

“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 – September 23, 2015

1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

- Dr. Maria Diamantis, Secretary
- Dr. Joel Dodson, Chair, Technology Committee
- Dr. William Faraclas, President
- Dr. Deborah Flynn, Chair, Student Policy Committee
- Dr. Peter Madonia, Treasurer/Chair, Finance Committee
- Dr. Wesley O’Brien, Chair, Rules Committee
- Dr. David Pettigrew, Chair, Academic Policy Committee
- Dr. Matthew Rothbard, Chair, Executive Committee
- Dr. Michael Shea, Chair, Personnel Policy Committee

2. Members of the Executive Committee (Senators Diamantis, Madonia, O’Brien, Pettigrew and Faraclas) met with President Mary Papazian and Provost Bette Bergeron on Tuesday, September 22, to discuss resolutions that were not approved (but “noted”) by the President (S-15-12, -13, -14, -15). Also in attendance were Dr. Gayle Bessenoff, last year’s FS Personnel Policy Committee Chair, and Chief of Staff Jaye Bailey. Other items discussed included Resolution F-14-01R (Grade Appeals Procedures), resolutions in progress, and enhancing shared governance via communications with the Provost and affected administrators regarding resolutions.

(N.B. Provost Bergeron has agreed to hold regular meetings with the FS EC to provide a forum for discussing the work of the Senate as it unfolds.)

With FS approval, the following actions will take place:

- F-14-01R (Grade Appeal Procedures) will be resubmitted as F-15-01, with extraneous phrase, included in error, omitted.
 - S-15-15 (Clarify Recusal Lang. in P&T Procedures Doc.) will be resubmitted as F-15-02 with no changes.
 - S-15-12 (Size of Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Comm.) will be resubmitted as F-15-03 with no changes.
 - S-15-13 (Sabbatical Leave Doc./Technical Fixes) and S-15-14 (Renewal Document/Technical Fixes) will be referred back to FS Rules Comm. for consideration of questions raised by President Papazian.
3. Provost Bergeron, Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Tyree, and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Terricita Sass are forming an Advising Steering Committee to explore best practices and appropriate models for advising on our campus. The Faculty Senate has been asked to provide a faculty representative for the committee. It is hoped that the committee will hold its first meeting in about two weeks. Motions related to selecting a representative will be welcomed during New Business.

4. The Undergraduate Curriculum Forum has voted to extend formal membership representation on the UCF to the Director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDS). According to the UCF Constitution, "extension of representation to...constituent units of the University" requires approval of the Faculty Senate. The rationale for granting UCF membership to the IDS Director is presented on a memo from Dr. Sharon Misasi, Interim Director of IDS, to Dr. Deborah Weiss, [former] UCF Chairperson (distributed separately).

5. The August 28, 2015, Faculty Retreat, co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and SCSU-AAUP, was intended to give attendees an opportunity to identify and discuss issues of importance to the faculty. Notes from the retreat (distributed separately), listing concerns expressed by participants, are provided to guide the Faculty Senate in setting priorities for this year.

6. In response to a note of concern about classroom technology problems sent to Executive Vice President Mark Rozewski, Mr. Rozewski, in consultation with OIT, offered the following solutions:
 - [A member of] the IT Support Services Group will try to meet with each faculty member teaching in the Fit & Finish rooms that were not completed.
 - IT will get the equipment necessary to make these rooms functional without needing to sign equipment out, but it will take some time.
 - IT will be identifying what equipment is needed when meeting with the faculty members.
 - IT is working on plans (equipment and personnel) to end the old practice of signing out equipment, especially for the Fit & Finish rooms and hopefully for all rooms.
 - IT plans on using some 2020 SCSU controlled funds for the equipment acquisition. ...this will take some time.
 - IT's reorganization/consolidation may make some more people available to assist with equipment delivery when that is necessary.

7. Future guests
 - Mr. Mark Rozewski, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - Dr. Terricita Sass, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

8. Transition of Faculty Senate leadership.

Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution to/on/for...	For	Disposition	Pres.' Comments (abbrev.)
F-15-01		Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval		
F-15-02		Clarify Recusal Language in Promotion & Tenure Procedures Document	Approval		
F-15-03		Size of the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Committee	Approval		

AY 16 themes for the Faculty Senate

- 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.



Remaining Meetings: Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24, Mar.9, 30, Apr. 13, 27, May 4