

**FACULTY SENATE**

*“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 – October 21, 2015**

1. Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants: 59 applications were submitted; one was deemed ineligible. This is a decrease of 20% from the 74 applications received last year.
2. 2016 Summer School will include a new session in May, “Maymester.” Here are the dates:
  - Maymester: May 16-June 5
  - Summer session B: June 27-July 31
  - Summer Session A: May 23-June 26
  - Summer session C: August 01-August 21
3. The Liberal Education Program (LEP) continues to be a topic of discussion and debate. Proposals for major changes to the LEP would be subject to Faculty Senate review and faculty referendum. At its October 22, 2015, meeting the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum will conduct “Sense of the Body” votes on two questions, tentatively stated as:
  - Do you want to reduce the total number of credits of the LEP?
  - Do you want LEPC to look at reducing LEP requirements for transfer students with 60+ credits?
 UCF representatives were asked to poll their constituencies for direction on how to vote.
4. Communication sent on October 7, 2015, to Provost Bette Bergeron, Vice President Tracy Tyree and Associate Vice President Terricita Sass regarding the newly formed Advising Steering Committee:

*I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Matthew Rothbard (EXS) was elected by the Faculty Senate today to be the Faculty Senate representative to the Advising Steering Committee. Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf (CSC) was elected to serve as alternate to Matt when he is unable to attend meetings.*

*With this message I am reiterating my request that the committee be expanded to include at least one more elected representative of the faculty, and that membership also include the Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum, Dr. Elizabeth Keenan, and the Chair of the Graduate Council, Dr Elizabeth Rhoades. Study of advising, particularly as it affects academic advising, without central participation of the faculty at the seminal point of discussion has potential to create contractual and morale issues that we should avoid. Formation of the committee—as small and nimble as you would like it to be—presents an opportunity to demonstrate appreciation for the faculty role in academic advisement by more broadly embracing the faculty voice as central and informed.*

<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 Comm 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		

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