



# ACADEMIC SENATE

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

## AGENDA

January 17, 2024, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Rosa: Bertolini Senate Chambers, Room 4638

Petaluma: Room 690, Richard Call Bldg.

ZOOM ID: 958 4627 3808

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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's 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 Administrative Assistant.

**MINUTES** (3:30-3:40): Correction/Adoption.

[Draft Minutes for December 6, 2023 Meeting](#)

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

**REPORTS** (3:40 – 3:45):

**President's Report** – N. Persons

[AS President's Report to Senate](#)

**CONSENT** Treated collectively as one Action item. Any senator may move any Consent item to the Action agenda to allow for discussion.

**None.**

**ACTION** Items must come from the Discussion agenda of a previous meeting or be carried over from a previous Action agenda.

**None.**

**DISCUSSION** (3:45-5:00):

**1. Strategic Plan Objectives to Strategy 1 Goal** – 20 min.

*At its meeting of May 17, 2023, the Academic Senate voted 12-11 to recommend a revision of Strategic Plan Objective 1 to the Strategy 1 Goal and then recommended adoption of the Goals and Objectives to the Plan with this revision. The recommendation was subsequently rejected outright by the District as communicated by the former Superintendent/President. However, 10+1 items of mutual consent should be worked out between the Academic Senate and the District. Senators are asked to consider whether any further action or recommendations in this regard are desired.*

[Minutes of May 17, 2023 \(see Action Item 2, which begins mid-page 3\)](#)

[Dr. Chong email response May 22, 2023](#)

**BREAK 5 min (4:05 – 4:10)**

*(Discussion cont'd)*

**2. Resolution in Support of Trans Students – S. Avasthi, 15 min.**

*At its meeting of December 6, 2023, Senator Avasthi read a draft resolution in support of SRJC trans students. Senators are asked to consider whether to take action to approve this resolution.*

[Resolution to Support Trans Students](#)

**3. Task Force Standard Language – 15 min.**

*The Academic Senate has been making effective use of workgroups (task forces) to bring draft proposals to the body. During discussions, time has routinely been needed to determine guidelines for size, membership, and selection. Senators are asked to consider the draft guidelines below and whether some version of this could be regularly used when formation of workgroups is called for.*

[Draft Workgroup Guidelines](#)

**4. Faculty Professional Ethics Committee – 20 min.**

*On May 17, 2023, the Academic Senate voted to approve all revisions to the Bylaws. During this revision, the body elected to remove the Faculty Professional Ethics Committee from the list of senate subcommittees. It is recommended that the body make a formal recommendation regarding the disposition of this subcommittee.*

**INFORMATION**

**None.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 p.m.**

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**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.