



# ACADEMIC SENATE

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

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2019

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Santa Rosa Campus  
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### PRESENT:

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

### ABSENT:

S. Fichera, G. Navarro, C. Norton

### GUESTS:

L. Collier, C. Valencia, A. Forrester, M. Long, K. Frindell Teuscher, J. Stover, P. Usina, L. Rand

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

### OPEN FORUM:

1. **B. Flyswithhawks** urged the Senate to send out constitution draft option A first for the electorate to consider and vote on and, if that fails, to then send option B. She also noted her appreciation for being appointed to serve as the Area 6 representative and encouraged the Senators to continue doing their due diligence on all of the Senate subject matter.
2. **J. Thompson** noted her concern regarding the rumor that funding has been withdrawn from the debate team, and if true, she would like to know what exactly the decision was and how it was made. She also noted a more general concern regarding programs on campus that have educational merit, like the Planetarium, that may not seem to be part of Senate purview but that the Senate and faculty may have an interest in supporting and being involved in the decision-making around. She suggested that there be some kind of process in place so that programs that serve educational purposes be recognized as being of concern to the Senate.

### MINUTES:

The April 17, 2019 and April 19, 2019 minutes were adopted without objection.

### ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

### REPORTS:

#### 1. President's Report – E. Thompson

- **Debate Team** – E. Thompson acknowledged the concern regarding the debate team and noted that he talked to several people about it. He said that the intention is for the program to continue but in a different form. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting. L. Sparks clarified that classes are held in the planetarium, so decisions regarding planetarium funding do touch classes directly.

- **The Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Form** was submitted and sent out to everyone to read. It was noted that this is a draft and the official document is due on September 30, which will allow the Senate to have a larger conversation regarding diversity and equity and to make adjustments to the final version.
- **Solution Forum** – E. Thompson attended the Solution Forum, which was a follow-up to the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (EEOAC) diversity survey. He noted that there will be more events like it and encouraged faculty to attend.
- **The Faculty Recognition Ceremony** will be held Thursday, May 2. He encourage faculty to attend.
- **Guided Pathways** – E. Thompson noted that the Academic Senate Executive Committee (Exec Committee) and the All Faculty Association (AFA) met to discuss the process for the MOU and he hopes today’s Guided Pathways discussion will lead to Senate endorsement of a plan to give to AFA in order to have the MOU in place for summer.

**CONSENT:**

None

**ACTION:**

1. **Constitution/Bylaws** – E. Thompson noted that the Exec Committee worked on a plan for presenting the constitutional changes to the electorate based on the retreat discussion. The general consensus at the retreat was to present both options to the electorate with option 1 being anyone can be president; and option 2 being the president, vice president, and president-elect must be tenured, with the creation of an additional adjunct seat on the Exec Committee. No consensus was reached at the retreat on whether the options should be presented together or sequentially.

Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: including on the ballot the option to vote “no” to maintain the status quo, the potential for nothing to get 2/3s of the vote if the options are presented together, making it clear what the electorate is and is not voting on, sending the options separately may be confusing, presenting all of the information to the electorate, giving the electorate an up or down vote, and the importance of noting that both options include an adjunct seat on the Exec Committee.

**Motion:** S. Martin made a motion to extend the discussion for five minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Motion:** L. Sparks made a motion to send both options sequentially with the stipulation that we are going to explain if you vote on the first option presented there will be a second vote on the other option if the first option does not pass. The motion was seconded and failed via roll call vote with 6 in favor and 19 against. The roll call vote was as follows: yes’, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, T. Ehret, L. Sparks, K. Swinstrom, N. Wheeler; no’s, J. Arild, L. Aspinall, A. Donegan, B. Flyswithhawks, M. Hughes Markovics, A. Insull, J. Kosten, S. Martin, L. Nahas, G. Navarro (via proxy A. Spall), C. Norton (via proxy J. Kosten), M. Ohkubo, N. Persons, S. Rosen, A. Spall, M. Starkey, A. Thomas, J. Thompson, S. Whylly.

**Motion:** M. Hughes Markovics made a motion to send all three options to the electorate now. The motion was seconded and failed via roll call vote with 12 in favor and 13 against. The roll call was as follows: yes’, J. Arild, L. Aspinall, M. Hughes Markovics, S. Martin, L. Nahas, G. Navarro (via proxy A. Spall), M. Ohkubo, S. Rosen, A. Spall, M. Starkey, K. Swinstrom, A. Thomas; no’s, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, B. Flyswithhawks, A. Insull, J. Kosten, C. Norton (via proxy J. Kosten), N. Persons, L. Sparks, J. Thompson, S. Whylly, E. Thompson (tie-breaker).

2. **Equity Plan** – C. Valencia and L. Collier brought the draft Equity Plan back for Senate approval. C. Valencia noted that they incorporated the suggestions from the previous meeting. L. Collier noted

that there are known issues with the Chancellor's Office (CO) data and that the CO will try to address those issues for next year.

Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: planning on the basis of data evidence that is not reliable, including a statement that our mission is corrupted and undermined by the imposition of categorical funding requirements and we can do a better job of framing the program for our institution, the repercussions of not meeting the goals we set, and the historical need for categorical programs.

**Motion:** J. Carlin-Goldberg made a motion to approve the Equity Plan. The motion was seconded and passed via roll call vote with 22 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. The roll call vote was as follows: yes', J. Arild, L. Aspinall, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, T. Ehret, B. Flyswithhawks, M. Hughes Markovics, A. Insull, J. Kosten, L. Nahas, G. Navarro (via proxy A. Spall), C. Norton (via proxy J. Kosten), M. Ohkubo, N. Persons, S. Rosen, A. Spall, L. Sparks, M. Starkey, K. Swinstrom, A. Thomas, J. Thompson, S. Whyllly; no's, S. Martin; abstention, A. Donegan.

- 3. Guided Pathways (GP)** – This item was discussed out of order but is recorded in the minutes in agenda order. The Exec Committee put together a short list of tasks to pursue with GP funding and a list of guiding principles for populating the GP workgroup during year two. They are hoping to get the Senate's endorsement so that the Exec Committee can fill in the details and forward them to AFA for negotiation. A. Donegan noted that they decided to hold off on the website redesign due to the upcoming roll out of the new version, and the calendar due to it being a negotiated item. It was clarified that the original compressed calendar task force was created by AFA and the District during negotiations and populated by the Academic Senate.

Concerns and suggested voiced by the Senate included: being clear about who is being asked to do what job, moving the Peer Assisted Learning Specialist (PALS) program from the Integrated Student Success Committee (ISSC) to Academic Affairs, making sure that department chairs are included in the process, constituent groups working together and trusting each other, emphasizing that the majority of funding will go to faculty, removing the implication that GP funds would go to ISSC, and clarifying how ISSC has historically funded proposals.

**Motion:** B. Flyswithhawks made a motion to support the GP tasks and guiding principles noting that the details would be worked out prior to going to AFA. The motion was seconded and passed. N. Persons opposed.

## **DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Accessibility Policy** - This item was discussed out of order but is recorded in the minutes in agenda order. L. Rand and P. Usina brought the new Board Policy and Procedure 2.17 and 2.17P on accessibility to the Senate for endorsement. This policy will bring SRJC into compliance with the law.

**Motion:** B. Flyswithhawks made a motion to move this to the action agenda. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

**Motion:** N. Persons made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this item today. The motion was seconded and carried via roll call vote. The roll call vote was as follows: yes', J. Arild, L. Aspinall, P. Bell, J. Carlin-Goldberg, A. Donegan, T. Ehret, S. Fichera, B. Flyswithhawks, A. Insull, J. Kosten, S. Martin, L. Nahas, G. Navarro (via proxy A. Spall), C. Norton (via proxy J. Kosten), M. Ohkubo, N. Persons, S. Rosen, A. Spall, L. Sparks, M. Starkey, K. Swinstrom, A. Thomas, J. Thompson, S. Whyllly; abstentions, M. Hughes Markovics.

**Motion:** N. Persons made a motion to approve Board Policy 2.17 and 2.17P. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

It was noted that this policy currently applies to online and hybrid classes.

**INFORMATION:**

1. **California Virtual Campus (CVC) – Online Education Initiative (OEI)** – E. Thompson noted that the topic of joining the CVC-OEI Exchange will be debated in the fall. The program is still in the pilot phase, but already one SRJC department has passed a resolution in favor of joining.

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:09**