

2026 Fall PFF Academic Senate Report

Thank you to President Stover, members of the executive committee, and senators. I'm Dr. AC Panella, the chair of the Petaluma Faculty Forum.

I'm here to report on the work of the Forum during the Spring 2026 semester and to preview this Fall's upcoming work.

Amid the changing political, campus, and technological landscapes, PFF has worked to build faculty community, strengthening connection between academic and student services, supporting creative and interdisciplinary engagement. These were done engaged workshop conversations. Highlights included joint meetings with student services, participation and support for the We the Future Conference, our student research conference, community engagement with the annual EMLS Movie night and end of the year celebration, and the PFF retreat which took an artistic turn by creating collaged visions of the upcoming semesters work.

This work will continue into this Fall as we enter the second year of our thematic learning; faculty voted on and selected the book *Dr. Mutter's Marvels* as a focal point. With our broader theme of Borders, *Dr. Mutter's Marvels* is a fantastic read that bridges concepts of art and science, policy and practice, public health and social justice. Throughout the next year, we'll be holding book club meetings, lunch & learns and other activities to support interdisciplinary connection.

Thank you so much for your time.