

“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 – May 4, 2016

1. The Faculty Senate owes sincerest thanks to:

- **Maria Diamantis, FS Secretary**, who has performed extraordinary service for the Faculty Senate in ways often not seen by most and too numerous to recount, and for her singular support of our work.
- **Peter Madonia, FS Treasurer**, who has been dutiful in monitoring travel funds, tenacious in advocating for greater support, and wise in the providing of counsel.
- **Other Standing Committee Chairs and Members of the Executive Committee during the past three years—Gayle Bessenoff, Adiel Coca, Greg Cochenet, Kevin Colwell, Jeffrey Dickens, Joel Dodson, Deborah Flynn, Wesley O’Brien, David Pettigrew, Matthew Rothbard, Michael Shea, Walter Stutzman, Stephen “Zak” Tomczak**—each of whom shouldered great responsibility and exhibited outstanding, selfless leadership in the interest of the faculty, our students and the University.
- **Luke Eilderts, Parliamentarian**, for his dutiful guidance of Senate business to ensure the right of the majority to rule, the right of the minority to be heard, and the right of individuals to participate in decision making.
- **Every Senator** for care in deliberating matters before the Senate, creativity in crafting policies and solutions to problems, and courage in confronting challenges to academic freedom, shared governance and reason.
- **All members of the faculty**, who have understood and supported the work of the Senate and participated in Faculty Senate events and calls to action.

2. **Workflow Group: SSC Campus Platform for Academic Advisement.** Mr. Gregory Cochenet (ART) was appointed by the Faculty Senate to serve on this Workgroup.

3. **End-of-Year Faculty Retreat.** Co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and SCSU-AAUP for all members of the faculty, the retreat will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Place: Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock Street, West Haven, CT 06516. Senators are asked to encourage colleagues to attend. RSVP to Linda Cunningham (cunninghaml1000@southernct.edu or Ext. 2-5980).

4. **CSCU Provost Search.** The search for a system Provost is moving forward with an internal posting. Names of finalists, selected by President Mark Ojakian, will be announced three days before respective interviews with the Faculty Advisory Committee, whose collective input will be submitted after meeting candidates. To promote a robust and diverse pool of applicants, a system-wide email message will carry the position announcement to all campuses.

5. **The final demise of “Transform”.** The Governor and Democrat leaders last night developed a budget that has no funding for Transform CSCU 2020, signaling the end of that initiative. However, the budget would fund outcomes-based financing of higher education at \$1,662,925. The FS will need to continue to be part of discussions around that trend.

6. **Clarification: The Silencing of our Colleagues.**

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.

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.”

