

Academic Senate President's Report
15 October 2025 / John A Stover III, PhD

Welcome back, everyone. It's a busy month, so let's get to it.

Faculty committee appointments are wrapping up, and there are less than 10 vacancies left. I'm grateful to everyone who stepped up - either for the year or a semester - and appreciate everyone's patience, support, and engagement. There are still seats available, and I'd love to have those seats filled asap.

The search for our permanent AAll position is underway, and in the meantime we have limited STNC support for our meeting management, minutes production, and updating of our DL Senate lists. I know this last part is really important - and I'm hoping to have the new associate areas established by our November 5th Senate meeting. I'm doing the best that I can with the time and responsibilities I'm juggling and appreciate your patience in the meantime. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you need something from me that is time sensitive - I'm happy to share my personal contact information with folks individually.

Also, I'm sorry to report there was a technical error at our last meeting, and we only have the last 27 minutes of the senate meeting recorded and available. We are taking steps to ensure this does not occur again, and I apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. We are also using both Zoom and GenAI-generated notes from the meeting today and going forward in support of minutes production. Please talk to me if you have concerns or questions about any of the above.

In other GenAI news, the District-wide GenAI Taskforce has been formed, and I'm looking forward to working with the forty (40) SRJC faculty, classified, student, and management members of the taskforce as we take on this important work. Over sixty (60) folks stepped forward, and although we couldn't accommodate everyone, this is a big project with a lot of moving parts and areas of concern. Those who were not selected will be contacted at a later date to share their expertise. Thank you to everyone who stepped forward for your willingness to serve.

On Friday, 10 October 2025 I attended the Area B meeting at the College of Alameda, and I was happy to see Senators Person and Nieto in attendance via zoom. The spirit of our local resolution in support of flexibility and accommodation in attendance and participation policies was presented, reviewed, debated, and forwarded for consideration at the Fall Plenary in November. I will share the revised resolution once the resolutions packet is released, and it is exciting to see how we are an active contributing member of the ASCCC statewide. Speaking of Fall Plenary, Senators Bush

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and Fortunati will be joining me at the [ASCCC Fall Plenary in San Diego](#), and I appreciate the Senate's support for sending two additional faculty with me.

On Tuesday, October 14th I updated the Board of Trustees on our activities, and I will continue to amplify our voice locally, regionally, and statewide.

Today we also have an important update from the District re: our deliberations to date on AP7120A. Should the body wish to act, our discussion item will need to be moved to action before any voting can take place. Also, taking into account our senate discussions to date and the District's updated perspective, the body may consider one or more of the following actions today, ***with the immediate caveat*** these are only what I see as representative of Senators' voiced concerns and discussions points to date. With this in mind and taking into account both our discussions to date and the District's current perspective, some options for proceeding ***include but are not limited to*** asking...

...the AP2410 group which developed the current proposal (*which included myself, M. Ohkubo, A. Dunphy, A. Garcia, Z. Sonkaynar, and K. Jolley and now also includes R. Holcomb*) to revise in light of senate conversations and district updates. This process could take a few weeks.

...the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC) to enumerate various options for proceeding on the debated topics of outside faculty, student involvement, and ranking candidates. Such options could be shared as a support document for Senators' consideration at the next meeting.

These are not the only ways in which the Senate may wish to act, and I offer these suggestions in the spirit of support for amplifying you and your constituents' voices.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to me, and thank you for all you do for our students and each other. Let's get to work.