



President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – October 22, 2014

What areas of University life are subject to faculty governance and shared governance?

“Matters of concern to the Senate include: (a) curriculum policy and curricular structure, (b) requirements for degrees and granting of degrees, (c) policies for recruitment, admission and retention of students, (d) academic policies relating to students, and (e) other matters of campus community concern.”

– Preamble, Collective Bargaining Agreement between CSU-AAUP and CSUS-BOT, page 2

1. Acknowledgment of the Executive Committee; staying focused amid an abundance of tasks.
2. The following members of the former ad hoc committee on Department Guidelines have agreed to serve on the new committee being formed to revisit the policy: Dr. Peter Madonia, Chair (EDL), Dr. Susan Calahan (EXS), Ms. Rebecca Hedreen (LIB), Mr. Terrence Lavin (ART), Dr. Michael Shea (ENG)
3. Additional members sought for two *ad hoc* committees:
 - Committee to revisit Department Guidelines (Chair: Dr. Peter Madonia)
 - Committee to plan a FS meeting with new faculty members (Chair: Dr. Leon Yacher)
4. 68 applications were received for Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants. The applications are being reviewed by the University Grants Committee, chaired by Aaron Clark. The Committee must forward its recommendations to the Provost by November 10. Available funding for these grants is \$85,000. At \$2,500 each, up to 34 grants will be awarded. Fringe will not be charged to the FCARG allocation, as it was partially last year.
5. Transform CSU 2020. CSU Senate Presidents from the four Connecticut State Universities met with BORHE President Gregory Gray and Provost Michael Gargano on Tuesday, November 14, to discuss shared governance roles of the four CSU faculty governance bodies (Senates) relative to Transform 2020. It was agreed that the four CSU campus Senates would review the road maps and identify issues whose implementation requires in faculty governance, shared governance or union involvement. We need to decide how we will do this. Direct collaboration with AAUP seems necessary.
6. Election for Workload Realignment Working Group
7. Resolution regarding the hiring of a Dean for the School of Graduate Studies
8. Future guests:
 - Joseph Dooley, Director of Public Safety, and Chief, University Police
 - Giovanni D’Onofrio, President, Administrative Faculty Senate
 - Members, Strategic Planning Steering Committee
 - Robert Rennie, CIO

Status of AY 15 Faculty Senate Resolutions

Number	Date	Resolution to/on/for..	For	Disposition	Pres.’ Comments (abbrev.)
F-14-1	9-24-14	Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval	Pending	Noted. Will be considered in conj. with new grade appeal process, when drafted
F-14-2	10-20-14	Sabbatical Leave Document Technical Fixes	Approval	Pending	

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Importance: High

Subject: Call for Self-Nominations for Workload Realignment Working Group

Dear faculty colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that with the cooperation of the Faculty Senate, Provost Bette Bergeron is forming a working group that will draft a proposal to realign faculty workload to support the creative activity of full-time, tenure-track faculty members within the contractually mandated 24-hour yearly credit load. In concert with the current strategic planning process, and in recognition of long-standing discussions on the issue of balancing faculty members' workloads, particularly in relation to creative activity, this work should lead to recommendations for a process through which SCSU could provide all faculty members with the option of reassigned time for scholarly activity.

Issues to be considered by the working group include equity in the promotion and tenure process, accountability, and an implementation timeline. Also critical is ensuring that any changes in faculty members' teaching assignments do not limit students' accessibility to classes or the number of classes offered, or negatively impact the 80/20 FT to PT ratio.

Selection of Working Group Members: How to Nominate Yourself

The Faculty Senate is selecting School representatives to serve on the newly forming Workload Realignment Working Group. By vote of the Senate, five full-time members will be selected as follows: 1 member each from the Schools of Business, Education, and Health and Human Services, and two from the School of Arts and Sciences—with one member from the arts, and the other from the sciences. The Senate is now collecting self-nominations from those who would like to be considered for membership.

If you wish to serve on the Working Group, please complete the attached *self-nomination form*, and submit it as directed. To be considered, your form must be received by **3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 15, 2014**. On Wednesday, October 22, the Faculty Senate will elect members of the Committee from among the nominations received.

If you have any questions about eligibility or the selection process, please contact Faculty Senate Elections Committee Chair Matt Rothbard (rothbardm1@southernct.edu) or me (faraclasw1@southernct.edu).

Sincerely, Bill

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