



Paralegal Advisory Meeting

9/18/23 4:40 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

<https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/89041116910>

Notes

Members Present: Elizabeth Shelley, Rebecca Slay, Justin Hein
SRJC Present: Megan Rhodes, Roy Gattinella, Brad Davis, Roseanne Powell,
Mackenzie Galindo, Kris Dalby

Program Update: Enrollment is improved, with some classes even filling their wait list. Empire College has cancelled their paralegal program. Intellectual Property, Contracts, and Wills & Trusts will be back in the rotation. All classes are now offered fully online, either synchronous (Zoom) or asynchronous (Canvas). We are getting many out of area students from places that include Alaska and Italy. The SRJC is joining the online college initiative, in about a year, students from all over the state can take our classes and have them count at their college. Internships are still very beneficial for students.

Certificate for Paralegal: The committee voted to approve a Paralegal certificate program that will mirror the content of the AA degree.

Spring Completer Ceremony: Students got real value out of this ceremony. We should look at bringing it back in 2025, maybe hold at the court again.

Other Business: Chair for committee was discussed. Rebecca Slay was elected chair.

New Business: BAR Association has a paralegal branch, REAP has been disbanded. There are scholarship opportunities for students.

Committee Membership 2024/2025 Academic Year: We need more members, Roseanne to recruit. Other members were requested to recruit as well.

Schedule Spring 24 meeting: Third Thursday in February – 2/22 at 4:40p.m.