



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 1, 2023

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Santa Rosa, 4638 Bertolini
Senate Chambers
Petaluma, 628 Call Bldg.

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PRESENT M. Anderman, L. Aspinall, A. Atilgan Relyea, S. Avasthi, V. Bertsch, S. Brumbaugh, J. Carlin-Goldberg, S. Cavales Doolan, A. Donegan, W. Downey, J. Fassler, G. Garcia, T. Jacobson, T. Johnson, L. Larsen, D. Lemmer, G. Morre, M. Ohkubo, P. Ozbirinci, N. Persons, E. Schmidt, H. Skoonberg, J. Stover

ABSENT J. Bush (proxy M. Ohkubo), S. Rosen (absent – no proxy), A. Oliver (A. Atilgan), B. Barajas (absent – no proxy)

GUESTS L. Beach, R. Holcomb

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by President N. Persons. The Land Acknowledgement Statement was read by P. Ozbirinci.

OPEN FORUM

1. E. Wilde expressed hope that the Academic Senate (AS) will take action to modify the student conduct policy to incorporate prohibitions of large learning models and artificial intelligence applications; feels student submissions submitting work on behalf of a student by another human or machine generated is an act of plagiarism and represents significant challenge to instructors; spoke in support of the AS endorsing SRJC joining the CVC as a Home College and encouraged the AS in moving forward with joining the CVC as a teaching and consortium College as well; encouraged the AS to allow remote participation in open forum, stated that two state laws were passed related to the Brown Act in relation to remote participation and encouraged the AS to revisit the issue.
2. J. Fassler expressed concern over the Academic Senate (AS) rushing the discussion in joining the CVC as a Home College at the 1/18/2023 meeting and encouraged the AS to reopen the topic and continue discussion.
3. W. Downey thanked President Persons for hosting the Academic Senate Spring Retreat and hoped that there will be more opportunity to work together and become more familiar with each other as senators and to be more responsive to students and other Senate matters.

MINUTES – None.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONSENT – None.

REPORTS

1. President's Report — N. Persons reported that the ASCCC AREA B meeting that SRJC was scheduled to host was moved to 3/24/2023, which is during our Spring Break and means we can no longer host; noted we were not informed of the move ahead of time and that AS will offer to host in Fall 2023; announced that the Collegiality in Action workshop (CIA) is happening Friday, 2/10, from 1-3 pm, and all senators, AFA executive council members, and the Board of Trustees have been invited; noted the AS still needs one faculty member to join the Planning and Budget Council (PBC); requested feedback on the value of the President's reports from the Senate body; reminded the body that any faculty member is welcome to join the Executive Committee weekly meetings; and

AB2449 has put temporary measures in place regarding the Brown Act, which allows senators to participate remotely with just cause for a small percentage of scheduled meetings and noted otherwise you must be present at one of the two AS approved locations to participate.

[Read the full President's Report here.](#)

2. Guided Pathways Update – J. Stover reported that there have been several meetings and conversation with different workgroups advancing current projects; the first 3-hour GP workgroup meeting, which has been designated by the Senate, to come up with an integrated structure recommendation to the District, generated a lot of great discussion and interesting ideas; and is amazed by the incredible knowledge, expertise, and dedication of all involved.

ACTION

1. CVC Membership – *Shall the Academic Senate recommend that SRJC join the CVC as a Teaching and Consortium College?*

N. Persons opened the topic reminding the Senate that at the last meeting it was voted and approved for SRJC to join membership with CVC as a Home College; today's topic will be to consider joining CVC as a Teaching and Consortium College; and asked the Body to have a motion on the floor before debate begins.

A point of order was called to ask if the Senate is still functioning with a pro/con approach; it was clarified that is correct.

Con statements included but are not limited to: rushing into CVC membership, feels SRJC may be competing with other colleges if departments choose not to add online classes and may hurt enrollment, some disciplines work better in an 'in-person' setting, and feels self-defeating if we help SRJC students enroll at other colleges.

A point of order was called that if the Body is going to open the debate for larger discussion, a 2/3 vote is needed to rescind the AS's previous motion to join CVC as a Home College.

J. Fassler made a motion to rescind the vote at the 1/18/2023 meeting that endorsed SRJC joining CVC as a Home College, which was seconded.

Pro comments to the motion included: there are more topics to consider as a Body regarding CVC before approving and felt the chance to decrease in-person offerings at SRJC may negatively impact equity for those that need to/should be in-person.

Con statements to the motion included: there has been a lot of progress in the name of equity by joining the CVC and it would be a strong step backwards if the motion were rescinded; countered that students are already enrolling at multiple colleges in order to take online courses; mentioned SRJC students still have priority locally and before non-SJRC students; CVC would allow students to complete their degrees in a timely manner; and adoption would benefit the college and students.

A point of order was called to clarify that a "pro" statement is in favor of rescinding the vote, and a "con" statement is in favor of keeping the original vote, which was clarified as correct.

A call for the question was made, and a roll call vote was taken. The motion to rescind the 1/18/23 vote to join CVC as a home college failed with 17 no votes and 7 yes votes as follows:

M. Anderman – no
L. Aspinall – no
A. Atilgan Relyea – no
S. Avasthi – no
V. Bertsch – no
S. Brumbaugh – yes
J. Bush (proxy Ohkubo)-no
J. Carlin-Goldberg – yes

S. Cavales Doolan – no
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – yes
J. Fassler – yes
G. Garcia – no
T. Jacobson – no
T. Johnson – no
L. Larsen – no

D. Lemmer – no
G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – no
A. Oliver – no
P. Ozbirinci – no
E. Schmidt – yes
H. Skoonberg – no
J. Stover – no

Senator M. Anderman moved to extend time by 10 minutes, which as seconded with no objections.

A point of clarification was made that we are voting to join CVC as a teaching and consortium college separately, but should they be voted on together; it was clarified by L. Beach that when you become a teaching college you are also stating that you will become a consortium college; President N. Persons corrected that they should be discussed and voted on together as one item.

A point was clarification was made that data sharing is only brought up in the Consortium agreement which brings concern in regards to the privacy of the students; it was clarified by Dr. M. Aminy (via zoom) that only data shared is what is necessary for the cross enrollment process and financial aid so that the student does not have to fill out a secondary application, reiterated that there is no social security information and no other personal identifying information beyond what is needed for cross enrollment to occur.

Senator L. Larsen moved to join CVC as a Teaching and Consortium college, which was seconded.

Senator pro comments included: CVC data shows that most students continue to take most of their courses at their Home College and are only taking 1 or 2 online courses in the exchange to fit their schedule better; and will open access for all students in both directions.

Senator con comments included: feels like we will build institutional inertia and start competition with other colleges; the agreement states that the FHDA can adjust at will and if SRJC does not like it and terminate, we will be in a worse situation in regards to enrollment; CVC does not have the shared governance to regulate policy/procedure like SRJC.

A motion to extend the time by 10 minutes was seconded but also opposed. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion ended in a tie with 12 yes votes and 12 no votes as follows:

M. Anderman – yes	S. Cavales Doolan – no	D. Lemmer – yes
L. Aspinall – no	A. Donegan – yes	G. Morre – yes
A. Atilgan Relyea – no	W. Downey – yes	M. Ohkubo – no
S. Avasthi – no	J. Fassler – yes	A. Oliver (proxy Atilgan) – no
V. Bertsch – yes	G. Garcia – yes	P. Ozbirinci – no
J. Bush (proxy M. Ohkubo) – no	T. Jacobson – no	E. Schmidt – yes
S. Brumbaugh – yes	T. Johnson – no	H. Skoonberg – yes
J. Carlin-Goldberg – no	L. Larsen – yes	J. Stover – no

Given a tie, the vote went to the President, who chose not to vote, which ended discussion on the topic. The topic will be brought back at the next meeting, beginning with the motion on the floor.

A point of order was called whether the Body needed to vote on the motion on the floor, and it was clarified that a vote would happen at the next meeting.

A point of clarification was called to ask if the motion on the floor will be carried over to the next meeting; and it was clarified that the motion now belongs to the Body since it was seconded and will be carried over to the next meeting for discussion.

DISCUSSION

Vice President M. Ohkubo opened the discussion to review the 4.3.2P Faculty Hiring Procedure Workgroup Revision Document, stating that the grey highlight indicates what has already been voted on as a Body, underlined means the workgroup suggest change, and italicized are just notes for context and are not a part of the document; the Workgroup was only charged to suggest changes to areas three, five, six, and seven – however the workgroup did make comments on sections one, two, and four; noted it would require 2/3 vote to open the other sections; suggested to open only section two as comments in section seven directly relates to two.

A question was asked whether we are making changes or making recommendations to the District; it was clarified that the Senate body is only making recommendations, and that it is part of Ed Code that faculty should weigh in on the faculty hiring procedures.

A point of order clarified that everything in the grey boxes in the document has already been voted on and would require a 2/3 vote to change/edit; it was clarified that is correct.

V. Bertsch moved to advance all 7 sections of the hiring procedure to an action item at the next agenda; it was clarified by the president, that there would need to be two separate motions: one to move the 4 sections, as originally charged by the Senate, to action item to vote, then a second motion to reopen any of the other sections by a 2/3 vote, which would rescind previous votes on those specific sections.

A point of clarification was asked regarding the outcome if the Senate voted to move from discussion to action today versus at the next meeting; it was clarified that if the items were moved from discussion to action today, it would appear as an action item at the next meeting, and if no action was taken, it would return as a discussion item; and in either case, discussion would continue.

Senator-specific edit requests include: Section 3, item 2, “regular faculty” should be edited to “contract faculty”; Section 3, item 1, preference for option A.

A point of order was called to ask how many motions are needed; it was clarified that 1 motion was needed for the 4 sections to move to an action item, then a separate one to open section 2.

L. Aspinall moved to move the discussion item: Faculty Hiring Procedure 4.3.2P, sections 3,5,6, & 7 to an action item at the next meeting, which was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with 24 unanimous yes votes.

V. Bertsch moved to amend Section 2 of the 4.3.2P Faculty Hiring Procedure as an action item at the next meeting, which was seconded.

A senator proposed to reopen all sections and not just section two.

A. Donegan moved to amend the original motion to include sections one and four, to read: “move to amend Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the 4.3.2P Faculty Hiring Procedure as an action item at the next meeting”, which was seconded.

President N. Persons clarified that the Academic Senate has been reviewing the Faculty Hiring Procedures since 2018, and reopening sections that the Body has already voted on would further delay the already delayed process.

A call for the question was made, and a roll call vote was taken. The amended motion failed with 18 no votes and 4 yes votes as follows:

M. Anderman – no
L. Aspinall – no
A. Atilgan Relyea – abstain
S. Avasthi – no
V. Bertsch – no
J. Bush (proxy M. Ohkubo) – no
S. Brumbaugh – no
J. Carlin-Goldberg – yes

S. Cavales Doolan – no
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – yes
J. Fassler – no
G. Garcia – no
T. Jacobson – no
T. Johnson – no
L. Larsen – no

D. Lemmer – no
G. Morre – no
M. Ohkubo – no
A. Oliver (proxy Atilgan) – abstain
P. Ozbirinci – no
E. Schmidt – no
H. Skoonberg – no
J. Stover – yes

A point of clarification was asked whether we need to vote to open section two since the vote to amend section 7 would include amending section two, item G; it was clarified that yes, the Body would need to still vote.

A roll call vote was taken for the original motion, which passed with 24 unanimous yes votes, which means the AS will reopen Section Two of the 4.3.2P Faculty Hiring Procedure for editing as an action item at the next meeting.

M. Ohkubo moved to extend time of the meeting by ten minutes to allow the Information speaker adequate time, which was seconded with no objections.

INFORMATION

The Senate was updated by R. Holcomb, Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA), on the progress of the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan Workgroup.

[View the VPAA Update Presentation here.](#)

ADJOURNMENT

5:10 p.m.