisite courses.

Motion: N. Wheeler made a motion to endorse the new placement rules. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. J. Arild, L. Aspinall, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, S. Fichera, A. Insull, J. Kosten, L. Nahas, G. Navarro, C. Norton, L. Sparks, and N. Wheeler were present.

Motion: J. Carlin-Goldberg made a motion to approve Board Policies 8.1.11/P, 8.3.4/P, and 8.6/P as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. J. Arild, L. Aspinall, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, S. Fichera, A. Insull, J. Kosten, L. Nahas, G. Navarro, C. Norton, L. Sparks, and N. Wheeler were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.