

Petaluma Faculty Forum Report
Academic Senate – December 6, 2023

Hello, Academic Senate.

Let me say thank you to the Academic Senate and President Persons for giving me a few minutes to update you all on the work we've been doing at the Petaluma Faculty Forum. Thank you to Senator Stover for reading this report on my behalf as I am not able to attend today's meeting.

We held our retreat early this semester with the intention of soliciting ideas/input/concerns from our faculty to guide our agendas for this semester's PFF meetings. It is always our goal to align the work we do in PFF with the needs of the community. The biggest topic to come out of the retreat was focusing on scheduling—developing a schedule that helps with enrollment and meets the needs of our students. Other topics that came up were: artificial intelligence, the function of PFF, FERPA, campus community, and safety.

Our conversation regarding scheduling generated a list of our visions and values for Petaluma, and this list was given to the Dean of Instruction and Enrollment Management, Petaluma. Faculty were also encouraged to take their scheduling ideas to their departments and department chairs.

Discussions regarding campus community led the PFF Steering Committee to partner with Petaluma management in their efforts to develop and bring forward a community building program. This plan was presented to PFF for feedback and there was a lot of energy and enthusiasm for this effort. We hope to begin this work next semester.

While we were not able to address all the topics raised in our retreat, we look forward to continuing this work into the spring semester where we hope to tackle these important issues that impact our students and community.

Thank you very much for your time.