

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

Hello Again. Welcome to the penultimate Academic Senate meeting of AY25–26. I look forward to seeing you again in just one week! Let's get to it.

**Banner Implementation** continues to present challenges to faculty and students, and I'm doing what I can to communicate and collaborate where/when/as needed and is helpful to connecting the dots across Student Services, Academic Affairs, faculty, and students. Please keep raising issues as negatively impacting [standards or policies regarding student preparation and success \(#5 on the 10+1](#) and part of our "rely primarily upon" purview), and I will continue to work as an advocate for faculty and student voices.

**Reports** are coming in, and I want to clarify a question that has been raised. We are asking all Senate consultation committees to provide regular, annual updates to the senate. [Everything in blue here on this organizational chart is a senate consultation committee](#). We are in the process of establishing an annual process starting now and going forward each Spring. This is a new practice, so every consultation committee will be asked to provide a report to the Senate going forward. Either the committee chair (faculty or other) or another faculty member on the committee can provide the update. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up thus far and going forward. [Also, in terms of reports, I didn't have a place on the published agenda for the slide deck from the Honor's Workgroup today, so here's the link here.](#)

[\*\*The ASCCC Noncredit Institute is this Thursday/Friday in San Jose\*\*](#), and in the last ten days we've been able to raise some money and assemble a team. Faculty (B. Barabas, B. Cavazzi, L. Rhodes Erikson, A. Flores, N. Gomez, J. Nieto, A. Oliver, C. Trombino, and myself), as well as administrators and classified professionals (R. Romagnoli, G. Estes, B. Goldstein) will be in attendance, and I look forward to what we bring back to share as we improve our noncredit to credit pathways.

[\*\*Committee Faculty Recruitments for AY26-27 are continuing\*\*](#), and thus far we've had 79 responses from faculty. As a reminder, we have over 100 seats to fill on shared governance committees, so please sign up for at least one seat if you are available (see link above [or click here](#)). Associates have two seats each available on the Faculty Equivalency Committee and the Faculty Professional Development Committee.

**Upcoming Officer Election.** The nomination and election process for the position of ASEC Vice President is open thru this Friday at Noon and in support of Senator voting during our final (May 6th) meeting and according to [Article VIII, Section 8 of the Bylaws](#). 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.

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- F. Serve as a Senate representative on selected College committees. (When possible, this will include the Curriculum Committee.)

It's important that the Vice President be available to serve on the Curriculum Committee, when possible, and the position is both worthy of service on its own accord and as a launching point for future Presidents. If you have questions, please let me know.

**Workgroup Updates.** You'll be hearing from the Honor's Program Workgroup separately today, and here's the 411 on the two of the three groups I've been chairing this semester.

**Site Specific Forum.** We had one meeting on March 6th, and several email exchanges that followed. The schedule conflicts we encountered made it impossible to meet again as a group up until now, but in the email messaging it became clear that each site is interested in establishing a Senate faculty forum. I reached out to the original workgroup members and other district related colleagues (4/27/29) with the following message (quoted in part) in support of establishing site-specific faculty forums going forward:

...let's focus on the positive: it's clear that each site – Shone Farm, Public Safety Center, and Roseland - are each interested in establishing a site-specific forum. This means that the next step would be for the faculty from each site to meet and decide how they would like to adopt or modify our current Bylaws language specific to their campus. For example, here's how Petaluma Faculty Forum is structured:

Section 6: Petaluma Faculty Forum

- A. Composition: Faculty at the Petaluma Campus are eligible, voting members. Personnel whose job requires an administrative or supervisory credential or who are placed on the administrative salary schedule do not qualify as members.
- 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.

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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.
- C. Meetings: An average of once a month when the College is in session. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chair of the PFF or by written petition to the Chair of at least four regular participants of PFF. No business may be transacted other than that for which the special meeting was called.

**Each site can use this language and craft it towards what they want in terms of their own site-specific forum, either by changing the location and using the same language OR adopting new language for consideration by the Senate.** Either approach works, and anything you propose will have to be reviewed and voted on by the Academic Senate (all Bylaw changes must go through official votes). ...

I believe this will be a positive step in creating community and facilitating the voice of the faculty across the district in the [10+1 charge](#) of the Academic Senate.

**Sixteen Week Calendar.** The workgroup was able to meet three times (March 13th and 27th as well as April 24th), and at our last meeting we engaged in follow up discussions and new planning. We most recently discussed forthcoming efforts related to collecting data from other colleges like [Cuesta College](#) and [Solano College](#), who are also currently exploring the move to a 16 week semester. We also plan to talk with folks from MiraCosta College, who successfully moved to 18 weeks to 16 weeks over a two year process ([see their calendar project webpage here](#)). We plan to learn from other institutions' who have already made the move, like Napa Valley College, and will aim to make a recommendation to the Senate by December 2026. We plan on reaching out to departments and programs as a committee after we have completed our institutional research, and I will also be reaching out to Department and Programs to see if I can drop into your meetings in Fall 2026 to highlight more of our work in person. All current workgroup members who were present are interested in continuing next semester, and we are asking for another semester of work to continue with our efforts. The workgroup has a Teams site, which includes the data collected during the 2012 efforts to adopt a standard calendar, and roughly 50% of California community colleges operate on a 16-week calendar. The committee also agreed to formally acknowledge in their recommendations how potential changes might differentially affect higher credit hour and lab-based courses.

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I also chaired the **Resolutions Committee** this semester, and we will have a resolution to bring forward in the Fall specific to work the Senators from the Math Department have been crafting. We also have follow up to do on our common course numbering resolution, which was not viable for Spring but could be in the future. I also feel strongly that resolutions are an important way we contribute at the state level, and I encourage everyone to continue to bring forward concerns and resolution ideas going forward.

Finally, I want to share the Area B Update (27 April 2026) which includes several important updates and links (see below). Thank you, as always, for the opportunity to serve.

**Area B update 27 April 2026.**

**Happy Post-2026 Spring Plenary to the "B"est Area, Area B!**

Just as the vernal rains pattered the soils of the viticultural heart of Area "B"est, enveloping and nourishing the vines and leaving an indelible impression on the earth beneath, so too did the 2026 Spring Plenary Session leave its own indelible memories on all who gathered in Santa Rosa. The discussions and decisions made by our colleagues will surely nourish the work for the California community college faculty ahead. So with that, here's a brief recap! ...



Area "B"est Meeting at the 2026 Spring Plenary Session

**Credit | Mitra Sapienza**

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**ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS AND NEXT STEPS** | For the 2026 Spring Plenary Session, the delegates debated 38 resolutions of which 35 were adopted by the delegates. The 2026 Spring Plenary Session Adopted Resolutions Packet will be posted on the [ASCCC Resolutions Process](#) by the end of the week, and will be searchable on the [Adopted Resolutions](#) database shortly thereafter. At this time, **ASCCC Senate President Dr. LaTonya Parker-Parnell, and Executive Director Kim H. Tran** will assign these resolutions to the appropriate committee or individual of the ASCCC. Status updates regarding each adopted resolution may also be found by clicking on the resolution on the [Adopted Resolutions](#) page as well. Please note that committee chairs periodically update their assigned resolutions on this page.

**AREA COMPETITION** | Thank you, Area “B”est, for your contributions to the Academic Senate Foundation’s Area Competition! With your crowd sourcing, we were able to collectively donate \$940 of the overall \$11,219! Although we did not take the top spot this year, just know that our donations will be able to provide scholarships for our faculty to attend Plenary Sessions, Faculty Leadership Institutes, Curriculum Institutes, partner organization conferences, and individual research initiatives to continue to advance IDEAA within our system! We may not have won this year, but just as with any harvest, the most fruitful seasons are built on persistence and cultivation. There will always be next year, Area “B”est!

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS** | In addition to the resolutions up for discussion and debate, the Spring Plenary Sessions brings with it the annual Board of Directors (a.k.a. Executive Committee) elections. Thank you to those who submitted their candidacies! And without further ado, the results:

**President** | Dr. LaTonya Parker-Parnell (Moreno Valley College)

**Vice President** | Robert L. Stewart, Jr. (Los Angeles Southwest College)

**Secretary** | Eric Wada (Folsom Lake College)

**Treasurer** | Erik Reese (Moorpark College)

**At-Large** | Luke Lara (MiraCosta College)

**North** | Stephanie Curry (Reedley College)

**South** | Jerome Hunt (Long Beach City College)

**Area B** | Mark Edward Osea (Mendocino College)

**Area C** | Edgar Perez (Los Angeles Valley College)

Many congratulations!!

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**2026 APRIL ROSTRUM** | The 2026 Spring Plenary sessions brings with it the 2026 April Rostrum, “Human Centered Framework: The CAIR Model”. Please visit the [2026 April Rostrum](#) web page to view the latest edition.

**SAVE-THE-DATES** | To support with calendaring for the 2026-2027 ahead, here are some important ASCCC dates:

**2026 In-Person Faculty Leadership Institute**  
***Thursday, June 11, 2026 to Saturday, June 13, 2026***  
***Hyatt Regency Long Beach***

Please visit the [2026 Faculty Leadership Institute eventbrite registration page](#) to register.

**2026 Hybrid Curriculum Institute**  
***Wednesday, July 15, 2026 to Saturday, July 18, 2026***  
***SAFE Credit Union Convention Center***  
***1401 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814***

Please visit the [2026 Curriculum Institute eventbrite registration page](#) to register.

**2026 Hybrid Fall Area B Meeting**  
***Friday, October 09, 2026***  
***In-Person Location TBD & Online***

Please note that the Area Meetings will follow the same one-day format for Friday. The general session will be online, with an in-person viewing part. After the general session, the Area B specific meeting will be hybrid.

**STATEWIDE SERVICE** | It is never too late to get connected and get involved with the ASCCC. Sign up to volunteer for statewide academic senate service. It is a great opportunity for professional development and networking. You will be able to collaborate with colleagues across the state to affect change within the California Community College system. Please click the [Volunteer Application to Serve on an ASCCC Committee web page](#) to submit your interest form today!

**ASCCC LISTSERVS** | If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to the ASCCC Listservs. By doing so, you will be kept up-to-date with what is happening not only with your specific interest area, but also across the state. In addition, you don't need to be a local senate president to subscribe to the senate president listserv! So, please visit the [Sign Up for the ASCCC Newsletters web page](#) to sign-up for the listservs today!

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***And on that note...*** as we round out another ASCCC cycle, I just want to say, “Thank you for your continued support, Area ‘B’est!” I am truly grateful, honored, and humbled that you have entrusted me to continue representing and supporting **YOU!** As we head into the summer months, I hope we all find time for self-care, rejuvenation, and moments of joy with family, friends, and community.

Wishing you all a happy rest of the semester and quarter. Until post-Faculty Leadership Institute this summer, at your service...

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PS: Consider [contributing to our Senate voluntary fund today](#) as we continue to support our mission and purview! *[Our ability to serve coffee, have food at retreats and snacks at the Senate, and sometimes even send folks to Plenary, depends on the ongoing, robust contributions of everyone who is willing to step up. Consider joining us today!]*