

Hello, everyone. My name is Lynn Erikson Rhode, and I am here as a proxy for Matthew Martin, the chair of the Petaluma Faculty Forum. Let me say thank you to the Academic Senate and President Stover for giving me a few minutes to update you all on the work we've been doing at the Petaluma Faculty Forum.

We began our semester by holding our retreat. Our retreat was focused on community concerns and community building. We have found holding our retreat early in the semester is an effective way to ensure our agendas and focus for the semester aligns with the values and concerns of our community members.

As has been a major topic over the past few years, enrollment management and in-person enrollments were discussed. In response to these concerns, PFF has invited various faculty members to present and discuss the development of their innovative approaches to scheduling. We have discussed various learning community models, thematically paired courses, and various approaches to the timing and length of courses to help develop a campus schedule that meets the needs of our students.

With budget cuts, there has been a significant change in the institutionalized structure to faculty support on the Petaluma campus. With these changes happening over the summer, a portion of our work in September was focused on assessing these changes, with particular emphasis on ensuring our associate faculty and evening faculty continue to have the kind of support they need to effectively do their work.

As many of you know, there have been multiple incidents on our campus this semester, which has led to a rise in safety concerns and questions regarding safety protocols on the Petaluma campus. These events are incredibly triggering, so I am choosing to be intentionally vague, but know that these had a significant impact on the entire Petaluma community. In response, PFF invited Chief Brownlee to attend our October meeting for an open conversation and question and answer session regarding the events that had occurred and to clarify the safety protocols. We would like to thank Chief Brownlee publicly for his willingness to attend and his thoughtful answers and explanations to all our questions.

On a lighter note, PFF partnered with student services and sponsored the Petaluma's Free Takeout Tuesday event for November. This is something we started doing last semester as a way to boost in-person enrollment and do student outreach. Faculty bring fliers for their courses, both printed and digitally to be shown on the displays in the Welcome and Connect Center, and provide students with free lunches while introducing themselves and the courses they will be teaching in the spring. At the event, we had over ten academic departments present and were able to feed seventy-five students lunch. The fliers are then continually shown in various student heavy areas to remind them of the courses they can take next semester. This event was a huge success and PFF is very grateful to all of those who helped make this happen.

Finally, as we prepare for our final meeting of the semester, we're currently in the process of soliciting nominations for a new PFF Chair with elections being held at our November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. After two terms as Chair, Matthew Martin will not be running again and is happy to answer questions about the position for anyone interested in running.

Thank you so much for this time.