



President's Report to the Faculty Senate – January 22, 2014

1. **Letters of congratulation sent on behalf of Faculty Senate to:**
 - Dr. Bette Bergeron, Provost-designate
 - Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean-designate, School of Education
 - Mr. Robert DeMezzo, Director of Residence Life
2. **Appointed to represent the faculty on a committee to review bids for the next bookstore vendor:** Ms. Sara Johnson (NUR) and Dr. Vara Neverow (ENG).
3. **UCF Resolution on LEP course caps.** Not approved by Pres. Papazian (see table below).
4. **Recent meetings at which the FS was represented.** (See Attachment A)
5. **Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants.** 68 applications received. 29 funded. Originally, fringe was not charged to the fund, but this year \$25,000 was taken out for fringe, reducing awards from 34 to 24; the Provost found funding to raise the number of awards to 29. The Provost suggested the Faculty Senate consider additional possibilities for the grants (e.g., use of funds for equipment, supplies, student workers; inclusion of several larger grants). The Executive Committee shall:
 - Explore additional possibilities for grant awards (see above)
 - Advocate removal of fringe charge from Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants fund
 - Advocate increased allotment for FCARGs and creative activity-related travel, per original plan
 - Consider original plan for distribution of travel funds separately from CBA travel fundsThe appreciation of the Faculty Senate has been expressed to the University Grants Committee, chaired by Dr. Lisa Vitale, and to Provost Kennedy.
6. **Proposed Faculty Senate agenda for the Spring 2014 semester** (see also Items 7 & 8).
 - Refine all evaluation documents (P&T, Renewal, Professional Assessment)
 - Develop free-standing DEC document to correspond to all evaluation documents
 - Review and revise Chairperson document
 - Revise the Grade Appeals document
 - Streamline all-University committees
 - Review Faculty Senate Bylaws
 - Evaluate the pilot Student Opinion Survey form [Proposed]
 - Compose resolution on course enrollment caps and section sizes
 - Present one University Dialogue: Student Opinion Survey form [Topic proposed by Exec. Comm.]
 - Sponsor faculty retreat (with AAUP) [Proposed]
 - Advocate removal of fringe charge from Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants (FCARG) fund
 - Advocate increased allotment for FCARGs and creative activity-related travel
 - Explore possible FCARG awards in addition to \$2,500 stipends [Proposed]
 - Explore the specific faculty needs of Coaches, Counselors and Librarians [Proposed]
 - Engage the part-time faculty by filling the vacant Faculty Senate positions for adjuncts
7. **Academic impact: Items on the horizon, pending motion or request to discuss in the Senate.**
 - Graduate Program Prioritization: Senate role (CBA Articles 5.18 and 5.20)
 - Proposal to move School of Health and Human Services to an off-campus location
 - Re-assessment of the practice of team teaching Honors College courses
 - The constellation of course instruction issues, including enrollment caps*, course cancellations, independent studies, team teaching, overload reconciliation (*being addressed by APC)

8. **Ideas presented from the faculty for Faculty Senate consideration (would require motion):**
- Ban tobacco smoking on all campus grounds
 - Take action to upgrade healthy eating environment on campus
 - Ensure the presence of a faculty dining area on campus, separate from the ASC food court
9. **Honors Convocation: Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 PM.** Please inform your departments.
10. **Faculty Opinion Survey on Administrators/Administrative Offices**
- Issue raised by a number of faculty members, discussed by Executive Committee
 - If done, should follow thoughtful planning; recommend exploration by ad hoc committee

11. **Work currently assigned to Faculty Senate committees**

Committee	Assigned Responsibilities
Academic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review grade appeal policy; make recommendations for revision • Develop resolution on academic impact of class size, cancelations, related matters
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct emergency elections for all-University committees • Develop procedure to identify all-U comm. chairs and track committees' activities
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor travel funds • Prepare annual Senate recommendation for CBA Travel dollars
Personnel Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review FS evaluation documents (P&T, renewal, professional assessment, sabbatical)
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop proposal for streamlining all-University committees • Review Faculty Senate Bylaws • Review Faculty Senate Chairperson document
Student Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore campus safety issues
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise campus community on IT issues

12. **Proposed assignment of tasks.**

Committee	Proposed Assignment of Tasks
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage the part-time faculty by filling the vacant Faculty Senate positions for adjuncts
Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate removal of fringe charge from Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants fund • Advocate increased allotment for FCARGs and creative activity-related travel
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore possible FCARG awards in addition to \$2,500 stipends
Ad hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the pilot Student Opinion Survey form
Ad hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore faculty opinion survey on administrators/administrative offices

13. **Robert's Rules synopsis: forthcoming.**

Status of AY 14 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution on...	For	Disposition	Comments (abbrev.)
F-13-03	11-20-13	UCF resolution on LEP course caps	Approval	Disapproved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution is unnecc. and creates confusion: language re class caps is contained in CBA, which governs parties' understanding and conduct • Several "whereas" clauses not entirely correct and/or not universally accepted
F-13-02	10-25-13	Bring P&T Doc. in Line with CBA Regarding Role of Univ. President in DEC Hardship	Approval	Approved	
F-13-01	10-25-13	Change Language Regarding BOT	Approval	Approved	