



Faculty Professional Development Committee - Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.8.26 | *time:* 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM | *Location:* Senate Chambers, 145 Doyle |
Zoom link (for public): <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/88023645252>
Meeting ID: 8802-3645-252

Voting Membership	John Stover (Faculty - AS)	Rebecca Stoddard (Faculty - AS) <i>Absent</i>	Jessica Harris (Faculty – AS)
	Alexa Forrester (Faculty - AS)	Tim Melvin (Faculty - AFA)	Stacie Sather (Faculty – AFA)
	Sara Pringle (<i>Fa26 only</i>) / Regina Guerra (<i>Sp27</i>)	Emily Schmidt (Faculty – AS, Associate)	Regina Guerra (Faculty – AS) <i>Spring 2027 only</i>

Agenda Items

- **The Meeting was Called to Order:** 1: 41 p.m. by Committee Chair, J. Stover.
- **Open Forum:** None
- **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Approval of the Agenda:** No changes to the agenda.
- **Approval of the Minutes:** A. Forester moved to approve both sets of minutes, August 27, 2026 and September 10, 2026. Seconded. Seeing no opposition, minutes were adopted.
- **Continued testing and resource development for Vision Resource Center with proposed language for front page:** Reviewed language for splash page:
 - The committee discussed and made suggestions and updates to the language.
 - Discussion regarding quick links and placement on the page followed.
 - VRC quick links and other links for other opportunities defined.
 - Time expired on this item

The Chair confirmed with committee members to bring this item back to the next Faculty Professional Development Committee meeting and allow time for additional development.
- **Review and Planning for Communities of Practice AY 2026-27**

The following CoP proposals were reviewed:

1) Joseph Herrington-World Language - Spring CoP – Online only – Proposal approved.

Some clarification is requested from facilitator to clarify the word valid and to address the potential take aways.

2) Bitá Bookman & Bentley Cavazzi-AI as an Equity Engine: Scaffolding and Engagement for Multilingual Learners - Spring CoP – Online only – Proposal approved.

- Concerns: Do faculty have access to these tools or will they have to pay? Notebook LM and Playlab? **Ask Facilitators:** Notebook LM is a Google product, no privacy (Possible not to use Notebook LM and just use Playlab)

- 3) **Sherly Cavales Doolan- English PALS Faculty Partnerships for Student Success: Small Changes for Big Effect – Spring CoP 4 meetings in person** Approve proposal
 - Concern: Only certain courses can have PALS, so when it says faculty who are interested in PALS it should be communicated that certain faculty can get a PAL.
- 4) **Debbie Ezersky & Matt Higgins – Universal Design for Learning: From Principles to Practice Spring - 6 zoom sessions.** Proposal approved.
- 5) **Katrina Smith – Sarah Stallard - Level Up! Zero Textbook Cost and Open Educational Resources CoP with a focus on Accessibility and Antiracist Practices – Spring.** Proposal approved.
- 6) **Elyse Petit & Inge Stockburger - Rethinking Online Course Design: POCR Through an Equity and Accessibility Lens – Spring - In person only.** Proposal approved.
- 7) **AC Panella - Facing Faculty Burnout in the Age of AI – Spring- Petaluma - Lunch.** Proposal approved.
- 8) **Jen Carlin Goldberg & Tim Melvin – Making Equitable Access to Free/Low Cost Open Educational Resources Adhering to High IDEAA Standards Sustainable for the Calculus Sequence and Beyond.** Proposal approved.

- ***Development of Training Materials supporting RSI requirements***

The Chair reviewed the request from Lauren Mitchell for the FPDC to consider.

- The Chair will ask Lauren Mitchell to come to the next FPDC meeting and give a presentation on RSI. Allow 25 minutes.

- ***Future Agenda Items***

The Chair asked the committee if the meeting time should be extended from 2:45 pm to 3 pm. The meeting would run from 1:30-3 pm.

If request is accepted it will need to go through College Council.

Agreement that the meeting does need to be 90 minutes. This will be brought back on the next meeting agenda.

A. Forrester requested a future item for the following:

Strategies to get Associates paid for professional development – Ask Kate Jolley to attend the next meeting.

How to create the opportunity for Associates to participate in professional development

- ***Announcements/Information***

The Chair reported he will be away for the next FPDC meeting. Tim Melvin will chair the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.