



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

AGENDA

February 4, 2026, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Senate Chambers, Doyle 145

Petaluma: Room 690, Richard Call Bldg.

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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 (3:30 – 3:40) Correction/Adoption

[Minutes of December 3, 2025](#) (corrected)

[Minutes of January 21, 2026](#)

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

REPORTS (3:40 – 3:50)

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

INFORMATION (3:50 – 4:05)

1. **2026 Commencement Timing Updates** M. Senecal (5 min)

2. [Academic Affairs Report](#) R. Holcomb (10 min)

CONSENT (4:05 – 4:10) Treated collectively as one Action item. Any senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

1. **Academic Senate Workgroup to Develop Spring Plenary Resolutions.** *Does the Academic Senate wish to create a senator-based workgroup for developing state-level resolutions on Common Course Numbering (CCN) and/or AB1705 reform?* [Practices and Guidelines for Forming Academic Senate Work Groups are outlined here.](#) Additional resources include the [ASCCC Resolution Handbook](#) and [the timeline for Spring Resolution Development.](#)

ACTION (4:10 – 5:00) Items must come from the Discussion agenda of a previous meeting or be carried over from a previous Action agenda.

1. **AP7120A: Addressing Final Concerns** ([including updated AP7102A document](#)) (M. Ohkubo) The Academic Senate will review the changes approved by the body in Fall 2025, and address final questions and concerns in support of finalizing our mutual collaboration with the District. (25 min)

BREAK (4:35 – 4:40)

2. **Correcting the Bylaws.** Does the Academic Senate wish to approve a correction to the Bylaws as based on [consent item four \(see agenda here\)](#) as passed on [7 May 2025 \(see minutes here\)](#) entitled [Adoption of Faculty Professional Development Senate Subcommittee Revitalization Recommendations](#)? (5 min) [Support document available here](#) and any approved change would be made in adherence with our Bylaws, ARTICLE IX: CHANGES TO BYLAWS ([go to end of document online here](#)).
3. **Establishing an Honors Program at Santa Rosa Junior College.** Following up on the Information item from [3 December 2025 \(see agenda here\)](#), shall the Academic Senate recommend the establishment of a local Honor's Program as drawing inspiration from **Saddleback Honor's Program Overview** and the **Honors Program Local Information Sheet**? And if so, do we wish to form a workgroup to develop a proposal? (10 min) [Practices and Guidelines for Forming Academic Senate Work Groups are outlined here.](#)
4. **Creating Site-Specific Faculty Forums.** Does the Academic Senate wish to create the opportunity for site-specific faculty forums (*which are senate subcommittees and subject to the Brown Act*) at non-Santa Rosa district sites in support of the same privileges offered to Petaluma Faculty Forum as listed below ([and online in the Bylaws](#), Article III, Section 6)? (10 min)
 - B. Duties:
 1. To promote the professional interests of the faculty of the Sonoma County Junior College District and to participate in the collegial governance of the college as it specifically concerns the Petaluma Campus.
 2. To promote communication and mutual understanding among the faculty on the Petaluma campus, to strengthen communication between the Petaluma and Santa Rosa campuses, and to facilitate and maintain communication between the PFF and the Academic Senate of the college.
 3. To promote the development and maintenance of teaching excellence within the framework of academic freedom and professional responsibilities and ethics, especially as this pertains to the Petaluma campus.

DISCUSSION N/A

ADJOURNMENT 5:00 p.m.

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.