

## Academic Senate President's Report

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**Welcome back to the Academic Senate.** It's good to see you all. It's our final meeting of the AY2025-26 cycle - hard to believe but true nonetheless. Let's get to it.



**ASCCC Noncredit Institute Reflections.** There were 12 of us (see above!) who attended including 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), and we enjoyed an invigorating array of discussions, connections, resources, and presentations. If we wish to maintain our commitment to [our district vision](#) for “cultivating an accessible, open, barrier-free, sustainable environment for students,” and [fulfilling our values](#) towards a “healthy and resilient college” that prioritizes “community engagement and relationships” than prioritizing more robust support for our noncredit to credit pathways is essential to our future as a college. Also, if we wish to achieve “Effectiveness and District Stability that support fiscally responsible planning centered on student needs” - [another of our SRJC values](#) - then we are called to serve the students who need us the most - those who are first generation, first in their family to speak english, and first to pursue higher education at any level. I believe strongly in our ability to support all students on their educational pathways, and to discover who they are and who they wish to become. Those of us who attended will be meeting to debrief before the semester ends in planning for next AY2026-27, and I look forward to the work ahead to support our students across all areas of need and abilities.

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A standout moment occurred during the last session of the conference when L. Rhodes Erikson, J. Nieto, and A. Oliver proposed a Pharmacy Noncredit Clerk Certificate that won the *Best System Building Award* (*aka Architect of the Republic Alliance - our presenter was a Star Wars nerd*). I look forward to our work to make this proposal a reality and kudos to them for being one of four presentations in our last interactive session of the conference.



**Banner Implementation** continues with the recent update from our VPAA ([see SRJC Faculty Banner and Bear Cub Hub Updates—Academic Affairs from Friday, May 1st here](#)) and continues today with a new standing Information Item we'll keep as long as we need to address challenges encountered by faculty and students. Keep raising issues as negatively impacting [standards or policies regarding student preparation and success \(#5 on the 10+1](#) and as part of our “rely primarily upon” purview). I did add in last week's slide deck as requested (on agenda [and also here](#)).

**Thanks to everyone who provided a Spring Report** to the Senate. This will be an annual process going forward, and we'll also have some reports come in the Fall Semester, too. All Senate consultation committees will provide regular, annual updates to the senate, and [everything in blue here on this organizational chart is a senate consultation committee](#).

**Committee Faculty Recruitments for AY26-27 closes soon**, and 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.

**Today is the Officer Election for Vice President, and you have [four candidates from whom to choose](#)**. Our Elections committee will distribute, count, and verify the results which i'll announce to the body, all right after the break today.

**Celebrating our Arriving, Departing, and Retiring Colleagues.** Today I want to first welcome incoming Senators K. Bunas, A. Hsieh, I. Stockburger, N. Tran, and N. Wheeler. Welcome aboard and welcome back to the Senate. I also want to pause to recognize the Senate service of departing Senators K. Frindell Teuscher and G. Morre, and also recognize the service of retiring Senators S. McGregor-Gordon, D. Lemmer, and N. Persons. [Special thanks to President Emeritus N. Persons, whose service is officially recognized in this proposed resolution for consideration today](#). Thank you, all of you, for your contributions and dedication in advancing our 10+1 mission and purview. You've all been fierce advocates on issues that matter to you and our students, and I'll miss you all next year.

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[Our Senate body will be made up by the following Senators next year](#), and [our AY2026-27 calendar has also been drafted and can be viewed here](#).

One last pitch for the semester. Please 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!]*

**On a personal note**, I want to thank you all for your service and engagement this semester. It's been a challenging year, and I've learned a lot. I appreciate all the support, encouragement, and feedback I've received this year in support of representing your voices locally and across the state. I feel very fortunate to be of service to you all, and look forward to the next two years ahead as I continue to serve in this role. Have a great summer, and see you at graduation.

