

“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 – September 6, 2017

1. Welcome to all Senators! A sincere THANK YOU to the Executive Committee members who have been assisting me over the summer! This summer’s work was unique and challenging due to the completion of our CBA with a tight time line. The summary of changes can be found at: http://www.csuaaup.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Summary_Of_Changes_2017_7-1.pdf
2. One issue is the addition of an evaluation category: Record of disciplinary action. This new category required all Faculty Senate documents to be reviewed and revised immediately to comply with the CBA.
3. Another new item with the CBA involves the departments’ PT faculty and the department bylaws need to contain procedures for evaluation of part-time faculty members as well as providing representation of PT in the department matters. All departments should review their Department Bylaws – a final copy is to be shared with FS President and AAUP office.
4. Another important item of the new CBA is the issue of three Furlough days for the 2017-2018 academic year. President Joe and AAUP President, Julian Madison, have signed the agreement stating one furlough day will be March 9 and the other two furlough days will be chosen by the individual faculty. Knowing all of you and how much you care and think of our students’ education first, I expect that you will make the right choices for our students. Consider all your options and make your choice. Just a gentle reminder that the administration would like to encourage all faculty to make the decision that will best meet the needs of our students, including considering taking furlough days on non-teaching days. But as I said before, knowing many of you, I trust and I will respect your decision.
5. Reminder that the travel allowance for AY 18 is \$1500 for FT faculty and \$750.
6. Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants – the announcement will be emailed to all faculty as soon as Provost Prezant and I, can finalize the details.
7. Our tasks today includes formation of the Standing Committees and election of chairpersons. The Standing Committees meet on the Wednesdays that the full Senate is not in session. Tasks for the FS Standing committees:

Academic Policy	Review policies/documents, such as Academic Misconduct Policy and Grade Appeal document – some questions/concerns still exist with the policies
Elections	Elections to fill vacancies on the All University Committees – the call for nominations was emailed yesterday
Finance	Monitor travel funds
Personnel Policy	Refine the Senate documents – particularly the ones that needed revisions due to the CBA
Rules	Review FS Bylaws and/or Constitution
Student Policy	Continue on their work
Technology	Coordinate FS interests with OIT (classroom installations, faculty computer cycle)