Minutes of the Santa Rosa Junior College Digital Audio Advisory Committee Friday, March 8, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Held via Zoom session

Members in Attendance:

Marco D'Ambrosio: Independent Film Composer, Arranger, Sound Engineer, Conductor

David Mendez, proxy for Dennis Leonard:

Susanne Dugan: Independent Audio Technician

Marc Rudlin, Coordinator, Instructional Computer Systems, Instructional Computing,

Absent Members:

Dennis Leonard: Sound Supervisor/Re-recording Mixer, Skywalker Sound

List of Faculty and Staff in Attendance:

Mark Anderman, Faculty, Music Department

Barry Blum, Associate Faculty, Music Department

Rudolf Budginas, Piano & Digital Audio Coordinator/Committee Chair

David Mendez, Media Services

Dan Van Gorkom, Media Services

Rachel Smith, Director, Workforce Programs and CTE Grants

Jake Stillman, Adjunct Faculty, Music Department, Digital Audio instructor

Was there a quorum: Yes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Rudolf Budginas at 11:00 am

Overview of the Commercial Music Program:

Mr. Budginas: Asked how do we develop the audio program without losing our quality?

The role and the importance of AI in the program:

Mr. Rudlin: The SRJC is unable to update without approval of funds. How do we integrate A.I. and use A.I. for our benefits? I have concerns about the tone of the negative from faculty, staff towards A.I.

Mr. Anderman: Recommended "Note performer" is a sample library for notation.

Ms. Dugan: Stated software makes a difficult job easier.

Technology needs and recommendations:

Mr. Budginas: When working with analog equipment. How to analyze as a person?

Mr. Stillman: A.I. is a tool. The point is to have a tool to utilize. Understand how and why are we using these tools. Teach the students – tools proficiently

Mr. Mendez: Devices – needs to be trained and understand and have a background in digital audio

Mr. Budginas: Software: 1st learning, understanding... 2nd turning, adjusting

Ms. Smith: Grants can be used for software maintenance. We just need to include it in the application for updates.

Mr. Anderman.: There's not enough surveys on how faculty is using A.I. I would like more information from attendees on recommendations. There's no money for software updates – we need to have more knowledgeable people involve with the funding. We are underrepresented.

Mr. D'Ambrosio: Subscription base information needs to be included.

Mr. Budginas: motion: do we vote yes on develop A.I. integrations in the ...

Ms. Dugan: Made a motion: A.I. to be integrated into the digital audio with some attention with caution to generative A.I.

Mr. Stillman: When is generative A.I. OK?

Ms. Dugan: made the motion to carry, Mr. Mendez 2nd the motion, Mr. D'Ambrosio support the motion.

Mr. Stillman: Mentioned copyrights of A.I.

Dr. Budginas: Students get back tracks through YouTube. Our role as educators is to keep that live sound and keep the students interested.

Mr. Stillman: Ozone it is like a Safeway cake - It does the job, but nothing great - you still need to use your creativity.

Meeting was adjourned: Mr. Budginas concluded the meeting at 11:54

Next Meeting: Mr. Budginas will make contact and announce a future date.