



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

AGENDA

February 21, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Bertolini Senate Chambers, Room 4638

Petaluma: Room 690, Richard Call Bldg.

ZOOM ID: 958 4627 3808

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CALL TO ORDER, 3:15 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge that we gather at Santa Rosa Junior College on the territorial traditional land of the Pomo People in Santa Rosa and the Coast Miwok People in Petaluma, past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

OPEN FORUM: Not to exceed 3 min. per person and 10 min. per topic. Time may be extended by the President or by approval of two-thirds of Senators present. To be added to the queue for Open Forum, please fill out the [Open Forum Form](#) and submit it to the [Academic Senate's President](#) before the meeting. Options for delivering your public comment include making your own statement or asking a colleague to read your statement when recognized, or emailing your statement in advance to [Academic Senate](#) to be read by the Executive Secretary.

MINUTES (3:20-3:25): Correction/Adoption.

[Draft Minutes of February 7, 2024](#)

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Any senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

REPORTS (3:25 – 3:30):

President's Report – N. Persons, 5 min.

- President's Report

CONSENT Treated collectively as one Action item. Any senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

None.

ACTION (3:30-4:20): Items must come from the Discussion agenda of a previous meeting or be carried over from a previous Action agenda.

1. **Strategic Plan Objectives to Strategy 1 Goal** (5th discussion, 2nd Action discussion) – 10 min.
At its meeting of May 17, 2023, the Academic Senate voted to recommend a revision of Strategic Plan Objective 1 to the Strategy 1 Goal, which was rejected by the District. Shall the Academic Senate recommend the District bring a new proposal back to the Senate, or shall the Academic Senate choose to take no further action?

[Minutes of May 17, 2023 \(see Action Item 2, which begins mid-page 3\)](#)

[Dr. Chong email response May 22, 2023](#)

2. **Resolution in Support of Trans Students** (3rd discussion, 2nd Action discussion) – S. Avasthi, 15 min.
At its meeting of December 6, 2023, Senator Avasthi read a draft resolution in support of SRJC trans students. We will debate this resolution using pro/con mics. Senators are asked to consider whether to take action to approve this resolution.

[Resolution in Support of Trans Students v.4](#)

[SRJC Pride Index Report 2016](#)

BREAK – 5 min. (3:55-4:00)

3. Task Force Standard Language (3rd discussion, 1st Action discussion)– 10 min.

The Academic Senate has been making effective use of workgroups (task forces) to bring proposals to the body. During discussions, time has routinely been used to determine guidelines for size, membership, and selection. Senators are asked to consider the draft guidelines below and whether some version of this could be regularly used when formation of workgroups is called for.

[Draft Workgroup Guidelines v.4](#)

DISCUSSION (4:10-5:00):

1. Annual Professional Development Funding for Faculty Discipline Expertise – A. Atilgan Relyea and N. Slovak, 20 min.

Senators are asked to consider supporting a resolution advocating for establishment of a process for District provision of regular funding for faculty professional development in their area of discipline expertise.

[Resolution in Support of Annual Professional Development Funding for Faculty Disciplinary Expertise v.2](#)

2. Faculty Professional Ethics Committee – 15 min.

On May 17, 2023, the Academic Senate voted to approve all revisions to the Bylaws. During this revision, the body elected to remove the Faculty Professional Ethics Committee from the list of senate subcommittees. What shall be the recommendation of the Academic Senate regarding the disposition of this subcommittee?

3. Inclusion of Department Meetings as PDA Day Activity – A. Foster, A. Forrester, 15 min.

On behalf of the District Professional Development Committee, our Faculty Professional Development Coordinators have asked the Academic Senate to provide input regarding whether to include department meetings as an optional activity on Professional Development Activity days. What shall be the recommendation of the Academic Senate?

[Questions for Academic Senate about PDA Day](#)

INFORMATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 p.m.

ALL FACULTY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ACADEMIC SENATE MEETINGS

This Academic Senate is created to secure the professional rights and to carry out the responsibilities of the faculty of the Sonoma County Junior College District. The faculty have the traditional right of college faculty to participate in the governance of the college. As specialists in specific disciplines and as experienced instructors, the participation of the faculty in the governance of the college is essential for the district's pursuit of its mission.

As professionals, the faculty have the right and a duty to set professional and ethical standards for the conduct of their profession and to promote the excellence of their profession. In order to achieve these ends and in accordance with Title 5 of the California Administrative Code, Subchapter 2, Sections 53200-53205, this Academic Senate is established.