

**Resolution to Change the Academic Senate Bylaws
to add Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies as a Senate Committee**

Whereas, The Academic Senate is an organization designed to support academic and professional matters including professional development; and

Whereas, The Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) was formed in 1981 by members of the Academic Senate and SRJC Foundation in recognition of the need to support faculty in the pursuit of professional development; and

Whereas, The FFAS has built resources through faculty donations and oversees the selection of recipients and distribution of awards each spring; and

Whereas, Unlike the Faculty Recognition Committee, Faculty Professional Development, and Petaluma Faculty Forum, FFAS has never been an official Senate Committee and therefore has no official status, support, or committee selection oversight;

Resolved, That the Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate modify its Bylaws to add FFAS as a Senate committee with the following description:

Section 1: A.8 Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS)

A. **Composition:** 8 to 10 faculty members appointed by the Senate.

B. **Duties:**

1. Solicitation of funds in support of contract faculty professional development opportunities.
2. Work with the SRJC Foundation to oversee the stewardship of FFAS funds and their distribution.
3. Solicitation of applications by contract faculty in support of professional development.
4. Screening of applicants and selection of grant winners.
5. Organization and hosting the annual Soupfest Awards Event.

C. **Meetings:**

A required in-person meeting is held early Spring to select grant recipients and plan Soupfest. Meeting date is selected by consensus. Other fall and spring meetings are as needed. Email is the major form of communication.