

**Petaluma Faculty Forum Report, December 1, 2021**  
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Hello, everyone. Thank you very much to President Thompson and the executive cabinet for the time on today's very full agenda. It is the end of the semester and I think we are all feeling it. For those of you who don't know me, I am Matthew Martin and I am here as the chair of the Petaluma Faculty Forum to give you an update on the work we have been doing over the past semester. As per usual, PFF meets monthly and we hold a retreat every semester.

One of the major themes for PFF this semester has been planning for the spring. We talked about coordinating the on-campus class schedule to allow for a campus-wide college hour and easier scheduling for students who want to stack their classes for a more efficient schedule. We discussed and advocated for the resources both students and faculty need in the return to campus, and ways to battle the ever increasing number of cases of cheating and plagiarism. We also considered student re-engagement strategies, working to find ways for both our online and in-person students to feel more connected to SRJC.

Connection became the other major theme for the semester. We set aside time to welcome the new faculty members, wanting them to feel part of the community, and we had a robust discussion focused on wellness in this disparate time—sharing ways we are taking care of ourselves and each other in times of significant stress. In the age of Zoom, while we're very grateful for safe ways to interact and hold meetings, the topic of getting back together comes up pretty much every meeting. So, like many of you, we are excited for a time in which we can hold an in-person retreat again.

I will end with a reminder that all are welcome to attend PFF meetings. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:15-5:00.

Thank you very much for your time.