



ACADEMIC SENATE

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2020

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom only

ZOOM ID: 739 337 730

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PRESENT:

P Bell; M Bojanowski; J Carlin-Goldberg; C Crawford; A Donegan; T Ehret; J Fassler; N Frantz; T Graziani; J Kosten; D Lemmer; S Martin; L Nahas; G Navarro; M Ohkubo; A Oliver; M Starkey; J Stover; A Thomas; E Thompson; J Thompson; N Wheeler; S Whyly

ABSENT:

M Aparicio; S Rosen

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by President E. Thompson.

OPEN FORUM:

1. Mike Starkey:

- ◇ Faculty have expressed difficulty with SRJC email accounts.
 - i. Not receiving incoming emails and/or recipients not receiving outgoing emails.
 - ii. M Starkey conducted tests and experienced this issue.
 - iii. This needs to be addressed during this time since email communications is absolutely vital.

2. Sarah Whyly:

- ◇ Students are asking for the ability to repeat a course due to missing content or for earning a lower grade like a C but still passing.
- ◇ **Jane Saldaña-Talley:** Chancellor's Office Executive Order issued a waiver of the repeatability rules that we had before, allowing for repeatability for courses taken in Spring 2020.

MINUTES:

It was noted that some language and two typos needed to be corrected on the April 1, 2020 minutes. The April 1, 2020 minutes were adopted as corrected without objection.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

REPORTS:

1. [President's Report](#) – E Thompson (10+1)

- ◇ **Attended Student Government Assembly (SGA) as a guest on April 13, 2020.**
 - i. Students voiced concerns about how their classes are going.
 - ii. Completion isn't the only goal; instructors want students to get a full education. Students want a quality education.
 - iii. Discussion at state level about relaxing course repeatability and audit restrictions.
- ◇ **Questions about grade reporting in our recent Senate resolution:**
 - i. When giving pass/no pass to a student, faculty will also include the grade a student

would have earned. Are students able to select the one they want or change it later if their choice impacts transfer or degree requirements later?

- ii. E. Thompson confirmed that students can change it later if they made a mistake.
- iii. A Donegan suggested advising students to consult a counselor about whether to take a course pass/no pass.

◇ **Tutorial referring students to use NetTutor**

- i. Not received well by students
- ii. The Tutorial Center has a program they want to use (currently used statewide) but AFA has concerns about privacy.
- iii. It was stated that the Writing Center is up and running now.

2. **Legislation Report – P Bell**

- ◇ Opposition to performance based funding.
- ◇ Fully online college known as Calbright, offering programs that are being offered at other community colleges, in violation of Ed Code.

ACTION:

None

CONSENT:

None

DISCUSSION:

1. **Resolution regarding COVID adjustments**

- ◇ Question about moving forward with a resolution or just sending forward recommendations.
- ◇ The resolution has been tabled for now.

2. **Managing Online Chops (competencies, skills and abilities)–**

◇ **Comments:**

- This is an issue beyond our current circumstance.
- We've had college closures recently that we need to deal with as a District for a solution.
- Idea to move to a standard calendar 15-16 weeks which will give us some wiggle room to extend a term if needed.
- J Stover – helpful to keep a regular synchronous schedule for students as we move to online learning.
- C Crawford – please post materials for meeting early for Senate so we can ask our constituents for their feedback.
- T Jacobson – idea to use a PDA day to have a District conversation and come up with a long term strategy or plan to address college closures in the future.
- S Martin – resources needed but also need space and time for training without overburdening faculty.

3. **Equivalency – expand committee structure-**

- This topic will come forward next meeting

INFORMATION:

1. **Accreditation – J. Saldaña-Talley**

- ◇ Summer session begins June 15th.
- ◇ Not clear about where we will be. Need to be accepting of that ambiguity.
- ◇ Individual departments have made decisions about what they are going to offer and not offer.
- ◇ Contingency planning needed to build in resilience and flexibility and be nimble.
- ◇ “Remote” is not a method of instruction. Chancellor’s office says there is f2f and online.
- ◇ Regular contact, faculty to student, is required for course curriculum versus correspondence.
- ◇ Some colleges have decided not to give “F” grades this term and instead give EW (emergency withdrawal).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m. by Eric Thompson

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