



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 17, 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, W. Downey, J. Fassler, G. Garcia, T. Jacobson, T. Johnson, L. Larsen, D. Lemmer, G. Morre, M. Ohkubo, A. Oliver, P. Ozbirinci, N. Persons, E. Schmidt, H. Skoonberg, J. Stover

ABSENT S. Rosen

GUESTS V. Smith

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 N. Haworth.

OPEN FORUM

1. Joshua Lafontaine, SRJC Athletics Department, commented on the discriminatory impact of the California Community College Athletic Association’s (CCCCAA’s) Certification Checklist for Transgender Student-Athlete Eligibility form and CCCAA Bylaw 1.11; and announced that SRJC Athletics would not be adhering to this policy until a new one is written. [Read J. Fontaine’s full statement here.](#)
2. Parker Kristine, SRJC Student, provided a written statement, read by the N. Haworth, Academic Senate (AS) Administrative Assistant, which objected to SRJC’s potential adherence to the CCCAA’s Certification Checklist for Transgender Student-Athlete Eligibility form. Read [P. Kristine’s statement here.](#)
3. Felix Santiago of the Queer Resource Center (QRC) and Interim Dean Roam Romagnoli further contextualized CCCAA’s anti-trans policy; shared that QRC received a number of student complaints sharing personal anecdotes of anti-trans bias in the classroom; asked for AS leadership combating anti-trans policies on SRJC campuses; and thanked the Athletics Department for taking the lead against CCCAA’s anti-trans policy. [Read R. Romagnoli’s full statement here.](#)

MINUTES

Senator J. Carlin Goldberg moved to approve the April 25 minutes, seconded. A roll-call vote was called, and the motion passed with 21 yes votes with 3 abstentions and 1 absence. The [April 25, 2023 minutes](#) were approved.

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

S. Cavales Doolan – yes
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – yes
J. Fassler – yes
G. Garcia – yes
T. Jacobson – yes
T. Johnson – yes
L. Larsen – abstain
D. Lemmer – yes

G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – yes
A. Oliver – yes
P. Ozbirinci – yes
E. Schmidt – abstain
H. Skoonberg – yes
J. Stover – yes

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Senator J. Carlin Goldberg moved to approve the May 3 minutes, seconded. A roll-call vote was called, and the motion passed with 24 yes votes and 1 abstention. The [May 3, 2023](#) minutes were approved.

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
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – yes
J. Fassler – yes
G. Garcia – yes
T. Jacobson – yes
T. Johnson – abstain
L. Larsen – yes
D. Lemmer – yes

G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – yes
A. Oliver – yes
P. Ozbirinci – yes
E. Schmidt – yes
H. Skoonberg – yes
J. Stover – yes

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS

1. President’s Report — N. Persons reported on AS and Committee accomplishments; thanked outgoing senators and welcomed incoming senators; and thanked Interim VPSS R. Ethington for his collaborative and collegial approach in working with the ASEC and AFA teams. [Read N. Persons’ report here.](#) [View the 2023-2024 AS Meeting Calendar here.](#)

CONSENT – None

ELECTIONS

Elections were held for AS Executive Officer positions as per Senate Bylaws Article VIII, Section 6: Vice President, Executive Secretary, Associate, Senator At-Large, and Equity Advocate. Votes were first taken electronically and then by paper ballot due to technical difficulties. Senators left the chambers, and paper ballots were certified by Elections Committee Members J. Carlin Goldberg and G. Morre, who were not running for a position. Senators returned to the chambers, and J. Carlin Goldberg announced the new officers as follows:

- Vice President: Monica Ohkubo, KAD – 24 votes
- Executive Secretary: Laura Aspinall, DRD – 23 votes
- Associate: Aylin Altigan Relyea, ESL – 24 votes
- Senator At-Large: Tara Jacobson, KAD – 17 votes
- Equity Advocate: Smita Avasthi, Library & Info Resources – 15 votes

Roll call votes are available to view in the AS Administrative Assistant office by request and President Persons thanked everyone who ran.

ACTION

M. Ohkubo moved to shorten the time for the AS Constitution & Bylaws Revision to 12 minutes, seconded with no objections.

1. AS Constitution & Bylaws Revision

Senator J. Stover opened the topic by introducing the [document representing Senator’s previous suggestions](#); reviewed changes suggested, and; suggested the forthcoming discussion address the one unresolved suggestion regarding candidate nomination timelines.

Senators suggested minor edits: line item 198 - only 7 committees listed and should reflect so; line item 256 to include plurality to read: appoint faculty members; edits were corrected.

A point of clarification was asked whether minor text edits could still be corrected if the Body voted to accept the revision today, which was clarified as correct.

T. Johnson moved to approve the revised Academic Senate Bylaws as amended, seconded.

Senators further commented that a compromise be made in regard to the unresolved item in Article

VIII, Section 2 {lines 564-82}, that instead of a two-week window, a three-week window be provided.

J. Fassler moved to amend the motion to include the suggestion of the wording to “three weeks” to Article VIII, Section 2 {lines 564—82} of the Bylaws, seconded.

A point of clarification sought whether the language should read three-weeks or 21 days; it was recommended for consistency that the wording remain three-weeks and it was also pointed out the original language was 30 days.

A roll-call vote was called, and the motion passed with 25 unanimous yes votes. The perfected motion now read: “To approve the revised AS Bylaws as amended with the addition of the suggested “three weeks” to the Article VIII, Section 2 {lines 564—82}.”

A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 24 yes votes and 1 no vote.

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
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – yes
J. Fassler – yes
G. Garcia – yes
T. Jacobson – yes
T. Johnson – yes
L. Larsen – yes
D. Lemmer – yes

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

A point of clarification sought whether the AS Constitution was being voted on as well; it was clarified that no, the Constitution had not yet been discussed, is voted on by the faculty electorate as a whole, and will be brought back in the Fall.

2. Strategic Planning: Goals & Objectives

President N. Persons thanked Senator J. Stover and AA N. Haworth for collecting and transcribing the senator suggestions and coalescing into one summary document for review.

Senator comments included: feels the only change that is necessary is re: Strategy 3 and changing the wording from social, economic, to “socio-economic” if that was the intended language; that the AS is not recommending to the Board; and a suggestion to make change to Strategy 4 to include education as it should pertain to the Mission, Vision, Values.

A point of clarification was asked what is needed from the Body at this time; President Persons indicated that she cannot direct the Body and it is up to them; that this will go to the Board as an information item next month (June 2023); and that the item was agenzed as based on the request to do so.

A point of clarification was asked whether senator suggestions were moving forward to the Board; it was clarified that it was now and that it was up to the AS Body to make the decision how to proceed.

J. Carlin Goldberg moved to direct the AS President request SRJC administration to strongly take into consideration all Senate suggestions and in the future revisions, work to bring to the Senate as part of the revising.

President Persons noted that nothing was ever asked of the Academic Senate from the Planning & Budget Council (PBC) or from the Board; stated the forthcoming Fall 2023 discussion regarding the Educational Master Plan will include the robust participation of the AS.

J. Carlin Goldberg withdrew her motion.

A senator further suggested making individual motions on each suggestion, as the Body may not agree on everything in the summary document.

Senior Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Institutional Research (IERP) Dr. J.

Smotherman clarified that the term “social and economic” was correct in intention; the idea that there is a social responsibility related to the experiences students have in the county; that there's the economic lens in terms of “how are you addressing being able to physically be a part of the county in your economic stability?”; and clarified that the decision was to separate the social and the economic, because by considering them individually we collectively reach the socio-economic.

T. Jacobson moved to endorse the Strategic Planning: Goals and Objectives as originally presented; seconded.

A point of clarification was called whether this motion was to endorse the original Goals and Objectives, or if the Senate was endorsing the suggestions to be presented to the Board; it was clarified that this current motion was to endorse the original document as presented to the Body.

A. Donegan moved to amend the motion to include the suggested language to Strategy One, Goal 1: “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”, seconded.

A point of clarification was made that number 10 of the 10+1 was not an area that the AS was to be relied primarily upon.

E. Schmidt motioned to extend time by 5 minutes, no opposition.

A call for the vote was made by J. Stover.

A point of order was called that there is still discussion to be had on the topic; it was noted that a call for the vote was called thus concluding the discussion on the topic and was not debatable; and acknowledged that you may contest the chair if needed.

J. Stover withdrew his call for the vote.

Further discussion included that the substantive change of the amendment is an appropriate one; otherwise discipline expertise would be left out of supporting excellent teaching; senators countered that the implication is there for discipline expertise as falls under the umbrella of excellent teaching.

A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 12 yes votes and 11 no votes with 2 abstentions.

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

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

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

L. Aspinall moved to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded. A roll call vote was called and the motion passes with 23 yes votes and 2 no votes.

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
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – no
G. Garcia – yes
J. Fassler – yes
T. Jacobson – yes
T. Johnson – yes
L. Larsen – yes
D. Lemmer – no

G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – yes
A. Oliver – yes
P. Ozbirinci – yes
E. Schmidt – yes
H. Skoonberg – yes
J. Stover – yes

L. Aspinall called for the question on the perfected motion.

Perfected motion: Academic Senate endorses the Strategic Planning: Goals & Objectives with the suggestion to include the language to Strategy One, Goal 1: “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”.

A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 24 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
A. Donegan – yes
W. Downey – abstain
J. Fassler – yes
G. Garcia – yes
T. Jacobson – yes
T. Johnson – yes
L. Larsen – yes
D. Lemmer – yes

G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – yes
A. Oliver – yes
P. Ozbirinci – yes
E. Schmidt – yes
H. Skoonberg – yes
J. Stover – yes

A point of clarification was asked where this endorsement goes now; it was clarified that PBC has already concluded their meetings for the year, and these are just suggestions that are made by the Senate; and Dr. Chong has been clear that he intends to put the Goals and Objectives on the June meeting calendar.

Senator A. Atilgan moved to extend time by 3 minutes, seconded with no objection.

Senators asked that the perfected motion be forwarded to Dr. Chong directly.

M. Ohkubo moved to send senate feedback as passed by the Body to Dr. Chong via Senate President Email and CC the Senate and PBC chairs, seconded.

A roll call vote was called, and the motion passed with 23 unanimous yes votes.

M. Anderman moved to extend time by 2 minutes to allow for the final presentation, seconded with no objections.

DISCUSSION – None

INFORMATION

1. SRJC Student Email – V. Smith, Admission and Records, reported to the Academic Senate that SRJC is in the process of providing a district wide student email account to all students; that the email will read as “firstnamelastname@bearcubs.santarosa.edu” to differentiate between students and faculty/staff; and that full implementation is targeted by Fall 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

5:12 p.m.