

President's Report to the Faculty Senate – February 10, 2016

- 1. The February 3 Faculty Senate Forum on Islam was a remarkable success.**
 - The Senate thanks the planning committee (Dr. David Pettigrew, Ms. Asmaa Abdelati, Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf, Dr. Krystyna Gorniak-Kocikowska, Dr. Steven Judd, and Mr. Walter Stutzman) for impeccable organization and presentation of the event.
 - The ASC Ballroom A was filled beyond capacity, with perhaps 250-300 attendees.
 - The FS and University were praised by our invited speaker for being forward thinking, ahead of the curve and courageous.
- 2. The Faculty Senate Forum on Judaism is being planned.**
 - Dr. Deborah Weiss (CMD) has agreed to chair the event.
 - A committee is being empaneled, and a date will be set and announced shortly.
- 3. Testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly: Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Higher Education.** Testimony will be presented tonight on behalf of the faculty regarding the importance of improving state funding for public higher education.
- 4. FS-sponsored meeting for new members of the tenure-track faculty:** Originally scheduled for Friday, February 26, a new date is being explored by the ad hoc planning committee. Planning committee members are: Aaron Clark (MAT), William Faraclas (PCH), Joseph Fields (MAT), Sanja Grubacic (ECO/FIN), David Pettigrew (PHI) and Deborah Weiss (CMD).
- 5. The search for a new Provost has been suspended.** The FS Executive Committee and the Faculty Leadership Council issued a memo of concern about the commencement of a search for a Provost for SCSU, absent a new President. The search was subsequently suspended by President Papazian.
- 6. Search for a new President for SCSU.** BOR President Mark Ojakian has indicated that the BOR “will begin the search process for a new president very soon and move in a very thoughtful and expeditious manner.” The FS Executive Committee and FLC will advocate for full and meaningful participation by the faculty in the selection process.
- 7. Special Election for CSU Professorship Advisory Committee.** An emergency election is underway to fill four empty seats as unrestricted positions. Eight self-nominations were received.
- 8. FS Resolution F-15-09: Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Chairperson Document.** Rather than to disapprove the resolution, President Papazian requested an extension of the time to respond to allow the FS Rules Committee to discuss the resolution with Provost Ellen Durnin, who has a question about removal of language that allows the President to appoint an interim if needed. We (Senators Coca, Cochenet, O'Brien and Faraclas) are setting up a meeting with the Provost to reason together.
- 9. Future Guests**
 - President Mary Papazian, date to be determined
 - Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ellen Durnin, March 30, 2016

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

Status of AY 16 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
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 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	

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