



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 3, 2019

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Petaluma Campus
Mahoney 721

ZOOM LOCATION: Santa Rosa Campus
Senate Chambers
Bertolini 4638

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PRESENT:

L. Aspinall, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, B. Flyswithhawks, M. Hughes Markovics, A. Insull (Santa Rosa Campus), J. Kosten (Santa Rosa Campus), S. Martin, L. Nahas, G. Navarro (Santa Rosa Campus), M. Ohkubo (Santa Rosa Campus), N. Persons, S. Rosen, A. Spall (Santa Rosa Campus), L. Sparks, M. Starkey, K. Swinstrom, A. Thomas (Santa Rosa Campus), E. Thompson, J. Thompson, N. Wheeler, S. Whyly

ABSENT:

J. Arild, C. Norton, S. Fichera

GUESTS:

E. Sullivan, F. Pereira, M. Hale, A. Forrester, T. Frongia, R. Alvarado, K. Johns

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

OPEN FORUM:

1. **E. Thompson announced on behalf of A. Zoger** that, in lieu of attending the NISOD conference, she will be using the funding from her NISOD award to bring a workshop to campus. The workshop is focused on storytelling and personal stories about science. It will be held on May 30 and the deadline to sign up is April 25. It was noted that the reason that A. Zoger will not be attending the NISOD conference is due to the current state ban on using state funds to travel to states that have anti-LGBTQ laws, which was supported by a Senate resolution.
2. **E. Thompson** announced that there will be a World Languages Fair on April 18 in the Emeritus quad sponsored by A. Osorio.
3. **S. Martin** expressed his concern regarding SRJC's participation in the Ed Insights Guided Pathways research project. He asserts that EdInsights and many members of its staff have a fundamental conflict of interest and a lack of independence from the Chancellor's office and external ideological and funding sources of his Vision plan. Second, the research question proposed by EdInsights is loaded in that it rhetorically presupposes the merit of the Guided Pathways initiative. It is primarily a PR project that lacks any scholarly credibility and we should not participate in it.
4. **S. Martin** expressed his appreciation that the faculty and administration were able to work together to reach a common understanding regarding the Reading Institute's use of SRJC letterhead to promote their for profit activities. They will no longer be allowed to use the SRJC logo and the District will reconsider working with them in the future.

MINUTES:

February 20, 2019 – 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.

- **Ed Insights** – The Guided Pathways Steering Committee had a robust discussion regarding participation in the Ed Insights Guided Pathways research project, including an interview with one of the members of the research team. The Steering Committee ultimately agreed to participate and concluded that our participation would be an opportunity to voice our concerns to the Chancellor's Office.
- **Curriculum** – A draft revision of the writer's guide will come to the Senate for approval. The Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) met with members of the District Online Committee (DOC) to discuss the Distance Education (DE) addendum to the Course Outline of Record (COR). They came to the consensus that they wanted to keep it simple and not too restrictive. He noted that if the Senate considered the changes to be uncontroversial they could go forward without further debate and approval. N. Wheeler requested further debate.
- **Student Housing** – The developer has been selected but the details are not yet officially public. Student housing will be open the summer of 2022. The exact number of beds is still up for discussion.
- **Paraphrasing Tool** – E. Thompson invited S. Whyly to speak about a new tool that students are using to get around Turn It In. The tool utilizes a bot to paraphrase text that students copy and paste into a box. There are multiple versions, including paid subscriptions, which have varying degrees sophistication. Some companies are targeting students legitimizing their product as not being plagiarism because it is able to get around Turn It In. Turn It In is aware of these paraphrasing tools but currently has no way to monitor for this.
- **Guided Pathways Workshop** – There are 20 people attending the Guided Pathways Workshop in Sacramento on Monday, April 8. They will report back.
- **Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Area B Meeting** – E. Thompson and J. Carlin-Goldberg attended the Area B meeting on March 22 in Monterey.
 - (1) **The California Online Community College (COCC)** – The COCC was originally targeted to veterans, but because there is no plan for it to become accredited, VA benefits do not cover what it offers. This is requiring the Chancellor's Office (CO) to do some reshuffling.
 - (2) **Legislation** – two bills were discussed, one that allows homeless students to spend the night in California Community College (CCC) parking lots, and one that would require auto awarding of degrees without student consent.
- **ASCCC Plenary** – E. Thompson, J. Kosten, P. Bell, and J. Thompson will be attending April 11-13. He encouraged the senators to look at the resolutions packet and let him know how they would like him to vote.

2. **Petaluma Faculty Forum (PFF) Report** – E. Sullivan gave an update on the PFF. They have had two meetings and a retreat this semester. Topics of discussion have included: district-wide representation and participation of Petaluma faculty, and encouraging the use of Zoom; the Petaluma Campus administrative structure; Petaluma participation in the HSI grant application; and how Measure H funds will be spent on the Petaluma Campus. The PFF has endorsed two upcoming events, the We the Future Social Justice Conference, which will be held on the Petaluma Campus April 12 from 9:00-3:00 p.m.; and the Petaluma Student Research Conference, which will be held on the Petaluma Campus May 3 from 10:00-12:00 p.m. In response to the sexual assault that took place on the Petaluma Campus prior to spring break, the PFF has also discussed how they would like to respond to the event as faculty and how to move forward potentially with programming surrounding sexual assault. It was also noted that nominations are open for two PFF

steering committee seats, and that L. Simas will be taking over as PFF chair in the fall.

CONSENT:

None

ACTION:

1. **Board Policy 3.10/P, Grades** – F. Pereira brought Board Policy 3.10/P, Grades back to the Senate for approval after including the suggested changes from the previous Senate meeting. It was noted that Admissions and Records has some leeway in granting an Excused Withdrawal (EW) and will make their decisions on a case-by-case basis based on the documentation provided by the student. Students will be able to apply for an EW retroactively to spring 2018.

Motion: B. Flyswithhawks made a motion to approve Board Policy 3.10/P, Grades with the suggested changes. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

2. **Disciplines List Amendment for Humanities** – S. Whyllly brought this back to the Senate for approval. E. Thompson noted that he brought this to the Area B meeting and that there are several colleges interested in seconding the amendment. Once the amendment is seconded by two colleges, it can be forwarded to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) who will hold two public hearings before forwarding it to the Board of Governors. It was noted that once approved by the Senate there is the potential for further changes to the amendment as it moves through the process.

Motion: B. Flyswithhawks made a motion to approve the Disciplines List Amendment for Humanities. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

3. **Constitution/Bylaws Amendments** – The Bylaws Subcommittee brought this back to the Senate for approval of which option or options to present to the electorate. The options include: option 1, any member of the electorate, adjunct or contract, may serve in any office on the Executive Committee and allows for an additional member of the Executive Committee if either adjunct or contract faculty are not represented; option 2, requires that the president and vice president both be tenured faculty but allows for a permanent adjunct position on the Executive Committee; and option 3, is to continue with the status quo. It was noted that, as currently written, if a retired tenured faculty were to return as an adjunct they would not be eligible to serve as president or vice president.

Motion: B. Flyswithhawks made the following motion: Does this body wish to amend the constitution to change who is eligible to run for president and put that to the body for a vote. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

Motion: N. Persons made a motion to send all three options to the electorate for a vote. The motion was seconded and tabled.

DISCUSSION:

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (EEOAC) re: Diversity Statement** – N. Persons and the EEOAC brought this topic to the Senate for direction on how to improve upon the diversity statements submitted by faculty applicants. It was noted that they have received feedback from hiring committees and applicants that the current diversity statement prompt is not useful and does not elicit the information hiring committees are looking for.

Suggestions and concerns voiced by the Senate included: looking at examples from other colleges, if the prompt is too direct it may not capture the applicants true understanding of diversity, and the small size of the box in NeoGov contributing to the problem.

2. **Guided Pathways (GP)** – The Guided Pathways Workgroup Steering Committee came to the Senate for feedback regarding the structure of the workgroup going forward if the Senate decides

to continue with GP. Guest K. Johns, California Community Colleges GP San Francisco/Bay Area Regional Coordinator, was also present to answer general questions regarding GP. She noted that the scale of adoption document due in April is only a draft and does not require a signature and recommended that the workgroup focus on one to three items at a time so as not to be overwhelmed.

Suggestions and concerns voiced by the Senate included: the Senate agreed to a year of inquiry, but the GP Workgroup seems to be proposing more design and implementation; discussing this topic more in depth at the Senate retreat or at a special meeting; clarifying that the Senate is over the workgroup and not vice versa; and having a structured and guided conversation.

INFORMATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.