



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Bertolini Senate Chambers, Room 4638 Petaluma: Room 690, Richard Call Bldg.

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PRESENT M. Anderman, L. Aspinall, A. Atilgan Relyea, S. Avasthi, W. Downey, M. Ferguson, K. Frindell Teuscher, G. Garcia (remote), M. Hale, T. Jacobson (Petaluma), T. Johnson, L. Larsen, D. Lemmer, L. Dawn Lukas, A. Martin, S. McGregor-Gordon, G. Morre, M. Ohkubo, M. Papa, N. Persons, N. Perrone, O. Raola, E. Schmidt, I. Tircuit, P. Usina

ABSENT S. Rosen (proxy N. Persons), A. Yu (proxy M. Anderman)

GUESTS A. Foster (Curriculum Office representative)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

President Stover read the land acknowledgement statement.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Holcomb, Vice President of Academic Affairs department, addressed faculty, reminding them of resources available and the District’s support in their critical role serving all students at SRJC. Open Forum statement [linked here](#).

JUST CAUSE REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Hearing no objections, remote participation for Senator Garcia was approved.

MINUTES

Senator Schmidt pointed out mistakes on page 5, under the Title IX Information item: change roman numerals IV to IX. Hearing no other corrections, Senator Johnson made a motion to adopt the [Minutes of October 16th](#) as amended, seconded. A **vote was called, and the [amended Minutes of October 16th](#) were formally adopted**, with 27 yes votes and 1 abstention.

M. Anderman – yes
L. Aspinall – yes
A. Atilgan Relyea – yes
S. Avasthi – yes
W. Downey – yes
M. Ferguson – yes
K. Frindell Teuscher – yes
G. Garcia – yes
M. Hale – yes
T. Jacobson – yes

T. Johnson (proxy M. Ohkubo) – yes
L. Larsen – yes
D. Lemmer – yes
L. Dawn Lukas – yes
A. Martin – yes
S. McGregor-Gordon – yes
G. Morre – yes
M. Ohkubo – yes
M. Papa – yes
N. Persons – no

N. Perrone – yes
O. Raola – yes
S. Rosen (proxy N. Persons) – yes
E. Schmidt – yes
N. Slovak – abstain
I. Tircuit – yes
P. Usina – yes
A. Yu (proxy M. Anderman) – yes

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA None.

REPORTS

1. President Stover opened by reminding attendees of SRJCs commitment to the vision of equitable and enriching learning opportunities. He went on to share highlights from [his report](#):

- Reminded the body of their packed agenda for the rest of the semester and the time-sensitive consent items requiring their vote at today’s meeting
 - Referenced the Equity Minded Leadership Searches Institute he attended last week – talked about the cross-collaborative work with the all senates, unions and the district to embed IDEEA values throughout SRJC’s policies and procedures by applying an equity-mindedness approach.
 - Announced the faculty hiring administrative policy will be returning in spring to infuse equity more thoroughly throughout the AP
2. Senator Perrone provided an update, via the presentation [linked here](#), on Guided Pathways, highlighting the current timeline for fall semester:
- In the planning and communicating stage currently; collaborating with AFA partners, just released call-out for GP Coordinator
 - Program & Major Mapping is the next big step; with AFA partners and management, the workgroup will develop the best strategy
 - Student input is central; currently forming a Student Advisory squad
 - And for spring semester, emphasized need for constituents’ input developing the course sequencing for each discipline, with guidance from the Counseling department

CONSENT

1. [2024 Title IX Regulations: Implementing Key Provisions](#)
2. [Adapted Physical Education Disciplines List Changes](#)

There was a parliamentary procedure question re: voting on consent items simultaneously; **a vote was called for passing *both* consent items and they passed** with 27 yes votes and 1 abstention.

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 K. Frindell Teuscher – yes
 G. Garcia – yes
 M. Hale – yes
 T. Jacobson – yes

T. Johnson (proxy M. Ohkubo) – yes
 L. Larsen – yes
 D. Lemmer – yes
 L. Dawn Lukas – yes
 A. Martin – yes
 S. McGregor-Gordon – yes
 G. Morre – abstain
 M. Ohkubo – yes
 M. Papa – yes
 N. Persons – no

N. Perrone – yes
 O. Raola – yes
 S. Rosen (proxy N. Persons) – yes
 E. Schmidt – yes
 N. Slovak – yes
 I. Tircuit – yes
 P. Usina – yes
 A. Yu (proxy M. Anderman) – yes

ACTION

1. [What Shall Be the Academic Senate Recommendation for Area 6 Curriculum in the New CAL-GETC Pattern?](#)

President Stover introduced the item, reiterated the recommendations from the Ethnic Studies department. Senator Lukas **motioned to forward the recommendations of the Ethnic Studies department, seconded; hearing no discussion on the motion, a vote was called and the motion passed** unanimously with 28 yes votes.

DISCUSSION

1. After the break, President Stover provided the body with the types of changes needed to the [Bylaws](#) and [Constitution](#) of the Academic Senate—he asked the body *how* they may address the various potential changes.
 - A senator suggested the creation of a senate workgroup as an efficient method (deployed in the past) to address the Bylaws and Constitution revisions; many senators agreed.
 - A senator suggested the future workgroup first address the “no-brainer” recommendations such as immediate language-characteristic changes of the documents (like replacing *adjunct* with *associate* faculty).

- Another senator made a comment from a constituent—Bylaws and Constitution changes could address / make transparent the resolution process.
 - Senator Schmidt **moved the item to the action agenda for the next meeting, seconded. A vote was called; it passed with a unanimous vote** of 28 yeases.
 - Senator Raola **motioned to move to the action agenda at the next meeting using the [established procedures](#) for creating a task force in support of the motion previously passed, seconded; *after clarification* the motion was passed unanimously** with 28 yes votes.
2. [Local Degree Requirements](#) -- President Stover introduced the topic with the updated support document, providing the recommendation of History and Political Science colleagues previously shared.
- Senators discussed Area 8. It was suggested the Student Success and Wellness list of courses be reorganized and to add work experience / community involvement. A. Foster clarified, to her understanding, the list contained ‘umbrella topics’. Senator Jacobson clarified the [Criteria Language Draft](#) is meant to represent the internal language the Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) to use if a course were proposed for Area 8.
 - Senator Lukas **motioned to move to Action for the next meeting’s agenda the approval of the American Institution’s (Area 7) proposed requirement**, seconded. Senator Slovak motioned to amend the motion on the table to add Area 8; the **amended motion of moving the proposed language for Areas 7 & 8 to the Action agenda was seconded and a vote was called; the motion passed unanimously** with 28 yes votes.
3. [Revitalization of Faculty Professional Development Committee \(a Senate subcommittee\)](#) -- President Stover asked *how* the body would like to reestablish its subcommittee on faculty professional development.
- Senators requested the following be addressed:
 - how Communities of Practice and Faculty Mentor programs could be coordinated by this subcommittee
 - how new faculty are oriented to the college and introduced to available resources for students, positions of responsibility, etc.
 - Senator Aspinall **motioned to move the item to action, including the formation of a work group to investigate and bring forward to the Senate ideas and recommendations for reconstituting the Senate Faculty Professional Development subcommittee**, seconded. After President Stover clarified the motion, he called for a vote and **the motion passed unanimously** with 28 yes votes.

With 19 minutes left on the agenda, President Stover adjourned the meeting early.