

## President's Report to the Faculty Senate – January 27, 2016

1. **Thank you to Senators Wesley O'Brien and Gregory Cochenet** for capably and productively co-Chairing the Rules Committee last semester, respectively serving on the Executive Committee and presiding over committee activities, while Senator Adiel Coca was on sabbatical leave. The Senate welcomes Dr. Coca back to the Executive Committee.
2. **The Senate welcomes new members:**
  - Ms. Lisa Barbaro (ATH)
  - Dr. Kenneth McGill (ANT)
  - Dr. Cassi Meyerhoffer (SOC)
  - Dr. Greg Robbins (MGT)
  - Dr. Taraneh Seyed, (CSC)
3. **Student Government Association.** We gladly welcome Julie Gagliardi, SGA representative to the FS.
4. **Faculty Senate Forum on Islam: February 3, 2016, 12:00-2:00 PM, ASC Ballroom A.** Please encourage attendance among all members of the SCSU community. The Senate owes it thanks to the dedicated committee that planned the Forum so quickly, working through the intersession break:
  - Dr. David Pettigrew, Program Chair, Professor of Philosophy, Member of the Senate
  - Ms. Asmaa Abdelati, President, SCSU Muslim Student Association
  - Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Member of the Senate
  - Dr. Krystyna Gorniak-Kocikowska, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies
  - Dr. Steven Judd, Professor of Middle Eastern History
  - Mr. Walter Stutzman, Lecturer of Music, First Year Experience Program, Member of the Senate
5. **The Faculty Senate expresses its gratitude to members of the SCSU Public Affairs Office—** Patrick Dilger, Mary Pat Caputo, Barbara Kagan and Betsy Beacom—for exceptional assistance with publicity and graphic services in support of our Forum on Islam.
6. **Letters of congratulations sent on behalf of the Faculty Senate to:**
  - Dr. Ellen D. Durnin, Interim Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - Dr. Sandra Bulmer, Dean, School of Health and Human Services
  - Dr. Samuel K. Andoh, Interim Dean, School of Business
7. **Summer travel.** Those traveling after June 30, 2016, can submit a TA now. The award will count towards the FY 17 allotment (July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017). Since the funding cap has not been set for FY 17, TAs can be approved for up to \$1,000 now, and a revised TA can be submitted prior to reconciling to adjust funding up to the approved cap.
8. **Faculty Senate President's meeting with Interim Provost Ellen Durnin.** The Provost was informed of the current work of the Senate, and several topics were explored, including Department Guidelines for Faculty Evaluation; Blackboard; the Online Coursework Committee; the School Health Education program; anxieties about promotion and tenure, and related campus morale issues; summer curriculum-related grants; professional assessment; and emergency preparedness, regarding hostile events and carrying on instruction during extended closures; and the progress of the Workload Realignment Working Group. On the latter, conversations are continuing, models are being reviewed and recommendations are being developed to create an equitable approach across programs.

9. **FS-sponsored meeting for new members of the tenure-track faculty:** To be held on Friday, February 26, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We need to finalize selection of the planning committee.
  
10. **The search for a new Provost is underway.** The faculty is encouraged to participate in the selection process by attending interviews and providing feedback on candidates.
  
11. **Special Election for CSU Professorship Advisory Committee (PAC).** This year, through the PAC, the faculty has a rare opportunity to nominate a colleague for CSU Professor, yet only five of nine seats are filled on the PAC. Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided to hold an emergency election to fill remaining spots. The EC is determining the applicability of F-15-08, which would turn unfilled seats into at-large positions.
  
12. **Motion of the FS Executive Committee:**  
 To conduct a two-hour forum on Judaism in the spirit of our *Statement on Religious Diversity, Human Rights and Social Justice* and in response to anti-Semitic incidents on campus and in the wider community (date and organizing committee to be determined in consultation with the EC).
  
13. **Future Guests**
  - President Mary Papazian, February 10, 2016
  - Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ellen Durnin, March 30, 2016

<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 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	
F-15-06	11-4-15	Grade Replacement Policy Resolution (S-15-07) - Edited	Approval	Approved	
F-15-07	11-18-15	Resolution Regarding the School Health Education Graduate Program	Approval	Disapproved	This requires discussion.
F-15-08	11-18-15	Resolution Regarding Filling All-University Committee Seats	Approval	Approved	
F-15-09	12-9-15	Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Chairperson Document	Approval	Pending	



**Remaining Meetings for AY 16: Feb. 10, 24, Mar.9, 30, Apr. 13, 27, May 4**