

*“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 – October 7, 2015**

1. The Faculty Senate congratulates President Mary Papazian on the delivery of her comprehensive State of the University Address, which reviewed many accomplishments of the University.
2. Letters of congratulation were sent on behalf of the Faculty Senate to:
  - Dr. Ruth Eren, Professor and Chair, Department of Special Education and Reading, and Director of the Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders, for her appointment to the Goodwin Endowed Chair in Special Education. Ruth is the first member of Southern’s faculty to hold an endowed chair. .
  - Mr. Mark Ojakian, on the commencement of his tenure as Interim President of the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.
3. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee re-submitted to President Mary Papazian three FS resolutions that had been submitted last semester, but were not approved (but “noted”) by the President:
  - F-15-01 – Grade Appeal Procedures (previously submitted as Res. F-14-01R)
  - F-15-02 – Clarify Recusal Lang. in P&T Procedures Doc. (previously submitted as Res. S-15-15)
  - F-15-03 – Size of Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Comm. (previously submitted as Res. S-15-12)
4. The Faculty Senate must identify a faculty representative for the Advising Steering Committee being empaneled by Provost Bette Bergeron, Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Tyree, and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Terricita Sass to explore best practices and appropriate models for advising on our campus. A call went out to members at the last meeting. *Senator Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf (CSC) and UCF Chair Dr. Elizabeth Keenan (SWK) have expressed strong interest.*
5. It is the role of the Faculty Senate to appoint two members to the University Library Committee. No self-nominations were received from Senators. *Dr. Joan Kreiger (EXS), Coordinator of the new Respiratory Care Program, has indicated interest in representing the faculty on behalf of the Senate.*
6. 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. Rationale for granting UCF membership to the IDS Director was presented at the last meeting.
7. Negotiations for a new CBA are underway. The SCSU-AAUP will hold an informational meeting for the faculty this Friday, October 9, at 12:10-1:00 PM in ENA120. BOR contract proposals have serious implications for shared governance, the domain of the FS; therefore, Senators should take play an active role in urging colleagues to attend and participate in this important meeting.
8. Naming of the new science building: Is it time for Southern to name a building after a former member of the faculty?

9. In cooperation with the AAUP and the Promotion and Tenure Committee, this semester the Faculty Senate sponsored three conversations on promotion and tenure evaluation:
  - P&T workshop for candidates (attendance ≈ 50)
  - P&T workshop for DEC members and Department Chairs (attendance ≈ 40)
  - P&T information session with the Provost (attendance ≈ 60)
  
10. A call for proposals has gone out for Faculty Development Advisory Committee grants, awarded to schools, departments, officially recognized interdisciplinary programs, affinity groups, and individual faculty members to "...enhance their ability to be productive and innovative professionals..."  
 Application deadline: Thursday, November 19, 2015; Awards announced: Friday, December 11.  
 The performance period for FDAC grants is the Spring 2016 semester.
  
11. Future guest
  - Dr. Terricita Sass, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, October 21

**Action items**

- A. Advising Steering Committee: Election of one representative
- B. University Library Committee: Election of two representatives
- C. Approval of UCF proposal to extend formal membership to the Director of the IDS Program

<b>Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolution to/on/for...</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Pres.' Comments (abbrev.)</b>
F-15-01		Grade Appeal Procedures (was F-14-01R)	Approval		
F-15-02		Clarify Recusal Language in Promotion & Tenure Procedures Document (was S-15-15)	Approval		
F-15-03		Size of the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Committee (was S-15-12)	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. 21, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24, Mar.9, 30, Apr. 13, 27, May 4**