



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 5, 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, V. Bertsch, S. Brumbaugh, J. Bush, J. Carlin-Goldberg, S. Cavales Doolan, A. Donegan, J. Fassler, G. Garcia, T. Jacobson, T. Johnson, L. Larsen, D. Lemmer, G. Morre, M. Ohkubo, A. Oliver, N. Persons, S. Rosen, E. Schmidt, H. Skoonberg, J. Stover

ABSENT B. Barajas (proxy L. Larsen), W. Downey (proxy A. Donegan), P. Ozbirinci (proxy S. Cavales Doolan)

GUESTS J. Smotherman

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 Senator S. Avasthi.

OPEN FORUM

1. M. Shen, SRJC student, reported on their personal experiences using ChatGPT in the classroom. [Read M. Shen's full statement here.](#)
2. J. Stover clarified previous comments re: Professional Development and Senate purview. [Read J. Stover's full statement here.](#)
3. I. Livie (written statement read by A. Donegan) expressed concerns re: the potential removal of the ["American Institutions"](#) requirement (the formal name of the requirement is "Graduation Requirements in United States History, Constitution and American Ideals") within the California State University (CSU) system, and; encouraged 2023 ASCCC Spring Plenary attendees to vote in support of renewing the requirement. [Read I. Livie's full statement here.](#)
4. A. Donegan also expressed concern re: the potential removal of the ["Americans Institutions"](#) requirement and renewed the call for votes of support at ASCCC Spring Plenary 2023. [Read A. Donegan's full statement here.](#)
5. E. Schmidt highlighted the benefits of carrying Narcan, a drug that neutralizes the impact of fentanyl-related drug overdoses; and asked for communication to SRJC Administration in ensuring free Narcan accessibility to everyone on campus in preparation for emergent emergency responses. [Read E. Schmidt's full statement here](#) (via zoom transcript).

MINUTES

Senator J. Carlin-Goldberg moved to approve the [March 15, 2023 minutes](#), seconded. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed with 25 yes votes and 1 abstention. The March 15, 2023 minutes were approved.

M. Anderman -- yes	S. Cavales Doolan -- yes	G. Morre -- yes
L. Aspinall -- yes	A. Donegan -- yes	M. Ohkubo -- yes
A. Atilgan Relyea -- yes	W. Downey (proxy A. Donegan) -- yes	A. Oliver -- yes
S. Avasthi -- yes	J. Fassler -- yes	P. Ozbirinci (proxy S. Cavales-Doolan) -- yes
B. Barajas (proxy L. Larsen) -- yes	G. Garcia -- yes	S. Rosen -- yes
V. Bertsch -- yes	T. Jacobson -- abstain	E. Schmidt -- yes
S. Brumbaugh -- yes	T. Johnson -- yes	H. Skoonberg -- yes
J. Bush -- yes	L. Larsen -- yes	J. Stover -- yes
J. Carlin-Goldberg -- yes	D. Lemmer -- yes	

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS

1. President's Report — N. Persons gave a brief report on Academic Senate Election outcomes and next steps for at-large and officer elections, Shared Governance sign ups, ASCCC 2023 Spring Plenary, and the upcoming campus events World Languages Fair, We the Future Social Conference, and Climate Action Night. [Read N. Persons' full report here.](#)
2. Petaluma Faculty Forum – M. Martin reported on the updated activities that have been taking place within the Petaluma Faculty Forum, including a major focus on the mental health of SRJC students and “rebuilding our presence in the return to campus era.” [Read M. Martin's full report here.](#)

CONSENT – None

ACTION

1. Academic Senate 10+1 Review

President Persons opened the agenda item by asking the Body if anyone felt inclined to reduce items from the list to be relied primarily upon by the District and heard none. Discussion then moved to areas for expansion.

Senators' comments included: support for the addition of “4. Educational Program Development” and “8. Policies for Faculty Professional Development Activities” to be matters relied primarily upon.

J. Bush moved to add areas 4 and 8 to be recommended as areas to be relied primarily upon within the 10+1 by the District, seconded.

A point of order was called to ask whether the Senate would present a resolution to the District to add these two areas; it was confirmed by President Persons that she would present the recommendation directly to the Board.

A point of clarification asked whether the current motion on the floor would negate the opportunity to bring the topic back to discuss or make action to add additional areas; it was confirmed that it would not and that there was still availability for further discussion on the issue.

A question was asked whether this vote could “split the resolve” (1 vote for each area), and it was confirmed that you could, and the question was withdrawn with no further action requested.

A point of clarification noted that all 10+1 areas are significant items that the District already relies on the Academic Senate for recommendation, however, these specific items to be “relied primarily upon” would not change the workload of the Senate but would change the weight of significance to the recommendation by the Senate to the Board.

There was a call for the question. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with 26 unanimous yes votes.

President Persons asked the body whether they would like for the topic to come back at the next meeting; there was a consensus in support, and; it was acknowledged that the topic would return.

DISCUSSION

1. Constitution/Bylaws Workgroup: First Revision

President Persons opened the topic by starting with the Bylaws, and Exec. Secretary Stover clarified that he and N. Haworth, Admin. Assistant, would be simultaneously taking notes. Senator edit suggestions included:

- Terms “they/their” to replace all gendered pronouns in the document;
- Article I, A: somewhere to note the areas to be primarily relied upon and/or indicated in Board Policy;

- Article I, E: fix the sentence to return back to the way it was in order to reflect cohesiveness with A-D to read "Appoint faculty to serve in College or District committees, task forces, or other groups dealing with academic and professional matters (section 53202, f);
- Article II, Section 1, J: strike out "from among members of the Senate" and restructure the sentence to read: "have an understanding of parliamentary procedure and may appoint a parliamentarian to the Academic Senate as needed."

Time expired on the topic and the discussion will resume at the next meeting.

INFORMATION

1. Strategic Planning: [Goals and Objectives](#)

J. Smotherman brought forth the SRJC Goals and Objectives, previously presented as a Report, and requested feedback.

A point of clarification was asked whether this topic would be brought again before the Senate as a Discussion Item; it was clarified that the information item does allow feedback from the Body, unlike a report, and will be included as a Discussion Item on the next Senate agenda as per an electorate request already received and processed by the ASEC in accordance with [Academic Senate Bylaws Article 5, Section 3](#).

Senator Feedback included: in the Strategy 1, Goal 1 objective, change the term "Promote" to something more concrete and action-based; and reverse the order of Goal 1 and Goal 2 of Strategy 1, as SRJC is an institution for students first.

Time expired on the topic, and Senator S. Rosen will be first in the queue when the topic returns as a Discussion Item at the next meeting.

2. Review of the [ASCCC Spring 2023 Resolutions](#) Packet

The Senate surveyed the Resolutions that will be presented and voted on at the Academic Senate California Community Colleges (ASCCC) 2023 Spring Plenary, which will be held April 20-22, 2023, and; reviewed together (almost all) the resolutions in consideration of their intended impact(s) and audience(s).

ADJOURNMENT

5:00 p.m.