



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 19, 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, S. Avasthi, B. Barajas, V. Bertsch, S. Brumbaugh, J. Bush (remote), J. Carlin-Goldberg, S. Cavales Doolan (remote), A. Donegan, W. Downey, J. Fassler, G. Garcia, T. Jacobson, T. Johnson, L. Larsen, D. Lemmer, G. Morre, M. Ohkubo, A. Oliver, P. Ozbirinci, S. Rosen, E. Schmidt, H. Skoonberg, J. Stover

ABSENT N. Persons, A. Atilgan Relyea (proxy A. Oliver)

GUESTS R. Holcomb, A. Merkel, J. Smotherman

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 T. Johnson.

OPEN FORUM

1. B. Bookman commented on the inequity of English Language (ESL) courses not receiving GE credit and called for support in eliminating linguistic bias at SRJC. [Read B. Bookman's full statement here.](#)
2. J. Stover invited faculty to send their students to the We the Future Social Justice Conference at SRJC Petaluma for extra credit and stated that PGI/Forever Flex is available for the event; and reminded senators to let President Persons, N. Haworth, and/or himself know if you plan to attend the special meeting on April 25th. [Read J. Stover's full statement here.](#)

MINUTES

Senator H. Skoonberg moved to approve the April 5 minutes. A roll-call vote was called, and the motion passed with 22 yes votes, 1 abstention, and 3 absences. The April 5 minutes were approved.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS

1. President's Report — Via recorded message, President Persons shared details on the AFA's request for Academic Senate (AS) consultation on the issue of Faculty Self-evaluations; previewed the need for an ad hoc committee; provided context for the current AS Urgent Discussion Item; and emphasized the important role of collective bargaining and AS consultation. [Watch the President's Report here.](#) [Read N. Person's full report here.](#)
2. Professional Development Coordinators Report – A. Donegan reported on behalf of herself and A. Forrester; noted that \$50,000 in funds was provided by the District for associate faculty professional development in cultural competency (PDiCC); discussed available and forthcoming

PDiCC resources; acknowledged the 30+ new faculty currently engaged in the New Faculty Orientation and previewed forthcoming celebrations including all new faculty hired since 2020; highlighted the AFA's successful negotiation, per AS recommendation, of six [6] mandatory hours of DEIA training annually for contract faculty, thus replacing the 6 hours for Department-related activities in January; noted the success of Forever-Flex and the ongoing updates to the PD website; and notified the AS of a new discussion item being brought forward in Fall 2023 regarding whether academic departments can have department meetings on PDA day. [Read A. Donegan's full report here.](#)

CONSENT – None.

ACTION

1. *10+1 Review*
VP Ohkubo opened by asking the Body whether anyone had any additions for areas to be relied primarily upon by the District and heard none, thus concluding the topic.
2. **AFA Request for Consultation/Special Meeting – moved from Discussion Agenda*
J. Stover moved that we form an ad hoc consultation workgroup of three to five [3-5] current senators plus available ASEC members (keeping under a quorum) from a variety of allied/instructional, credit/non-credit, transfer and career education disciplines not already members of the AFA Executive Council who are available for the AS special meeting on 4/25 (3:15 – 4:15 pm) and the AFA closed session on 4/26 (3 – 4 pm) with an end date on May 3rd; seconded.
A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously with 25 yes votes.
3. **SLO Rubric for eLumen setup – moved from Discussion Agenda*
D. Lemmer moved to adopt recommendation #1 of the SLO Assessment options, seconded.
A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously with 25 yes votes.

DISCUSSION

1. *Constitution/Bylaws Workgroup: Revision*
Senator comments included: confusion to Article VIII, Sec. 2 about the reduction of the nomination period and suggested at least three weeks or leave as is (30 days); Article III, Sec. 4, A. states "one at-large senator" and needed clarification what is definition of "at-large" in this context; Article II, Sec. 2, N. recommended moving to Section 1 so entire Senate could weigh in, comments in opposition included: hiring committees usually have a quick turn around and it would delay the hiring procedure; AS president often does not have any control over the hiring timeline; and current practices include consultation with ASEC. Time expired and the topic will be brought back at the next meeting.
2. **Strategic Plan: Goals and Objectives*
VP Ohkubo opened the discussion by inviting Senators to discuss the Strategic Goals and Objectives as previously reported in previous meetings. Senators shared feedback including: the importance of Senate dedicated discussion and deliberations; the relevance of recent Senate action to recommend to the District faculty professional development as an area to be relied primarily upon; the importance of promoting robust professional development and maintaining professional development resources in support of discipline expertise as necessary for academic quality and culturally responsive andragogy as related to the first strategy; the dedicated role of the Academic Senate in addition to and outside of Town Halls; the existing language as already reflective of robust professional development objectives; the purpose of the strategic goals and objectives, which are broad, in comparison to the mission, vision, and values, which follow after and are more specific; and one concern about the use of the term "ecosystem" in relation to educational communities and campus cultures. Time expired on the issue, and the topic and queue will be brought back at the next meeting.

3. **AFA Request for Consultation/Special Meeting*
V. Bertsch moved to move Urgent Discussion Item 3: “AFA request...” to an Action Item, seconded. A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 25 unanimous yes votes and thus moved the item to the Action Agenda, Item 2.
4. **SLO Rubric for eLumen setup*
V. Bertsch moved to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded.
J. Stover moved the Urgent Discussion Item 4: “SLO Rubric for eLumen setup” to Action, seconded. A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 25 unanimous yes votes and thus moved the item to the Action Agenda, Item 3.

INFORMATION

1. *SRJC Transfer Program – A. Merkel*
The Senate was informed on the progress made in the SRJC Transfer Center.
[View A. Merkel’s PowerPoint presentation here.](#)
[View A. Merkel’s Video Presentation here.](#)

ADJOURNMENT

5:00 p.m.