



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 5, 2016

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Senate Chambers

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PRESENT: L. Aspinall, S. Avasthi, P. Bell, S. Diaz, J. Carlin-Goldberg, T. Ehret, R. Fautley, A. Forrester, A. Graziani, T. Jacobson, T. Johnson, D. Kirklin, M. Ludder, N. Nasseem, G. Navarro, C. Norton, D. Padilla, F. Pugh, R. Romagnoli, M. Starkey, E. Thompson, P. Usina, N. Wheeler

ABSENT: A. Bogomolny, A. Hsieh, C. McClure, L. Nahas, S. Rosen

GUESTS: D. Liebman, V. Smith, R. Ethington, D. Kuula, S. Martin

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

OPEN FORUM:

1. S. Martin raised concerns about the Class-Size Taskforce documents that are to be presented at this meeting and made the following proposals: that the Senate consider amending the document to only include citations from the contract that are relevant to the charge of the taskforce, listing only 32.03.B.4 and removing from the "Evidence" portion the reference to comparisons with class sizes of like courses at other districts; and adding a step in the process where the results are subject to review by AFA and the District for any impact on faculty workload, working conditions, and financial constraints.

MINUTES: September 21, 2016.

Motion: T. Johnson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. A. Forrester abstained.

REPORTS:

1. President's Report – E. Thompson

- **AFA/Senate Relations** – The first meeting will be held tonight at K. Frindell Teuscher's house. The main agenda item for this meeting is professional development. If there are other topics that you would like discussed they can be emailed to E. Thompson.
- **Sonoma Promise** – The Sonoma Promise Taskforce has met for a second time and more detail regarding that meeting will be presented at the next Senate meeting in Petaluma. The taskforce is currently in the process of deciding on a name, which groups to serve, and how it will be funded. They are discussing a one semester pilot program that would provide free tuition to a targeted group of students who meet specific requirements with the objective of appealing to students who may not consider higher education as an option.
- **Statewide Senate Update** – SRJC representatives at the state level include, Trustee Edgar, who is on the State Board of Trustees; R. Fautley, who is on the State Equity and Diversity Committee; and E. Thompson, who is on the State Resolutions Committee. As a member of the Resolutions Committee he will be participating in the creation of the resolutions packet that will be voted on at Plenary. Before Plenary, the area meetings are held to vet, distribute, and discuss the various resolutions. SRJC is part of Area B. The Area B meeting will be held on Friday, October 14 at Solano College. E. Thompson, G. Sellu, J. Carlin-Goldberg, and T. Jacobson will be attending from SRJC. Potential resolutions can be emailed to E. Thompson. The Disciplines List revision is coming to the end of the current two-year cycle. New proposals can no longer be submitted but current proposals are still open for input which can be provided at the hearing at Plenary. Contact E. Thompson if you see something of interest.



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- **DCC Online Discussion** – During a conversation with the department chairs it was made clear that more dialogue needs to take place between the various constituent groups. Different disciplines have different issues. This conversation will come to the Senate as an agenda item in the near future.
- **Senate Goals** – The goals can now be found on the Academic Senate website. There are two versions, one with the voting scores included and one without.

2. Sustainability Progress – D. Liebman is the Energy and Sustainability Coordinator for the District. The drivers of sustainability include: AB 32, requires California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; SB 350, requires 50% of California's energy to come from renewable energy and a 50% increase in the energy efficiency of buildings by 2030; SB 32, sets an enforceable greenhouse gas reduction target of 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and Executive Order B-18-12, which set targets of zero net energy consumption for 50% of the square footage of existing state-owned buildings by 2025 and zero net energy consumption from all new or renovated state buildings beginning design after 2025, reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 10% by 2015 and 20% by 2020 as measured against a 2010 baseline, reduced overall water use by 10% by 2015 and 20% by 2020 as measured against a 2010 baseline, and reduced grid-based energy purchases and other non-building, grid-based retail energy purchases by 20% by 2018 as measured against a 2003 baseline. SRJC's data and baselines include: energy, overall decrease due to the shutdown of the cogeneration plant but an increase of 2M kWh of electricity; water, irrigation continues to be the largest use of water across the district but 3M gallons were saved in 2015-16 by reducing irrigation times with further reductions anticipated when Petaluma starts using recycled water; carbon footprint, 8,342 metric tonnes of CO₂e or 11.2 lbs. of CO₂e/sq. ft. or 2.0 lbs. of CO₂e per dollar. Sustainability goals included in the Facilities Master Plan include: District zero net energy by 2030, carbon neutral building operations by 2030, and zero net non-potable water by 2030. The seven priorities from the Sustainability Subcommittee include: building design and construction, energy and climate, building operations and management, transportation, waste reduction and diversion, landscapes and water, and sourcing. Facilities Master Plan projects include: modular campus central plant, geothermal heat exchange, photo-voltaic solar arrays, cogeneration and fuel cell (micro turbine), and energy and water sub-metering. The Sustainability Action Plan document will be finalized at the next IEPC meeting and will be sent to the various constituent groups for review and endorsement with the Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy (EPP) to follow.

3. Great ShakeOut – D. Kuula returned to the Senate to follow up on his report from the previous meeting. This year for the Great ShakeOut on October, 20 SRJC Santa Rosa would like to attempt a complete evacuation. The timing would be as follows: 10:00-10:10, faculty would talk to their class about the Great ShakeOut; 10:10-10:12, faculty would "drop, cover, and hold" with their class; and at 10:12 the classrooms would be evacuated with the faculty member being the last person out. More detailed materials will be shared before the drill takes place as well as more advertising. After the event a survey will be sent out to get feedback. The goal of the drill is to streamline the response and action plan and to be completely self-sufficient during times of emergency, including having stockpiled resources.

ACTION:

1. Academic Calendar – R. Fautley and V. Smith presented the Draft Academic Calendar for 2018-2019. No changes have been made from the previous draft with the exception of fixing a typo.



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Motion: N. Wheeler moved to approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- 2. Class Size Task Force Rubric** – E. Thompson presented the amended rubric. The purpose of the rubric is to serve as a starting off point for conversations between the various departments and the taskforce. Without Senate approval of the rubric the taskforce cannot move forward with the department conversations. Amendments to the rubric included: a prelude to clarify that the numbers listed on the rubric were not chosen by the committee but rather examples of current practice; the word count for English 1A was corrected; DRD courses were corrected and moved to another box; and a line was added for online courses along with additional notes and guaranteed technical support. The committee, in consideration of input from AFA, has discussed including an appeals process. Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate included: who is considered to be the department; the rubric is overly detailed and could be simplified; concerns with transparency in decision making; and removing the representative courses column completely.

Motion: N. Wheeler moved to table the rubric. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

- 1. Sustainability Across the Curricula** – R. Ethington and A. Forrester came to the Senate to get input on how to establish a culture of sustainability at SRJC. They posed two specific questions. Question number one: “Should the college adopt an eco-literacy requirement in order to meet Strategic Goal E?” The two components of eco-literacy include: the ability to understand how natural systems sustain life and the way that human activities threaten and undermine the system; and the ability to follow and evaluate discourse regarding how humanity can and should confront ecological limits. While there is currently an eco-literacy requirement inherent for some majors for others students can choose to opt out of the requirement. Another perceived issue is that the current offerings are not well coordinated or visible. Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate regarding question one included: the lack of local control over transfer majors; reluctance to add classes that would then increase degree completion time; utilizing guided pathways as a way to incorporate eco-literacy; and evaluating current degree requirements for relevance at the statewide level. Question number two: “Should there be a committee dedicated to Goal E?” There are already committees that touch on some aspects of sustainability and this new committee would look to reorganize and potentially restructure these existing committees. Concerns and suggestions voiced by the Senate regarding question two included: being sure to include universal design in addition to sustainability. This topic will be brought back to the Senate with an action plan for restructuring the current committees that address sustainability and detailing how the Senate would like to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.