

*"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 – March 28, 2018  
(March 7<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to the weather)**

WELCOME BACK!

- February 26<sup>th</sup> – the first University Dialogue with President Bertolino. Items announced included:
  - How proud the President was on how everyone addressed the issue for our students in the beginning of February. He is looking to create a position and hire an ombudsman, who will be reporting to the Office of Diversity and Equity.
  - The results from the Climate survey which was conducted last fall will be forthcoming.
  - Events to celebrate the SCSU's 125 Anniversary are being planned by the committee and the first one will be during the Homecoming weekend and highlighting SCSU's history.
  - The construction of the two buildings is moving forward, a) The Strong Communications Magnet School and b) the Health and Human Services.
  - Solar panels will be installed soon.
  - The Liverpool John Moores university collaborations with SCSU are happening and there are 12 current students attending classes at SCSU.
  - SCSU will be offering the fourth Ed.D. program in the School of Health and Human Services.
  - The SCSU collaborations with Gateway and Housatonic are moving along.
  - Vice President Biden is coming to visit SCSU on Friday, 3/23/18, as the Mary and Louis Fusco Distinguished lecturer.
  - President Joe reminded all of the Social Justice grants available and the Top Owl awards are taking place now.
  - IT information that Banner is going to Cloud which will yield improvements for Banner.
  - President Joe introduced Beverly Byl – Vice President Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the SCSU Foundation.
  - Discovery Day is scheduled for April 15, 2018.
  
- The FS Executive Committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Prezant on March 20 and the following items were discussed:
  - A national search will be underway for a permanent Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. Dr. Christine Broadbridge has done an outstanding job as the interim dean and will continue to oversee many of the research and innovation initiatives. The dean's search will be completed by July 1 so that the new Dean will be on campus by the fall semester. The AGB search firm is hired once again to assist in this process. The committee has been formed and the FS representative is Mike Nizhnikov.
  - Student Opinion Surveys – these surveys required by the CBA for faculty needs to be completed in an electronic fashion and it will be discussed further soon. This year's evaluations at all levels were missing the Student Opinion Surveys.

- Blackboard was upgraded but a few features have been become more difficult, thus, it would be helpful if faculty are aware of the upgrades and their impact to the classroom.
  - The RRT process needs to be transparent and an open process, even if it is at the discretion of the Deans. The Provost will look into the process and the number of credits or list of credits per semester.
  - The DMI reporting of the faculty credit load is very troublesome and time consuming, with many hours spent by the department chairs to complete the forms on-line. The Council of Chairs expressed similar concerns.
  - Budget details are not announced yet. The Budget and Planning Committee meeting was rescheduled.
- The status of the two searches, (a) AVP Strategic Initiatives and (b) Outreach and Director of Institutional Research – verbal offers have been made.

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### **Faculty Senate Resolution on Documented and Undocumented Students**

**Whereas** there has been considerable confusion and concern on CCSU's campus in the wake of the recent presidential election regarding the standing of undocumented individuals on our campus, **Be it resolved** that CCSU's Faculty Senate unequivocally supports the rights of all individuals on campus to exercise and enjoy in safety and security all of the rights and privileges appropriate to their status as students, staff, or faculty regardless of their immigration status; And **be it further resolved** that the Senate urges the university's faculty, staff, and administration to do all within their power to answer the questions and assuage the concerns of all members of the CCSU family, regardless of immigration status, regarding these issues.

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#### SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS :

- Saturday, April 14, 2018: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference
- Sunday, April 15, 2018: Accepted Students Day and SCSU Discovery Day
- Sunday, April 29, 2018: Honor's Convocation, 2 pm at Lyman Center

Status of AY 18 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution on...	For	Disposition	Comments (abbrev.)
F-2017-01	Senate approved: 9/6/17 Forwarded: 9/7/17	Resolution Regarding Necessary Modifications of the FS Promotion and Tenure Procedures Document Regarding the Evaluative Category of "Record of Disciplinary Action"	Approval	Approved 9/7/2017	
F-2017-02	Senate approved: 10/19/17 Forwarded: 10/20/17	Resolution Regarding Renaming the Technological Teacher of the Year Award to <i>The Will Hochman Technological Teacher Award</i>	Approval	Approved 10/20/2017	
F-2017-03	Senate approved: 10/19/17 Forwarded: 10/20/17	Resolution Regarding the Information Technology Help Desk Services	Approval	Disapproved	Notes posted on FS web site
F-2017-04	Senate approved: 10/19/17 Forwarded: 10/20/17	Resolution To Implement the Recommendations on Online Education	Approval	Disapproved	Notes posted on FS web site
F-2017-05	Senate approved: 12/1/17 Forwarded: 12/1/17	Resolution of the Motion to Endorse the CCSU Faculty Senate Response to Students First Planning Team Reports	Information	Noted	
F-2017-06	Senate approved: 12/6/17 Forwarded: 12/14/17	Resolution to Set the "W" (Writing Intensive) Course Enrollment Cap at 22, Effective Fall 2018	Approval	Approved 12/18/17	
F-2017-07	Senate approved: 12/6/17 Forwarded: 12/14/17	Resolution Regarding Withdrawal From a Course	Approval	Approved 12/18/17	
F-2017-08	Senate approved: 12/6/17 Forwarded: 12/14/17	Resolution Regarding the Grade Appeal Procedures and Form	Approval	Approved 12/18/17	
S-2018-09	Senate approved: 2/21/2018	Resolution Regarding the Policy on Academic Misconduct	Approval	Approved 2/23/18	



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