

## President's Report to the Faculty Senate – March 25, 2015

1. The University Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) by-laws specify representation by “six full-time members of the Instructional Faculty, four elected by the Faculty at large and two elected from and by the Faculty Senate.” The four at-large representatives are: Dr. Karen Burke (MDS), Dr. Ross Gingrich (MAT), Dr. Patrick Heidkamp (GEO) and Dr. Patricia Kahlbaugh (PSY). The two elected Senators are Dr. Peter Madonia (EDL) and Dr. Michael Shea (ENG), who were appointed several years ago. The FS has neither a specified election process nor term of office for the two Senate BPC representatives.
  - a. I recommend the FS affirm the terms of Senators Madonia and Shea for the rest of this year.
  - b. The FS Rules Committee has been asked to recommend an election process for the future.
2. Reminder: Faculty Dialogue (*Defining “Teacher-Scholar”: Exploring Faculty Workload and Life Balance*), is tomorrow, March 26, 2015, 12:30-2:00 PM, in **EN B121**.
3. The Student Advisory Committee to the BOR will host a System-wide Media Event (“*What's It Gonna Cost CT*”) to show support for CSCU and appeal to legislators to increase funding for public higher education. Details: Thursday, March 26, 2015, 12:30 PM, at Capital Community College (in Degan Hall, Room 1126, 950 Main St, Hartford, CT 06103). [*Note: this event unfortunately conflicts with our Faculty Dialogue. Those not attending the Dialogue should consider attending the media event.*]
4. Southern's first *Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference* will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom. Presentations from 125 students will showcase academic excellence, highlighting the breadth, depth and quality of student-faculty projects that are possible in a University that values teaching and creative activity. Students and their families will be in attendance, along with applicants considering attending SCSU next year. The BOR, legislators and the media have been invited. (The conference is free, and it includes breakfast, lunch, and an art show.)
5. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be meeting with the Provost's Council on April 1, 2015, along with the Faculty Leadership Council.
6. April 2, 2015, luncheon for tenure-track faculty members hired in the past three years, *Shared Governance, Balancing Expectations, Becoming Engaged: A Conversation with Newly Hired Faculty*: space-available invitations extended to 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-year members. Please communicate directly with members of your departments to encourage eligible members to participate in the “workshop.”
7. Transform 2020 update:
  - First meeting of the new Transform 2020 Steering Committee: Friday, March 27, 2015.
  - Next meeting of the CSU Faculty Leadership Group: Saturday, March 28, 2015.
8. The Faculty Advisory Committee to the BOR is sponsoring an all-day conference: “Hurdles on the Horizon: Governance & Student Success in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System”. Friday, April 10, 2015, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Manchester Community College (60 Bidwell Street, Manchester, CT 06040). This event provides an opportunity for members of the faculty from across the 17 institutions to spend a day together. The keynote speaker is Dr. Hank Reichman, Chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee of the AAUP.

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<b>Status of AY 15 Faculty Senate Resolutions</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolution to/on/for...</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Pres.' Comments (abbrev.)</b>
F-14-01	9-24-14	Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval	Noted	Noted. Will be considered in conj. with new grade appeal process, when drafted
F-14-02	10-20-14	Sabbatical Leave Document Technical Fixes	Approval	Pending	
F-14-03	10-30-14	Hiring of Dean of School of Graduate Studies Without a National, Affirmative Action Search	Information	NA	
F-14-01R	10-30-01	Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval	Pending	
F-14-04	12-10-14	2015-2025 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives	Information	Noted	Resolution is premature and attempts to pre-empt strategic planning process. Should be re-directed to Strategic Planning Committee.
F-14-05	12-10-14	Location of School of Health and Human Services Building on SCSU Campus	Approval	Disapproved	Resolution is factually incorrect and attempts to pre-empt the Master Facility Planning process.
S-15-06	2-4-15	TA Allocation for the Remaining Academic Year 2014-2015	Approval	Disapproved	"This resolution is premature."
S-15-07	2-25-15	New Language for Grade Replacement Policy	Approval	Approved	
S-15-08	3-4-15	Revisions to the Chairperson's Document	Approval	Pending	
S-15-09	3-4-15	Selecting All-University Committee Contact Person	Approval	Pending	

**Remaining Spring 15 Meetings: April 8, 22, and 29 (if needed)**

**Faculty Senate Themes.** ■ Promote and support the strategic vision of the University. ■ Build a stronger working relationship with administration, grounded in the principles of shared governance. ■ Advocate the support of University leadership for increased opportunities and fiscal resources for faculty scholarship and research. ■ Work to ensure the academic integrity of the Institution in supporting academic excellence and advancing the success of our students. ■ Honor the commitment and enthusiasm of the faculty through a strengthened sense of community.