

President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – November 4, 2015

1. **Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants.** The University Grants Committee (UGC) completed its review of 59 FCARG applications and provided Provost Bette Bergeron with a ranked list of proposals —noting proposals were of very high quality. The FCARG fund will support 34 grants. A request was made to the Provost to fund five additional projects, but funds are not available. We thank the UGC for diligent and careful work reviewing FCARG applications and the Provost for seeking more funds.
2. **BOR 2016 Faculty Awards-Deadline Extended to Friday, November 6.** Awards for teaching and research for tenured/tenure-track Assistant and Associate Professors, and part-time teaching award.
3. **CSU Faculty Leadership Group.** Consisting of each campus’ Faculty Senate President, AAUP Chapter Presidents, FAC to the BORHE reps, and CSU-AAUP officers, the group met on, Saturday, October 31, 2015, at Central CT State University to discuss changes in system leadership and strategic planning.
4. **Meeting with CSU President Mark Ojakian.** The CSU Faculty Leadership Group will be meeting with President Ojakian on Saturday, November 21, 2015.
5. **CSU System strategic planning.** Regarding his earlier communication to CSU campus Presidents about system strategic planning (Oct. 20), President Ojakian wrote to the Presidents on October 30, 2015:

“There seems to be some confusion about an earlier communication I sent to all of you regarding the Board’s strategic plan and an exercise I asked all of you to conduct. My communication has been misinterpreted as an effort to start the process all over again. Let me be very clear that this is not meant to be an entirely new strategic planning process. It is meant to find out how institutions are doing in meeting the goals outlined in the Board’s strategic planning document adopted in 2013. Nothing more, nothing less. The individual campus responses will be synthesized into a draft document that will be distributed for comment by stakeholders prior to being brought before the Board. I believe it is important to determine the progress we have made individually and as a system over the past couple of years especially in light of more recent failed efforts.”

I have communicated with President Papazian to inquire about the process at Southern.

6. **Student recruitment.** Associate Vice President Terricita Sass invites faculty members who wish to assist with recruitment and outreach activities to attend training sessions on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 3:30-4:30 PM in ASC 311, and Wednesday, Nov 18, 2:00-3:00 PM in ASC 312. (See sign-up sheet.)
7. **Contract negotiations.** For an update on the progress of contract negotiations look for next edition of Table *Talk*, distributed electronically by the CSU-AAUP.
8. **Proposed FS statement** on Contract Proposals of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.
9. **Standing committees of the Senate.** Please check list on back; report errors to Secretary Diamantis.

| Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions | | | | | |
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| 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 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 | | |
| F-15-05 | 10-21-15 | Support of Campus Equity Week 10/26-30/15 | Information | | |

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