

*“The Faculty Senate shall be the representative body of the faculty, deriving its authority from the faculty as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Its primary function shall be to serve as the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority.” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Section I)*

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## **President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – April 13, 2016**

1. **Forum on Responsibility for Financial Aid Eligibility.** April 14, 2016, 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Connecticut Hall Conference Room. This is an opportunity for the faculty to participate in the development of a process for reporting course participation for students receiving financial aid. Please encourage your departmental colleagues to attend, as this policy will affect all of us.
2. **End-of-Year Faculty Retreat.** Co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and SCSU-AAUP, this year’s retreat for all members of the faculty will take place on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Place: TBA.
3. **Budget.** The latest rescission, resulting from the new state budget figures, were received by the University on April 11. The University must submit its new budget on April 29. An emergency meeting of the Budget and Planning Committee was held this morning. Among the factors affecting next year:
  - Latest cut amounts to \$5,066,000 for Southern, on top of previous rescissions.
  - State allocation is based on mean of last three years’ enrollment declines, with an impact of -\$1.2 M.
  - Tuition will go up 5%.
  - 50 positions are being held vacant at the University.
4. **Hiring Freeze.**
  - The hiring freeze was issued by the CSCU system office.
  - A few staff exemptions were requested: two residence hall directors were approved by CSCU.
  - The need for 21 special faculty appointments was identified by Interim Provost Ellen Durnin; the University is waiting for CSCU system office approval.
  - A few other requests will be made to address health and safety concerns (e.g., a police dispatcher).
5. **Undergraduate Enrollment.**
  - Undergraduate goals: 1,400 new freshmen and 735 new transfer students.
  - Freshmen acceptances: Deposits are up 44% over same time last year.
  - Freshmen retention from FA 15 to SP 16 is up 3%
  - A decline in part-time students is expected, in part due to fewer course choices.
  - A big graduating class this year will have an effect on next year’s overall student census.
  - Enrollment Management is predicting an AY 17 student population about the same as AY 16’s.
6. **Graduate Enrollment.**
  - Last year there was a significant drop of 20%, from which the University is working to recover.
  - School of Graduate Studies Dean Gregory Paveza reports that he is working with School of Education Dean Stephen Hegedus to increase numbers in education programs.
  - Dean Paveza’s projection for AY 17 is a 2,501 graduate student headcount, an increase of 5%.
  - The graduate student population is one-third full-time and two-thirds part-time.
7. **Future guests:**
  - Giacomo “Jack” Mordente, Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs, April 27
  - Interim Provost Ellen Durnin, May 4

**8. Ellucian/Banner upgrade.**

It is proposed that a system-wide approach be implemented, with campuses acting independently, using common software and best practices across the system. The upgrade would move our system to the cloud, enabling advantages, such as disaster recovery. The decision will be made by the end of April by campus presidents in cooperation with CSU President Mark Ojakian. Feedback is sought from campus governance bodies on short notice. The Senate should rely on the FS Technology Committee to coordinate our input.

<b>Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolution to/on/for/concerning...</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Pres.' Comments (abbrev.)</b>
F-15-01	10-30-14	Grade Appeal Procedures (was F-14-01R) (Submitted 9-24-15)	Approval	Approved	With sentence removed as pre-agreed
F-15-02	4-22-15	Clarify Recusal Language in Promotion & Tenure Procedures Document (was S-15-15) (Submitted 9-24-15)	Approval	Approved	
F-15-03	4-22-15	Size of the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Committee (was S-15-12) (Submitted 9-24-15)	Approval	Approved	
F-15-04	4-29-15	Modification in the Language Required for Reporting Recommendations of Promotion and Tenure Committee to the Candidate and to the Provost (submitted 10-19-15)	Approval	Disapproved	The information provided by the current procedure is useful to the Provost.
F-15-05	10-21-15	Support of Campus Equity Week 10/26-30/15	Information	Noted/Not approved	
F-15-06	11-4-15	Grade Replacement Policy Resolution (S-15-07) - Edited	Approval	Approved	
F-15-07	11-18-15	The School Health Education Graduate Program	Approval	Disapproved	This requires discussion.
F-15-08	11-18-15	Filling All-University Committee Seats	Approval	Approved	
F-15-09	12-9-15	Revisions to the Chairperson Document	Approval	Pending	(Conference with Interim Provost Durnin scheduled for March 10.)
S-16-10	2-25-16	Increasing CSU-AAUP Travel Cap for 2015-16	Approval	Noted*/Not approved	As in past years, the Provost will review the remaining travel funds and determine whether adjustment may be made in travel allowances for the remainder of FY 15/16.
S-16-11	3-9-16	Size of the University Sabbatical Leave Comm.	Approval	Approved	
S-16-12	4-6-16	Statement on Accuracy In Administrative Position Titles for Temporary Appointments	Information	Pending	
S-16-13	4-6-16	Restore 20-student Class Caps for Inquiry, Critical Thinking, and Writing Intensive Classes	Approval	Pending	
S-16-14	4-6-16	Revisions to the Chairperson Document	Approval	Pending	

\*The University President did not approve nor disapprove Resolution S-16-10. Rather, she indicated that she had "noted" the resolution, a response customarily appropriate for "resolutions for information."



**Remaining Meetings for AY 16: April 27, May 4**

**AY 16 themes for the Faculty Senate, approved by the Executive Committee**

- Promote and support the strategic vision of the University through faculty involvement in implementation of the strategic plan.
- Enhance working relationship with administration, grounded in the principles of shared governance.
- Advocate for increased support of fiscal resources and opportunities for faculty scholarship and research.
- Work to ensure the academic integrity of the Institution in supporting academic excellence and advancing the success of students.
- Honor the commitment and enthusiasm of the faculty through a strengthened sense of community.