

“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)

President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – April 27, 2016

- 1. Attendance/Participation Reporting for Financial Aid Eligibility.** Following the April 14, 2016, torum, a committee was formed to develop a policy recommendation for monitoring student participation in courses. The FS appointed four faculty members to sit on the committee: Dr. Jane McGinn (COM), Dr. David Pettigrew (PHI), Dr. Elizabeth Rhoades (CSP), and Mr. Walter Stutzman (MUS/FYE).
- 2. Newer Faculty Workshop.** Twenty-eight untenured faculty members attended the workshop, and heard presentations from 15 tenured members and three pre-tenure colleagues. Topics discussed included academic freedom, shared governance, campus culture, faculty unity, balancing roles and responsibilities, and specific concerns of untenured members. The Faculty Senate gives its thanks to the Workshop planning committee: Dr. Aaron Clark (MAT), Dr. Barbara Cook (CMD), Dr. Joseph Fields, (MAT), Dr. Sanja Grubacic (ECO/FIN), Dr. David Pettigrew (PHI), Dr. Deborah Weiss (CMD), and Dr. William Faraclas (PCH).
- 3. 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 _____, May ____, 2016, at 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Place: Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock Street, West Haven, CT 06516
- 4. Workflow Group: SSC Campus Platform for Academic Advisement.** The Workflow Group, which is working on an enhanced advising platform that will be launched in the fall, would like to add a faculty member to its ranks through selection by the Faculty Senate.
- 5. Resolution on CSCU Provost Selection.** A resolution regarding the selection of a new system Provost was passed by the Community College Governance Assembly on April 15 and subsequently endorsed by the Faculty Advisory Committee to the BOR. It was requested by the FAC that each campus governance body consider the resolution for endorsement or approval. The resolution reads:

"Student success through academic excellence is highlighted in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Vision Statement. With the retirement of Dr. Estela Lopez as the Interim Academic Provost the Community College Governance Assembly believes the priority of the Board of Regents should be to initiate a search for a permanent, qualified Academic Provost as soon as possible."

In the same spirit of consultation that we request from campus and system Administrations, I contacted President Mark Ojakian’s office to review the existence of the resolution and the call for campuses to endorse it, and to ascertain President Ojakian’s current thinking on the search for a CSCU Provost. In communications with Chief of Staff Alice Pritchard I stated the argument for conducting a national search for a permanent Provost, with an interim Provost serving only until a search could be completed, and, noting the role of the Provost as chief academic officer, stated the importance of inclusion of faculty representatives on a search committee. Today, COS Pritchard informed me that President Ojakian has decided to search for a permanent Provost using internal posting to draw upon talent within the system. She wrote that “[President Ojakian] confirmed the plan is to have faculty input through a FAC session with candidate(s) before a final selection of provost is made by the President.”
- 6. Future guest:** Interim Provost Ellen Durnin, May 4

Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution to/on/for/concerning...	For	Disposition	Pres.' Comments (abbrev.)
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	
S-16-15	4-13-16	Provision of Adequate Support for the SCSU Office of SPAR	Approval	Pending	
S-16-16	4-13-16	AAUP Travel Funds, 2016-2017	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.”



One Remaining Meeting for AY 16: May 4

Coming attraction! Next week: Election of Faculty Senate President for AY 2017!

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.