



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

AGENDA

16 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 – 3:35) Correction/Adoption (10 minutes)

[Corrected Minutes of 19 August 2026](#) (2nd read)

[Fall Retreat Minutes of 28 August 2026](#)

[Minutes of 2 September 2026](#)

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

REPORTS (3:35 – 3:40)

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

INFORMATION (3:40 – 3:55)

1. [Banner Implementation Update](#) (Hyflex; Last Date Attended) (Standing Item) J. Adams, V. Smith (15 min)

CONSENT (3:55 – 4:00) Treated collectively as one Action item. Any Senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

1. The Academic Senate Recommends the following actions to the District:

A. That the District conducts structured focus groups with students who qualify for Priority One registration as these students rely directly on specialized access, assistive technology, accommodations, and early planning to navigate their academic pathways. Their insights into what works and where our digital environment fails are essential data points that cannot be replicated within administrative silos.

B. That the District contracts with an outside agency that specializes in accessibility evaluations to perform an accessibility audit and to assist with the remediation needed.

2. Does the Academic Senate wish to sponsor a special joint session of Academic Senate with our union partners (AFA and SEIU) and Classified Senate (if they wish to participate) in support of an Academic Senate Special Joint Session Open Forum for addressing ongoing Banner-related implementation concerns? The open forum format would enable speakers to speak for up to three minutes, and we could suspend the rules to allow for more than three speakers on a single topic. This is in direct follow up to a request from AFA and SEIU officials that was sent to members of the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC) on Friday, September 11, 2026.

ELECTION of ASEC OFFICERS (4:00 – 4:15) (15 minutes)

Executive Secretary Candidate Statements (alphabetical)

- [Senator A. Oliver](#)
- [Senator N. Wheeler](#)

Associate Representative Candidate Statements

- [L. Dawn Lukas](#)

BREAK [longer than usual due to group/individual photos] (4:15 – 4:30)

ACTION (4:30 – 4:45) 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 recommend the formation of a Resolutions Taskforce in our Bylaws?** (7.5 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). [You can also view the Practices and Guidelines for Forming Academic Senate Work Groups here.](#)*
2. **Does the Academic Senate recommend the formation of a Treasurer position (or adding responsibilities to existing position?) on the Academic Senate Executive Committee?** (7.5 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. Note, it is not advised to create a new position due to limitations on available reassign time. [Related Fiscal Activities currently carried out by the Academic Senate President and Administrative Assistant are listed here.](#)*

DISCUSSION (4:45 – 5:00) *note: items marked [urgent*] can be moved to Action and voted on in the same meeting*

1. [Academic Affairs Reorganization Update](#) (15 min) **Please note: in follow up to the Senate’s feedback at the last meeting, [the VPAA is also seeking feedback on this proposed reorganization draft.](#)**

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.