



**Sonoma County Junior College District (SCJCD)
Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC)
1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

FINANCE & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Meeting #12



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REGULAR MEETING DATE & TIME

April 15, 2026, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Doyle Library 3rd Floor, Room 4401

Zoom

<https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/86781451428>

PETALUMA ZOOM LOCATION

April 15, 2026, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Mike Smith Hall (Welcome & Connect Center)

Room 104

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MEETING ADVISOR / MEETING

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I. Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we gather at Santa Rosa Junior College on the territorial traditional land of the Pomo People in Santa Rosa and the Coast Miwok People in Petaluma, past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This land acknowledgement calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit. We recognize that every member of the Santa Rosa Junior College community has benefitted, and continues to benefit, from the use and occupation of this land since the institution's founding in 1918. Consistent with our values of community and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the colleges' relationship to Native peoples. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Santa Rosa Junior College more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.

II. Call to Order & Roll Call: Start time: 10:00AM

Quorum: Met

(STATUSES: Present, Teleconferenced, Late, and Absent)

FINANCE & BENEFITS COMMITTEE OFFICERS:	NAME	STATUS
VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE (Chair)	Hector Ake Calderon	Present
Vice-Chair	Vacant	
Secretary	Donnica Ramirez	Present
Member	Diego Lopez Feria	Present
Member	Tom Kim	Present

III. Approval of the Current Agenda & Past Meeting Minutes: [Minutes #9](#), [Minutes #10](#)

A motion may come forward for the Finance & Benefits Committee (FB) to review and approve this current Agenda, as well as the documented notes from the previous meeting (known as 'Minutes') -making additions and deletions as recommended.

Motion: **Donnica Ramirez**

Second: **Tom Kim**

Motion Outcome: **Approved**

IV. Public Comments: [Link to a timer](#) None

Members of the Public may address the FB. Those who wish to speak are asked to provide the FB Secretary with their name and contact information to be noted in the minutes (not required). Clarifying questions and comments may be entertained. The FB may restrict Public Comment to only speakers who wish to comment on items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to submit public comment, email hake@santarosa.edu and clubaccounts@santarosa.edu. [Ralph M. Brown Act ([California Government Code §54950-54963](#), specifically [§54954.3](#))]

V. Appointments & Removals: **None**

At this time the Finance & Benefits committee (FB) may Appoint, Disappoint or Ratify the Appointments/Disappointments.

A motion may come forward to appoint/disappoint member to the Finance and Benefits Committee:

1. Approve:

Position: **Vice-Chair**

Motion Outcome:

VI. Special Report:

A. Robert Ethington – Discussion on short- and long-term solutions for a sustainable SGA Budget

An estimated \$118,000 structural deficit, although there are some set costs such as employee wages which have gone up. We have healthy reserves but as enrollment drops, income drops. Goal of brainstorming short term solutions to help minimize that deficit. Possible goal would be to increase price of CubCard

membership as well as increase the benefits of the CubCard expand beyond the campus. Additionally, we would like to increase the promotion and marketing of the CubCard and its benefits. We would also like to create a document or presentation of some sort to educate the future new members of SGA how we would like the budget to be focused going forward.

VII. Reports

A. Review and discuss the current expenses and remaining funds on the 25/26 SGA budget

Since Covid, Student Center Fee and Student Activity Fee has dropped drastically; it has begun to level out but is not what it was pre-Covid. Currently, Student Center Fees are only charged to students from the Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses since they both have student centers with resources, but we are considering charging a center fee for the Roseland campus as well. Additionally, we would like to see an increase of revenue from the vending machines.

B. Review reserves/savings account balances

VIII. Old Business

A. A motion may be made to review and discuss the rough draft of 26/27 SGA budget line distribution.

[26/27 SGA Budget DRAFT](#)

Lead/Follow: Hector Ake

Motion Outcome: **Close Discussion**

Motion: **Donnica Ramirez**

Second: **Tom Kim**

Discussion: **Adjusting the predicted Student Rep Fee, Student Transportation Fee, Student Center Fee in the budget draft. Must reference legal and reserves to decide how we split the revenue from the fees and enter allocations into the budget draft. Positions and salaries are being reevaluated district wide due to grant cuts and lack of funds; some staff that are being paid for by grants could potentially lose their jobs, there will probably be a hiring freeze district wide.**

B. Approve SGA Campus Grants budget lines for the 2026-2027 year.

Donnica Ramirez motioned to move onto Item B, Tom Kim second.

Grant Applications

1. **Petaluma Cinema Series:** Requested amount \$7.5k
 - i. *Tentative \$7.5k*
2. **Athletics:** Requested amount \$8k
 - i. *Tentative \$7k*
3. **Library Reserves:** Requested amount \$4k
 - i. *Tentative \$4k*
4. **Theatre Arts:** Requested amount \$4k
 - i. *Tentative \$4k*
5. **Disability Cultural Center:** Requested amount \$1k
 - i. *Tentative \$1k*
6. **Other Campus Grants:** Current amount \$2k

7. Leadership and Representation Grant: Current amount \$2k

- i. *Tentative: Combine both budget lines into one, total amount \$3k*

Lead/Follow: Hector Ake

Motion: **Donnica Ramirez**

Second: **Tom Kim**

Discussion: **Reviewing the grant applications with new revenue allocations in mind.**

Closed discussion: **Motion Donnica Ramirez**

Second: **Tom Kim**

Diego Lopez Feria motion to amend Old Business B as listed below

Second: Donnica Ramirez

1. Petaluma Cinema Series to \$7500

2. Athletics to \$7250"

3. Library Reserves to \$4000

4. Theatre Arts to \$4000

5. Disability Cultural Center to \$1000

6. To be removed and merged into line 7

7. Leadership and Representation/Campus Grants at \$2000.

Motion to approve amended item: **Donnica Ramirez**

Second: **Tom Kim**

Yes from Donnica Ramirez, Yes from Tom Kim, Yes from Diego Lopez Feria.

X. New Business:

XI. Communications from the floor: **None**

Announcements/future meetings, requests/questions?

XII. Adjournment: **Hector Ake**

End Time: **11:55AM**