



President's Report to the Faculty Senate – February 19, 2014

1. **Appointed to represent the faculty on the Health and Safety Committee:**
 - Dr. Bernadette Madara (NUR).
2. **Letter of congratulation sent on behalf of Faculty Senate to:**
 - Siham Doughman, MBA, Registrar-designate
3. **Meeting with Provost Marianne Kennedy, February 4, 2014:**
 - All faculty awards will be presented at one event on Monday, April 14, 12-2 PM, ASC Ballroom
 - Common/consolidated calendar is being developed for the 17 ConnSCU institutions for AY 16; complicated by different dates in several CBAs
 - SCSU will participate in UCLA Faculty Survey this semester; the faculty is asked to participate
 - FAAR completion rate: 60-70%; Senate asked to encourage higher participation
 - Exercise Science Dept. has voted unanimously to relocate to School of Health & Human Services
 - Additional funding for travel this year (to be discussed in Finance Committee report)
4. **Creation of ad hoc Committee on Faculty Opinion on Administrators/Administrative Offices.**
 - Convener to elect Chair: Dr. Patricia Major (SED)
 - Charge: To develop recommendations for the Faculty Senate regarding the substance, structure and timing of the next survey of faculty opinion regarding administrators and/or administrative offices, with a report due to the Senate by April 9
 - Membership: Dr. Beena Achhpal (EDU), Dr. Gayle Bessenoff (PSY), Dr. Susan Cusato (SCE/ENV), Dr. Major, Dr. Joseph Manzella (ANT) and Dr. Arthur Paulson (PSC)
5. **Creation of ad hoc Committee for Smoke-Free Campus Exploration.**
 - Co-Chairs: Dr. David Levine (ART/JST) and Dr. Deborah Flynn (PCH)
 - Charge: To explore the possibility and details of becoming a smoke-free campus
 - Membership to include: volunteers from the Faculty Senate (Dr. Lisa Rebeschi and Dr. John Scheuermann), other faculty members, and representatives from: the Administrative Faculty Senate; SUOAF-AFSCME; the clerical union; Student Government Association; Graduate Student Affairs Comm.; Health and Safety Comm.; Student Affairs; Residence Hall Council and others.
 - Preliminary status report to be presented at April 23 Faculty Senate meeting
6. **Graduate Program Prioritization (GPP) process and Senate involvement. (Assigned to PPC)**
 - A. Acknowledgment of Senate role (CBA Articles 5.18 and 5.20): GPP Committee recommendations to phase out programs will come to the Senate for its review.
 - B. Senate monitoring of the amount of time it takes for each department to complete its GPP report(s), to document the impact of this effort on the faculty
7. **Senate Forum: "Assessing and Supporting Teaching" (Proposed):** Joint planning by APC and PPC
8. **Meetings are being scheduled to listen to needs of Coaches, Counselors and Librarians:**

Library Faculty meeting: February 28, 10-11:00 AM. I would like a few Senators to come along.
9. **Meeting with Graduate Student Affairs Comm. on April 7 (3 PM) to hear from grad students:**

Those who would like to participate in this session, please contact me after today's meeting.
10. **CGA Appropriations Committee budget hearing:** Monday, February 24, 5:00 PM, LOB, Room 2C
11. **Robert's Rules of Order:** Some Basics for the Senate

Work currently assigned to Faculty Senate committees for AY 14	
Committee	Assigned Responsibilities
Academic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review grade appeal policy; make recommendations for revisions • 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 • Engage the part-time faculty by filling the vacant Faculty Senate positions for adjuncts
Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate increased travel allowance for this year from remaining CBA fund • Advocate removal of fringe charge from Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants fund • Advocate increased allotment for FCARGs and creative activity-related travel • Explore specific faculty needs of Coaches, Counselors and Librarians • Sponsor University Forum on Student Opinion Survey format • Sponsor year-end faculty retreat with AAUP, with focus on participation in governance
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor travel funds • Explore possible FCARG awards in addition to \$2,500 stipends • 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) • Develop free-standing DEC document to correspond to all evaluation documents • Monitor faculty effort (time) for completing Graduate Program Prioritization reports
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 • Evaluate pilot Student Opinion Survey form
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise campus community on IT issues
Ad hoc/Faculty Opinion of Admin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop recommendations for substance, structure and timing of next survey of faculty opinion regarding administrators and/or administrative offices
Ad hoc/Smoke-Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore possibility and details of becoming a smoke-free campus

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 unnec. 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	