



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MINUTES

April 29, 2026, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Senate Chambers, Doyle 145

Petaluma (New): Mahoney Library 726, 2nd Floor, Petaluma.

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PRESENT: M. Anderman, L. Aspinall, A. Atilgan Relyea, S. Avasthi, L. Branen-Ahumada, J. Davis, K. Fortunati, K. Frindell Teuscher, V. Hamilton, T. Jacobson, D. Lemmer, D. Lukas, S. McGregor-Gordon, T. Melvin, G. Morre, J. Nieto, M. Ohkubo, A. Oliver, N. Perrone, N. Persons, T. Ruiz (Petaluma), E. Schmidt, I. Tircuit

ABSENT: J. Bush (proxy L. Aspinall), G. Garcia (no proxy), J. Kremer (proxy N. Perrone) MJ Papa (no proxy), S. Rosen, (proxy N. Persons)

CALL TO ORDER 3:15 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT President Stover reviewed the land acknowledgement statement is usually presented as either a long or short version. President Stover presented a different version that was learned through the ASCCC Rostrum article about using land acknowledgements as a moment for micro lessons in Indigenous history. A micro lesson was reviewed on the Pomo, Coast Miwok, and Wappo Indigenous people.

OPEN FORUM: None.

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- Senator reviewed on page 5 that the votes have formatting issues.
- Senator reviewed page 4 - Information, the spelling of M. Hale, noted “Hales” is incorrect.
- Senator Persons moved to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2026, with noted corrections. Seconded. Approved by 25 yes, 1 abstention, 2 absent.

M. Anderman	yes	V. Hamilton	yes	M. Ohkubo	yes
L. Aspinall	yes	T. Jacobson	yes	A. Oliver	yes
A. Atilgan Relyea	yes	J. Kremer (proxy N. Perrone)	yes	M. Papa	absent
S. Avasthi	yes	D. Lemmer	yes	N. Perrone	yes
L. Branen-Ahumada	yes	D. Lukas	yes	N. Persons	yes
J. Bush (proxy L. Aspinall)	yes	S. McGregor-Gordon	yes	S. Rosen (proxy N. Persons)	yes
J. Davis	abstain	T. Melvin	yes	T. Ruiz	yes
K. Fortunati	yes	G. Morre	yes	E. Schmidt	yes
K. Frindell-Teuscher	yes	J. Nieto	yes	I. Tircuit	yes
G. Garcia	absent				

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA None.

REPORTS

1. District Online Committee – T. Jacobson and L. Beach

T. Jacobson highlighted the following:

- If interested, May 1, 2026, is the deadline for the Peer Online Course Review, looking for volunteers to go through that process.
- The California Virtual Campus (CVC) update; due to the transition to Banner and the back log with the IT Department, the transition to become a Home College will take place Fall 2026 with the hopes to transition to a Teaching College by Spring 2027.
- Working on EdTech review process, looking at LMS updates to Canvas, faculty subgroup now part of the DOC to review updates that come forward.
- Title II Accessibility Compliance is coming around, hoping to hear more on the District Wide efforts to

make sure they are completed.

L. Beach highlighted the following:

- Distance Education Board Report and key takeaways regarding statistics, sections and courses.
 - 46% of all SRJC sections are DE
 - 52% of all SRJC DE sections are online asynchronous
 - 70% of all SRJC students (by headcount) are taking DE courses
 - 32% of all SRJC students (by headcount) are taking only DE courses

Discussion took place:

- A Senator requested clarification number of face-to-face courses that are using Canvas, or is it only classes that have a portion that is required to be online?
 - Technically anytime in person lecture hours are replaced by online lecture hours, that becomes Distance Ed. The described are sometimes called web enhanced. Our team still supports those courses, but they are not considered Distance Ed.
- Do you have a percentage as to how many overall courses are using CANVAS?
 - The percentage of sections that use Canvas is around 70%

2. Honor's Transfer Program (HTP) Workgroup Report:

J Lusk reviewed the following:

- HTP Workgroup Recommendation
- Background of HTP

H. Winkler reviewed the following:

- Workgroup Charge
- Workgroup recommendation voted unanimously to recommend that SRJC move forward with the creation of an HTP
- Workgroup unanimously voted to recommend an SRJC HTP meet the requirements of the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) and UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (UCLA TAP).

M. Martin reviewed the following:

- Honors Transfer Council of California
- UCLA Transfer Alliance Program
- Recommend revisiting later: National Collegiate Honors Council
- SRJC Mission, Vision, and Values
- Synergistic potential

N. Perrone reviewed the following:

- Student benefits
- Opportunities for original, semester-long self-initiated research process, deeper relationships with faculty-mentors, development of research skills for major and/or graduate school, challenging coursework, access to scholarships and grants, leadership opportunities.
- Equity is at the forefront.
- SRJC has the potential to partner with an established program at another college.

M. Martin closed with the following:

- SRJC would be the only HTP in the North Bay, and this could be marketed to students.

Discussion took place:

- Clarification that honors classes currently do not currently exist at SRJC. This was not within the scope of the HTP workgroup to start designing recommendations regarding how the HTP could work. This is a future decision.
- A Senator emphasized the importance of any HTP at SRJC to be diverse and inclusive, specifically relating to recruitment.

3. President's Report – J. Stover

The Chair welcomed everyone and reviewed next week is the final meeting, and he will be inviting a photographer to take a group photo and action shots.

The following report was given:

- Banner Implementation: communication and collaboration, connecting the messages that are coming out of Student Services and Academic Affairs and forwarding those along. Standards and policies for student preparation and success are number 5 in the 10+1. We need to stay focused on this and need to do what we can to help this along.
- Clarification on the many Senate Consultation Committees- we are establishing an annual process in which those Consultation Committees report to the Senate each Spring. This will be done annually; it is important faculty chairs or co-chairs or members be available to provide these updates.
- This coming Thursday and Friday, a team is heading to the ASCCC Noncredit Institute in San Jose, in support of the noncredit to credit pathways. This Institute will give opportunities to do some team building and look forward to bringing back the knowledge gained.
- Committee faculty recruitments for AY26-27 are continuing. We have received 80 responses so far with over 100 seats to fill. The survey will go out again this week.
- Upcoming Officer Election for Vice President: reviewed the nomination and election process. The deadline is Friday, May 1, 2026 at noon to submit nominations.
- Chair Workgroup Updates on meetings and outcomes:
 - Site Specific Forum
 - Interest from Roseland, Shone Farm and Public Safety Training in Site Specific Forums like Petaluma Faculty Forum.
 - Met one time and many email exchanges.
 - Positive step forward in facilitating faculty voices.
 - 16 Week Calendar
 - Met three times.
 - Looking at Cuesta College and Solano College which are in the process of moving to a 16-week calendar.
 - More outreach and institutional research on challenges encountered. Will consult with Mira Costa College. Outreach to departments and programs to get input.
 - Chair to visit all departments for 10-15 minutes in the fall.
 - Resolutions Committee
 - The committee has things to bring forward this fall
 - Much work has been done on the state level with resolutions.
 - Consider having an ad hoc Resolution Committee.
 - Area B at the 2026 Spring Plenary
 - Pointed out the Plenary Area B picture which is included in the report. The adopted resolutions are linked in the report.

INFORMATION

1. Banner Implementation update

R. Holcomb gave an overview of the Banner implementation and upcoming steps.

H. Yaffee gave an overarching review of Banner, Ellucian, Course Leaf, Degree Works, and reviewed some other software purchased that replaced existing software.

J. Adams reviewed the following:

- Banner scheduling progress
- Faculty instructional load reports
- Course Outlines of Record
- Class end times
- Proof reports
- Course Leaf launch
- Student access to Canvas
- Attendance accounting method
- Canvas Summer 2026
- Currently available training

V. Smith reviewed the following:

- Registration is going well for Summer 2026 with 3600 students enrolled as of today
- Student registration expectations
- Student registration assistance, Bear Cub email.

- Add codes
- Waitlists
- Student issues
- Restricted classes

A discussion took place regarding the following topics:

- Course Leaf PATH timeline
- Slides to be sent out to faculty for information
- Schedule of classes and waitlist format
- Faculty may need to send additional information to students

Senator Persons moved to extend time on the item for 7 minutes. Seconded. No opposition from Senators. The item was extended for 7 minutes.

- A Senator requested a tip or cheat sheet to share with students and staff to help students register and answer questions.
- A Senator shared it is important for faculty to understand the waitlist process for students. The waitlist notifications are issued to the student by email, and the student has 24 hours to accept the class, or it goes to the next student in line.
- A Senator requested an email with one link for reporting issues with Banner implementation.
- Clarification that SIS is currently being kept up to date.
 - It is not possible for SIS and Banner to both be kept up to date.
- A Senator noted with stacked classes that tracking seats seem to be working incorrectly.
- Training on the new curriculum system will launch in July.

CONSENT None.

ACTION

1. [Expanding Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies to Associate Faculty](#) (FFAS) As first presented on 1 April 2026, does the body wish to endorse the inclusion of associate faculty in FFAS membership by:
 - a. [Recommending the following changes to the Bylaws \(link here\)](#) as per [Article IX, Section 1 of the Academic Senate Bylaws](#).
 - b. Recommending the referral of the wages and working conditions to AFA and the District

The Chair introduced the item and reviewed the track changes on the Bylaws.

Senator Lukas made a motion to move forward with the 2 recommended actions. Seconded.

- A Senator noted as a member of FFAS, there were a lot of questions at the last meeting. The Foundation told the committee that a donation is needed. There does not need to be separate committees. The committee should have Associate faculty committee representation.
- The Chair asked a parliamentary question regarding the number of readings the Bylaws need to come to the Senate before a vote.
 - The parliamentarian confirmed the Bylaws should be amended twice.

Senator Persons moved to table this item until the May 6 meeting. Seconded. This item will come back to the next meeting. No opposition from the Senate.

BREAK

DISCUSSION

1. **Does the Senate wish to accept this [updated recommendation from the Faculty Professional Development Committee \(April 23rd\)](#): to adopt the Vision Resource Center as an avenue for faculty to access statewide PD opportunities and conversations. [Additional detail in support of recommendation can be found here](#).**

The Chair introduced the item.

Senator Lukas made a motion to move this matter to action. Seconded. Approved by 26 yes, 2 absent.

M. Anderman	yes	V. Hamilton	yes	M. Ohkubo	yes
L. Aspinall	yes	T. Jacobson	yes	A. Oliver	yes
A. Atilgan Relyea	yes	J. Kremer (proxy N. Perrone)	yes	M. Papa	absent
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J. Davis	yes	T. Melvin	yes	T. Ruiz	yes
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G. Garcia	absent				

A discussion took place regarding the following topics:

- Flexibility on changing platform in the future
- Incoming Professional Development Coordinator, Senator Melvin reviewed research had been done. The VRC does a nice job tracking individually, but there is not a good database, possibility of developing an in-house database.
- Senator pointed out that the concept of the methodology used for tracking professional development sounds operational and questioned the Senate's role
- SIS is continuing for next year for tracking with no immediate solution for VRC tracking. The committee felt it appropriate to suggest continuing with SIS for tracking.
- A Senator shared they are in contact with College of Marin about how they manage their database.

2. **Does the Academic Senate endorse this [Proposal for Pilot Consultation Process Between the Academic Senate and AFA \(linked here\)](#)?** This proposal was developed in consultation with AFA President(s) and Chief Negotiator and the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC).

Proposal has been reviewed by ASEC as well as the current AFA President and Chief Negotiator. AFA President is currently on sabbatical but has expressed support. Senator Ohkubo reported there was a lot of time and thought invested in this process. There are guardrails on both sides when it comes to Brown Act or rules of negotiations.

Senator Persons made a motion to move this item to action. Seconded.

A brief discussion took place regarding:

- A Senator was very happy to see this happening and expressed deep appreciation to everyone involved.
- Senators shared positive comments received from other colleges on this process.
- Senator in support of having the two bodies that protect faculty rights and faculty voice working together as a team. Approved with 26 yes votes, 2 absent.

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Senator Persons moved to adjourn the meeting early at 4:43 pm. Seconded. No opposition.

ADJOURNMENT 4:43 pm.