



# ACADEMIC SENATE

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

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 7, 2018

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Petaluma Campus  
Mahoney 721

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Bertolini 4638

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### PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

S. Fichera, C. Norton, F. Pugh, S. Sanli Vasquez, M. Starkey

### GUESTS:

R. Fautley, L. Beach, R. Martinez

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

### OPEN FORUM:

#### 1. N. Persons

- **The Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (EEOAC)** has sent several emails regarding the college climate survey they are conducting. Faculty are encouraged to complete the survey and to offer extra credit to their students for completing it. The survey is through a third party, making it completely anonymous and confidential, and is focused on collecting information that the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) survey does not currently collect. There are customized versions of the survey for faculty, classified, students, and administrators.
- **Senate Exec Article II** – N. Persons stated her opposition to selecting someone to fill the Academic Senate President's vacated seat on the spur of the moment based on the following reasons: it may take time to find a volunteer and covering the 80% load would place undue burden on the faculty member's department; and a volunteer from outside the Executive Committee would not have the knowledge necessary to effectively navigate the position.

2. **S. Martin** voiced his concern that due to all of the upcoming reforms faculty professional development is in threat of being co-opted for institutional development leaving few opportunities for faculty to pursue discipline related professional development. He argued that the original intent of including professional development is so that faculty can remain current in their field.

### MINUTES:

October 17, 2018

The minutes were adopted without objection.

### ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

### REPORTS:

1. **President's Report** – E. Thompson sent out the full president's report prior to the meeting.

- **Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall Plenary** – E. Thompson attended the ASCCC Fall Plenary by himself this year. He plans to have more faculty attend the Spring Plenary. The president's report focused on the sessions he attended. He noted that the presentation materials from the various sessions can be found on the ASCCC website. The following themes were discussed: AB 705; disciplines, minimum qualifications, and equivalency, with a specific discussion regarding equivalence to the associates degree for the Career Education (CE) discipline; Guided Pathways; and the funding formula. The Chancellor and several of the Vice Chancellors were in attendance, and one of the Vice Chancellors offered to come to SRJC to discuss Guided Pathways. He shared a resolution brought by San Diego City College that was passed at plenary that listed areas where the Chancellor had failed to include faculty and the ASCCC in shared governance and resolved to hold the Chancellor accountable for increasing faculty inclusion. The full packet of resolutions will be sent out once it becomes available.

## 2. **Petaluma Faculty Forum (PFF) Report** – E. Sullivan

- **PFF Retreat** – The annual PFF retreat was held in September. The following items were discussed: changes to the Petaluma Campus administrative structure now that J. Saldaña-Talley is serving as the interim Vice President of Academic Affairs; and how to correct the idea that the Petaluma Campus is not run efficiently and should be closed in order to save money.
- **Regular Meetings** – The PFF has met a few times this year and discussed the following topics: the proposed Construction and Trades Center; campus safety; and supporting the preservation of the Petaluma Vice President position.
- **Bylaw changes** – The PFF added a chair-elect position to serve for one semester prior to taking office. As a result of this change the past-chair position was changed to one semester and elections are now to be held during the fall semester.

### **ACTION:**

1. **Academic Calendar** – R. Fautley requested that the Senate select which calendar they prefer from the two options presented as well as determine their preference for when to require add codes. It was noted that the All Faculty Association (AFA) will take the Academic Senate's preference into consideration when negotiating the calendar.

**Motion:** N. Wheeler made a motion to support calendar option A. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously by roll call vote. J. Kosten voted as proxy for C. Norton and G. Navarro voted as proxy for F. Pugh.

**Motion:** N. Persons made a motion to table voting on when to require add codes until the Class Size Task Force has a chance to make their recommendation and to maintain the status quo in the meantime. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by roll call vote. J. Kosten voted as proxy for C. Norton and G. Navarro voted as proxy for F. Pugh.

2. **Changes to Senate Bylaws Article II** – E. Thompson presented for approval proposed changes to the Senate Bylaws Article II that would clarify what would be done in the event of the President's absence if both Vice President and Secretary were adjuncts.

Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: non-tenured faculty serving on the Executive Committee lacking job security like adjuncts; a faculty member not serving on the Executive Committee may not be prepared to serve as President; potential harm to the faculty member's department in trying to accommodate the 80% load; allowing adjuncts to fill in for the President; including a caveat that at least one of the officers on the Executive Committee be full-time; the concern that appointing someone as President would violate the intent of the Constitution which states that the President be elected by the electorate; and the impracticality of voting on a replacement due to the nature of the position.

**Motion:** N. Wheeler made a motion that Executive Committee elections be held at the next meeting while the Senate continues to discuss the changes to the Bylaws Article II. The motion was seconded and passed by roll call vote. The following senators opposed the motion: J. Arild, L. Aspinall, D. King, G. Navarro, N. Persons, F. Pugh via his proxy G. Navarro, and A. Thomas. J. Kosten abstained as proxy for C. Norton.

It was noted that even though voting on elections was not specifically listed as an action item on the current agenda it is permissible because the item has been listed as a discussion item on multiple agendas.

### **3. Changes to Senate Bylaws Article V – N. Wheeler**

**Motion:** J. Carlin-Goldberg made a motion to approve the amendments to Article V of the Bylaws. The motion was seconded.

S. Martin proposed that the section regarding the open forum time limit be amended to allow the time to be extended by the President or by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

**Motion:** N. Persons made a motion to amend the previous motion to include the proposed amendments for extending the time limit for open forum. The motion was seconded and passed. G. Navarro voted as proxy for F. Pugh. P. Bell was absent for the vote and J. Kosten abstained as proxy for C. Norton.

It was noted that discussion items can now only be voted on when marked as urgent. Discussion items not marked as urgent have to be moved to the action agenda before they can be voted on at the next meeting.

#### **CONSENT:**

None

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. The Online Education Initiative (OEI) and Course Exchange –** L. Beach requested feedback from the faculty on whether or not they wish to join the Course Exchange now that it has been determined that our current Student Information System (SIS) does not preclude us from joining. It was noted that the Fully Online Community College (FOCC) is not related to the Course Exchange. The Course Exchange allows current California Community College (CCC) students to enroll in online classes at any CCC without having to apply to multiple CCC's.

Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: the "Finish Faster Online" campaign not adequately preparing students for the time commitment required for online classes; a request to know more about the review process for Course Exchange classes; and the Course Exchange changing faculty purview. It was noted that the teaching college will be responsible for providing student accommodations and the home college will get credit for completion. This topic will be brought back for further discussion.

#### **INFORMATION:**

- 1. Board Policy/Procedure 0.6, Student Trustee –** R. Martinez sought feedback from the Senate regarding the proposed changes to Policy 0.6. The majority of changes are to update names, to bring the policy into alignment with the law, and to make the policy more inclusive. The Senate was generally in agreement with the changes and had no significant additional changes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.