



# ACADEMIC SENATE

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

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 1, 2023  
TIME: 3:15 p.m.  
LOCATION: Santa Rosa, 4638 Bertolini Senate Chambers  
Petaluma, 628 Call Bldg.  
ZOOM ID: 958 4627 3808  
<https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/95846273808>

### PRESENT

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

### ABSENT

W. Downey (proxy A. Donegan), T. Johnson (proxy T. Jacobson), A. Oliver (proxy A. Atilgan), N. Persons (late - proxy M. Ohkubo), S. Rosen (no proxy)

GUESTS A. Tilman

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Vice President M. Ohkubo. The Land Acknowledgement Statement was read by Senator D. Lemmer.

OPEN FORUM None

### MINUTES

Senator J. Carlin Goldberg motioned to approve [February 15](#) minutes, seconded. A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 21 yes votes and 1 abstention.

M. Anderman – yes  
L. Aspinall – yes  
A. Atilgan Relyea – yes  
S. Avasthi – yes  
B. Barajas – yes  
V. Bertsch – yes  
S. Brumbaugh – yes  
J. Bush – yes

J. Carlin-Goldberg – yes  
S. Cavales Doolan – yes  
J. Fassler – yes  
G. Garcia – yes  
T. Jacobson – yes  
T. Johnson (proxy T. Jacobson) – yes  
L. Larsen – yes

D. Lemmer – yes  
G. Morre – yes  
A. Oliver (proxy A. Atilgan) – yes  
P. Ozbirinci – yes  
E. Schmidt – abstain  
H. Skoonberg – yes  
J. Stover – yes

### ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

J. Stover asked to move the President’s Report to after the discussion agenda, seconded with no objections.

### REPORTS

1. [Student Government Assembly \(SGA\) Report](#) – A. Tillman gave an update on SGA at SRJC.

CONSENT None

### ACTION

1. 4.3.2P (Faculty Hiring Procedure) Workgroup Proposal

VP Ohkubo opened the topic and reminded senators that the clean and mark up versions were added to the agenda for review prior to the meeting and that editing would begin with Section III: Screening & Interviewing Committee; via a statement read by ASEC Members J. Stover and L. Aspinall, President Persons asked that Section III, B, 4 to be stricken from the clean copy due to a

mistake on her part; suggested the procedure by which editing will take place by reviewing in sequential order, carefully making edits to the clean copy and reviewing the edits live on screen, with motions to be made to approve said section when the body is ready to recommend.

A point of clarification was asked as to why President Persons felt the need to strike [III, B.4.]; it was clarified that the original charge was to make general edits and non-substantive changes, and the stricken sentence proposed a substantive change.

Senator comments included: expressed concern over the term “exempt” in F.1., wanted stronger assurance that students would not in any case review confidential materials; sought exemption in conflict with C.4.c.; voiced concerns over students potentially reviewing confidential information, potential conflict of interest, and lack of confidentiality; and expressed disappointment with the retreat from the progress made in supporting students’ participation as previously agreed upon.

A point of clarification was called that certain sections would require 2/3 vote to reopen to change wording, like the term exempt.

At this time, the gavel was passed back to President N. Persons.

A point of order was called that the 2/3 vote already took place and that is why the Body is editing now, and that a 2/3 vote would not be necessary to make substantive changes to the document as presented for editing.

A point of order was called for Senators to speak up.

Recommendations for Section III edits included: under 4.C. and F.1. to remove “Screening and”, under F.1 to replace “exempt” with “prohibited”.

J. Stover moved to have the Academic Senate adopt the workgroup recommendation regarding section III (Screening and Interviewing Committees) of 4.3.2.P as amended, seconded.

Senators commented that the increase of faculty on associate hiring committees on the clean copy is different from the mark up based on a conversation from a prior meeting; concerns of an added layer of burden to faculty; other comments stated that there are resources to get other faculty to serve and that change cannot be made unless we make it.

M. Ohkubo moved to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded with no objections.

A point of clarification was whether the suggestions for D.1 and D.1.b were made before or after the original motion was stated; it was clarified that they were made after, so an amendment would be necessary.

H. Skoonberg moved to amend Section III.D.1. from four to three, and III.D.1.b. to change the number of faculty from three back to two as originally reflected in the markup document, seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed with 19 no votes and 6 yes votes. The original motion remained.

M. Anderman – no  
L. Aspinall – no  
A. Atilgan Relyea – no  
S. Avasthi – no  
B. Barajas – no  
V. Bertsch – yes  
S. Brumbaugh – yes  
J. Bush – no  
J. Carlin-Goldberg – no

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

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

L. Aspinall moved to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded.

A roll call vote was taken for the original motion, and the motion passed with 24 yes votes and 1 no vote. The Academic Senate adopted the workgroup recommendation regarding section III (Screening and Interviewing Committees) of 4.3.2.P as amended.

M. Anderman – yes  
L. Aspinall – yes  
A. Atilgan Relyea – yes  
S. Avasthi – yes  
B. Barajas – yes  
V. Bertsch – yes  
S. Brumbaugh – yes  
J. Bush – yes  
J. Carlin-Goldberg – yes

S. Cavales Doolan – yes  
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D. Lemmer – yes

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

## DISCUSSION

A clarifying question was asked whether the President's Report was going to be given before or after the Discussion Item; it was clarified that it will be given after.

### 1. Academic Senate 10+1 Review

President Persons opened the discussion by prefacing that it is recommended that the Senate review which areas are those where our governing board rely primarily upon the advice and recommendation of the Senate; realized that it was recommended that this be reviewed every year and that review had not occurred in several years; mentioned the current areas of primacy are 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 of the 10+1; and that the current discussion is to review and update if needed.

Multiple senators spoke to the inclusion of number "8: Policies for Faculty Professional Development Activities" as an additional area of primacy; suggested writing a resolution to the SRJC President; sought for Senate to have a more active role in professional development (PD) as beneficial to improved disciplinary expertise development; understood that there are roles for the district and AFA still (i.e. fiduciary, compensation, etc.); and mentioned faculty have the ability to use flex credit for research and reading in your individual discipline.

President Persons clarified that when the Academic Senate says "relied primarily upon" that is saying that unless there is a good reason, the District is obliged to accept the recommendations of the Senate and that the District must provide a written explanation if they do not accept.

Senators also spoke to importance of number "4: Educational Program Development" and number "9: Processes for Program Review: to also be listed as areas of primacy; and suggested that all 10+1 should be areas of primacy.

Time expired on the topic, which will come back at a later agenda.

## REPORTS (concluded)

1. [President's Report](#) — N. Persons shared her appreciation of the Tauzer Lecture, shared updated committee appointments and vacancies, and announced news related to the Constitution and Bylaws Workgroup, ASCCC Coaching Program, Planning and Budget Council, Strategic Plan Coordinating Committee, Faculty Equivalency Committee, Program Review, and College Council.

**INFORMATION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 5:01 p.m.