

Academic Senate  
End of Year Report  
*[AY2024 – 25]*

Board of Trustees Presentation  
10 June 2025



# Fall 2024 Legislative Highlights

- Recommended language updates to Strategic Plan (*Strategy 1 Goal 1 Objective*)
- Adopted Waitlist Workgroup recommendations for referral to EPCC (*pre- and post- Banner implementation*)
- Met SRJC Local General Education Updates *re: Title 5, mandated alignments, and areas of local decision making (including but not limited to) ...*
  - establishing local degree requirements in Area 7 – American Institutions, and; Area 8 – Student Success & Wellness [*each three units*]
  - supporting Area 6 Ethnic Studies [ES] and allowing only courses that have been approved at the CSU/UC level ES in autonomous disciplines within ES (*as recommended by SRJC Ethnic Studies Department*)

*We also benefitted from the work of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning and their reporting on SRJC students' completion of local degrees, associate degrees for transfer (ADT's), and certificates*

# Fall 2024 Legislative Highlights

- Endorsed revitalizing our faculty professional development subcommittee
- Adopted consent items in support of:
  - 2024 Title IX Regulations: Implementing Key Provisions
  - Adapted Physical Education Disciplines List Changes (*and adopted statewide by ASCCC in Spring 2025*)
- Established Senate taskforces for developing recommendations regarding:
  - Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) and including the referral of a proposed resolution on GenAI to the forthcoming district taskforce\*
  - updating our Bylaws and Constitution
  - revitalizing the senate's faculty professional development subcommittee
  - reapportioning our Areas of Representation\*

*\* = taskforces reported out their recommendations in same semester*



# Fall 2024 Legislative Highlights

- Heard reports from senate subcommittees, consultation committees, and other district offices and initiatives including *(alphabetically)*:
  - Academic Affairs
  - Accreditation
  - District Online Committee
  - Guided Pathways
  - Petaluma Faculty Forum
  - Professional Development Committee *(by Faculty Professional Development Coordinators)*
  - Sustainability Committee
  - Textbook and Instructional Materials Committee
  - Title IX Updates



# Spring 2025 Legislative Highlights

- Recommended a permanent Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment Committee
- Established an online teaching certification workgroup
- Decided *not* to adopt exemptions to local AA, GE patterns
- Referred GenAI taskforce recommendations to EPCC for deeper policy development
- Approved use of Senate funds for sending up to three faculty to ASCCC Spring 2025 Plenary *(to accompany President Stover)*
- Recommended faculty include one of four sample syllabus statements offered by the GenAI workgroup *(as based on ASCCC recommendations)* specific to GenAI use in the classroom
- Reintroduced AP 7120A *(Contract)* Faculty Hiring for formal consideration by the body
  - *Aligned with AP2410 process already underway*
  - *Reintroduced in regular session April 30<sup>th</sup>*
  - *Special Study Session held May 21<sup>st</sup>*



# Spring 2025 Legislative Highlights

## CONSENT ITEMS PASSED

- S25 Cal-GETC Ethnic Studies Resolution
  - *Resolved, That Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) work with ICAS to develop and implement a policy, effective Fall 2026, that any California Community College (CCC) ethnic studies course that is articulated to any California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) course approved for ethnic studies general education and/or graduation requirements, be “automatically” approved for Cal-GETC Area 6.*
- Extension of “Proctorio” license (*online proctoring software*) through June of 2026
- Recommended work concerning GenAI policies and procedures to the forthcoming District Wide GenAI Taskforce
- Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) Resolution
- Name Coach Software Adoption

# Spring 2025 Legislative Highlights

- Recommended the inclusion of librarian expertise re: GenAI committee memberships
- Updated the SLO Rubric
- Completed reapportionment including *[new]* Area 14 and *[no change]* Areas 1 – 11
- Heard reports regarding *(alphabetically)*:
  - AB928/ADT Video Project
  - Academic Affairs (more detailed) updates
  - Career Education and Professional Development Opportunities
  - CCC Full-Time Faculty Obligation Number (FON) Fall 2024 Update
  - Celebrating Safelite Scholar Ruben Garcia
  - College Governance Restructuring
  - Dual Enrollment Initiative
  - Guided Pathways
  - Strategic Plan Updates
  - Student Equity 3.0 planning preview
  - Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) California Grant Update



# Leadership Highlights AY 2024 – 2025

- Successful completion of Strategic Action Workgroup Charge
- Strengthening of collaborative leadership / Tri-Chair Council responsibilities of Planning & Budget and College Councils
- Empathetic, holistic leadership approaches used in communication, workload management, and team building activities across all areas of service
  - Evidence of success noticeable in action-oriented senate body (*particularly in Fall 2024*)
- Senate office invited into Academic Affairs Suite in Bailey Hall (*complete move this month*)
- Improvement in collaboration with VPAA and reporting to Senate
- First run at statewide office (*ASCCC North Representative “2<sup>nd</sup> Place”* )
- *For your Consideration (Coming Soon!):* Expansion of Senate Administrative Assistant role from part time to full time (*10 month*) position (*thank you VP K. Jolley for your support!*)



# *Looking Ahead [AY2025 – 2026]: Area Senators*

- Area One *[Counseling, Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS), Work Experience]*: Guillermo Garcia and **Kasia Fortunati** (At-Large)
- Area Two *[Agriculture/Natural Resource, Biological Sciences, Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Sciences]*: K. Frindell Teuscher (At-Large) and **Tim Melvin** (At-Large)
- Area Three *[English]*: Ivan Tircuit (At Large) and Tony Ruiz *(on sabbatical Fa25)*
- Area Four *[Business, Computer Studies, Engineering & Applied Technology]*: MJ Papa and Scott Rosen
- Area Five *[Art; Communication Studies; Ethnic Studies; Music; Philosophy, Humanities, Religion; Theatre Arts & Fashion]*: Mark Anderman and **Jesus Nieto** (At-Large)
- Area Six *[English as a Second Language, Library & Info Resources, World Languages]*: Smita Avasthi and April Oliver

**New to Senate**

# Looking Ahead [AY2025 – 2026]: Area Senators

- Area Seven [*Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences*]: Nick Perrone and Jurgen Kremer (At-Large)
- Area Eight [*Adapted Physical Education, College Skills, Disability Resources*]: Laura Aspinall and Vincent Hamilton (At-Large)
- Area Nine [*Mathematics*]: Gregory Morre and Justin Davis
- Area Ten [*Health Sciences; Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance (KAD)*]: Monica Ohkubo and Tara Jacobson
- Area Eleven [*Administration of Justice, Child Development, Culinary Arts, Industrial & Trade Technology, Public Safety*]: Nancy Persons (At-Large) and David Lemmer
- Area Twelve [*Associate: Areas 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11*]: Emily Schmidt, Jessica Bush, Lara Branen-Ahumada
- Area Thirteen [*Associate: Areas 3, 5, 6, 7*]: Siobhan McGregor-Gordon, L. Dawn Lukas, and Aylin Atilgan Relyea
- Area Fourteen [*New – potentially 3, 8, 10, 11*]: L. Dawn Lukas and Jessica Bush (to be finalized this summer)

Potential Changes re: Area 14 and New to Senate

# Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC)

## Membership

- John Stover, President *(AYs 2024—2028)*
- Tara Jacobson, Vice President\*
- Monica Ohkubo, Executive Secretary\*
- Laura Aspinall, At-Large Representative\*
- Nick Perrone, Equity Advocate\*
- Jessica Bush, Associate Representative\*
- Nancy Persons, Past President *(AYs 2024 – 2026)*

\* = *(AYs 2025 – 2027)*

# Looking Ahead [AY2025 – 2026]: Summer Retreats

- **Occurring (Monday) July 14<sup>th</sup> and (Wednesday) July 23<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Longer-term planning now possible that structural, administrative, and leadership roles are clearly defined and supported
    - *Re-launching our Faculty Professional Development Academic Senate Subcommittee is at the top of our list*
    - *Fiscal planning is also necessary to better support leadership development going forward*
  - Another topic of interest is the (*unusually long*) length of our Fall and Spring academic semesters (17.5 to 19 weeks)
  - We will engage in a year-long process by which to consider alternatives
    - [The Mira Costa Calendar Project](#) *is serving as inspiration for how we best support this process locally.*
- Next year the Action Steps of the Strategic Plan (*should you so approve them today!*) will also need to be activated, followed by ongoing assessment



# *Past, Present, and Future*

This first year of service has been one of growth, challenge, and change. Whether it is on ASEC, in a Tri-Chair planning meeting, or live copy-editing action steps in a hybrid meeting, *“Teamwork makes the dream work”* has taken on a new meaning when considering ...

*The now-famous “teamwork makes the dream work” was first coined by ... John C. Maxwell ... in 2002 ... [and the] actual quote ... reads,*

***“Teamwork makes the dream work, but a vision becomes a nightmare when the leader has a big dream and a bad team”***

SRJC is filled with smart, engaged, caring, and compassionate people, dedicated to our students’ success and our service to the community.

*We are fortunate to have both big dreams AND  
GREAT teams at Santa Rosa Junior College*



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