



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

AGENDA

2 September 2026, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Senate Chambers, Doyle
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**Petaluma: Mahoney Library 726,
2nd Floor, Petaluma.**

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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 Administrative Assistant](#) 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 (3:25 – 3:30) Correction/Adoption

[Minutes of August 19, 2026](#) (5 min)

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

REPORTS (3:30 – 3:35)

1. [President's Report](#) J. Stover (5 min)

INFORMATION (3:35 – 4:05)

1. [Banner Implementation Update](#) (Standing Item) J. Adams, L. Beach (10 min)
2. [Academic Affairs Reorganization Update](#) R. Holcomb (20 min)

CONSENT (none) Treated collectively as one Action item. Any Senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

ACTION (4:05 – 4:20) Items must come from the Discussion agenda of a previous meeting or be carried over from a previous Action agenda.

1. **Does the Academic Senate wish to recommend \$30 as a "low textbook cost" standard as per new guidelines from the state. (15 minutes)** *Updated Support Documents Include:*
 - [One Pager on Establishing Locally Defined Low Textbook Cost \(LTC\) Thresholds](#)
 - [Updated XB12 Instructional Materials Cost Document](#)
 - *and as previously shared...*
 - [Resolution 21 April 2021: Recognition of Course Sections with Low-Cost Course Material Options in the SRJC Online Schedule of Classes](#)
 - [April 21, 2021 Academic Senate minutes](#)

BREAK (4:20 – 4:25)

DISCUSSION (4:25 – 5:00) *note: items marked [urgent*] can be moved to Action and voted on in the same meeting*

1. ***Does the Academic Senate support this recommendation from the Faculty Professional Development Committee?*** (15 minutes) *"We ask the senate to urgently discuss at their next meeting the establishment of a VRC pilot program run by members of the FPDC before making available to all faculty (as previously recommended by the Senate) and in support of a successful, supported, and tested launch of VRC."* For more detail on this recommendation, [please see the President's Report \(linked above and here\)](#).
2. **Does the Academic Senate recommend the formation of a Resolutions Taskforce in our Bylaws?** (10 minutes) *In order to avoid having to "reinvent the wheel" each time we seek to create a resolution, do we wish to establish a Resolutions Taskforce in our Bylaws as similar to the structure of our Elections Committee ([see Bylaws Article III, Section 3](#) for reference).*
3. **Does the Academic Senate recommend the formation of a Treasurer position (or adding responsibilities to existing position?) on the Academic Senate Executive Committee?** (10 minutes) *Last year we had several expenses related to Plenary travel and meeting coffee and snacks. The Academic Senate President also engaged in fundraising for plenary scholarships, and the Administrative Assistant regularly balances the Exchange Bank checking and savings accounts. Do we wish to create treasurer responsibilities on the Executive Committee by adding responsibilities to current members in support of more robust accounting and fundraising efforts going forward? Note, it is not advised to create a new position due to limitations on available reassign time.*

ADJOURNMENT 5:00 p.m.

REMAINING FALL 2026 MEETINGS

- ~~August 19th~~
- ~~Fall Retreat Friday, August 28th from 9am to 1pm (CETL)~~
- September 2nd
- September 16th
- October 7th
- October 21st
- November 4th
- November 18th
- December 2nd

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.