

Happy New Year! Friendly reminder to come kick off your semester at the...

2025 SFSU Academic Senate University Retreat: Moving Forward Together

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Annex I

Make sure not to miss this unique opportunity to share a day of collaborative inspiration and academic exchange with your SFSU community. [RSVP now!](#) **A few spots are still open for RSCA Affinity Groups and Round Table Engagement Groups! Sign up by this Friday, January 17 at the RSVP link.**

What will happen at the retreat?

Come settle in with morning snacks, then enjoy a performance by the incredible SFSU Gospel Gators! We will hear from President Lynn Mahoney, Associated Students representatives and other campus leaders, followed by interactive sessions on major topics affecting our university: Academic Freedom, Bringing AI Into the Curriculum, Teaching Evaluations, and Interdisciplinary Collaboration. Work from these sessions will be advanced in Spring 2025 by new Academic Senate working groups dedicated to each of these topics.

After relaxing over lunch, attend your choice of two types of groups led by members of our SFSU community:

1) Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) Affinity Groups

Back by popular demand - Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA) Affinity Groups! We encourage faculty across Departments and Colleges to form, continue or re-invigorate RSCA affinity groups that will develop interdisciplinary projects around thematic topics. At this year's retreat, you can register to host a RSCA Affinity Group roundtable during the afternoon session, which can be used for "who's interested", informational or strategic planning types of discussions. Post-retreat: In early Spring 2025, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) will hold a RSCA Affinity Group Catalyst Grant Competition (one-time only) and will award five \$15,000 grants to kickstart collaborative, interdisciplinary RSCA projects. More information regarding these grants and a call for proposals will be available at the retreat. Please direct any questions to Kate Hamel, hamelk@sfsu.edu. [Click here to sign up to lead a Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities \(RSCA\) Affinity Group at the retreat.](#)

2) Round Table Engagement Groups

Round Table Engagement Groups will address a specific topic or issue related to our academic work on campus and be focused on information-sharing, collaboration, and/or problem-solving. Students, faculty and staff are all welcome to host and participate in the

Round Table Engagement Groups. Please direct any questions to Carrie Holschuh, holschuh@sfsu.edu. [Click here to sign up to host a Round Table Engagement Group.](#)

What else is going on?

2025 University Retreat Virtual Showcase and Book Table

All are encouraged to contribute their recent research, scholarly or creative works to the 2025 University Retreat Virtual Showcase. [Upload your work here.](#) Don't forget to display any recent publications at the Book Table. [Click here to reserve a spot at the Book table.](#) Let's elevate our work and each other!

What are you waiting for? [RSVP for the 2025 University Retreat today!](#)