

Academic Senate President's Report
15 April 2026 // John A Stover III, PhD

Welcome back to the Senate, everyone. It's been a busy April thus far, so let's get to it.

Plenary Highlights. It was amazing to have a 20-person SRJC contingent at [ASCCC Spring Plenary 2026](#). I was joined by current and future Senators, and the work, connection, and resources we each gathered will be shared out in the weeks ahead. [The ASCCC Executive Committee](#) continues to do an excellent job of supporting faculty across the state, and while not every break out session was perfect, it was affirming to see so many SRJC faculty attending sessions, engaging with colleagues across the state, and attending and collaborating with me on resolution voting. I was aware of three folks who attended with me in person on Saturday, and at least two folks attending online. I'm grateful for the consultations I received from these Senators related to resolutions under consideration. Some quick highlights from the voting and collaborations (all S26):

- There were yes votes on equity related resources for math faculty; a call for condemnation of any and all attempts to attack constitutional rights and attempts to retract academic freedom (a perfected 111.05); and strengthening noncredit student pathways to credit bearing academic programs (104.02).
- There were no votes on new math minimum qualifications for the disciplines list (112.02); and course schedule related measures meant to update and protect course related schedule and registration data (105.01 & 105.02).
- Artificial Intelligence-related voting (non-exhaustive) called for ensuring protection of student and institutional data (a perfected 108.02) and building a future-ready technology education framework (a perfected 102.01).
- A vote by acclamation supported the condemnation of Caesar E. Chavez Sexual Abuse and Honoring Survivors and the Farmworkers Movement (11.07).
- It was also a gloriously non-controversial passage of our local efforts calling for other data beyond the throughout model to better serve the diverse needs of math students (a perfected 114.04); and resolution 108.04 passed with a call for the exploration of a taskforce to identify and develop professional development learning opportunities specific to IDEAA-related mathematics pedagogies (*read andragogies*).
- I am also working on - and will bring forward more information - related to coordination with the President of FACCC - Stephanie Thompson - on a potential future resolution and/or collective action specific to calling for CALSTRs to divest it's \$1.1 billion investment in military-based corporations (see [Press Democrat article here \(pdf link\) from 4 April 2026](#) and the [LA Times article here \(direct to their website\) from 2 April 2026](#)).

You can view and download everything that was debated this past Saturday at [2026 Spring Plenary Session Resolutions For Discussion and Debate on April 11, 2026](#), and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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ASEC Summer Planning. The Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC) will engage in summer planning work again this year with a focus on both annual planning and needs related to maintaining and engaging [our 10+1 purview](#) across the District. We are working now and will continue to make sure the faculty voice is included in matters such as but not limited to Banner implementation, District reorganization, and forthcoming budget deficit reduction strategies.

Reports Ongoing Forward. You have probably noticed we have a lot of reports this Spring, and in the future we will plan for a more even distribution of reporting throughout future Spring semesters (versus all appearing at the end). K. Lamb and I will be doing this work over the summer, which is both long overdue as well as right on time.

Faculty Committee Selections Underway for AY2026–27. Committee selections are underway for the AY2026-27, and please remember that faculty are appointed annually so if you wish to continue on a committee on which you CURRENTLY sit [be sure to reapply here](#).

At-Large Election Results. The At-Large Senator election for Contract Areas 3 and 11 as well as Associate Area 14 ran thru Tuesday, April 14th, and I'm hoping I'll be able to consult with the Academic Senate Elections Committee Wednesday morning so I can share the results with you all in our Senate meeting.

Once At-Large elections are wrapped up, we'll start the nomination and election process for the position of ASEC Vice President in support of Senator voting during our final (May 6th) meeting and according to [Article VIII, Section 8 of the Bylaws](#) as follows:

Election of Executive Committee Officers – The Vice President and Executive Secretary, Equity, At-large, and Associate Representatives are selected by the Senate from among the Senators to serve two-year term(s). Elections will be held at the last meeting in May of the election cycle. Officers will assume office immediately. A majority vote of the Senate quorum will be required for election. Approximately half of officers will be elected each year.

Please also keep in mind that ASEC meets every Thursday morning (8:30 to 10am on Zoom) for planning and carries a 20% reassign load with the following responsibilities (see also [Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws here](#)):

- A. Serve as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.
- B. Serve as assistant to the President in all duties of the President.
- C. Assume the duties of the President during any temporary absence of the President.
- D. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- E. Assist with the assignment of faculty to College and Senate committees.
- F. Serve as a Senate representative on selected College committees. (When possible, this will include the Curriculum Committee.)

The role of the Vice President is both worthy of service on its own accord and as a launching point for future Presidents. Having never served as a Vice President, I can say that serving as Executive Secretary is also a strong training ground for future presidents. Feel free to speak to me or any other member of the ASEC team if you have questions, and we welcome your participation.

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Workgroup Updates. Recommendations are forthcoming, and during our last two meetings of the semester we will hear from the Honor's Program, Site-Specific Forum, 16-week calendar, and Resolution workgroups. I'm grateful for everyone's contributions, and will have more to share on April 29th and May 6th.

We have a busy agenda today, so I'll keep my report brief and end with this: having started my career as an Academic Senator in Fall 2012, being of service to this body has also been one of the greatest – and most challenging – of opportunities for professional development in my career in higher education. So whether you are new to the Senate or have been here a while, I see you, I hear you, I appreciate you, and I am honored to be a part of this body.



Most of the SRJC Faculty Contingent at Spring Plenary 2026

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