

*"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 – April 11, 2018

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS :

- ✓ Saturday, April 14, 2018: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference
- ✓ Sunday, April 15, 2018: Accepted Students Day (8:30 am-3:00pm) and SCSU Discovery Day (2:00-5:00 pm)
- ✓ Sunday, April 29, 2018: Honor's Convocation, 2:00 pm at Lyman Center
- ✓ Friday, May 4, 2018: New Faculty Workshop – sponsored by the FS – 12:30-3:00 pm at EN C 112 – SAVE THE DATE - more details to be announced soon
- ✓ Thursday, May 4, 2018: Dedication of the Reflection Garden
- ✓ Friday, May 11, 2018: End of the Year Retreat – sponsored by the FS and AAUP – 10 am -2 pm at Whitney Cultural Center - SAVE THE DATE - more details to be announced soon

#### UPDATES

- On Friday, 4/6/18, I met with Provost Prezant and discussed the following:
  - Update on the two searches: Outreach and Director of Institutional Research: it hasn't been finalized yet. For the AVP for Strategic Initiatives and Outreach: Dr. Colleen L. Bielitz has accepted and will start soon.
  - Enrollments at both undergraduate and graduate levels are low.
  - Budget is still uncertain and shrinking.
  - A&S split is on hold after hearing faculty's concerns.
  - Housatonic Community College collaborations of offering completion programs on their site, is not on the plans for this coming year, but maybe in the future. There might be a department that has volunteered to offer a course.
  - The Provost suggested the FS to hold discussions on (a) the University P&T committee vs a School based committee; (b) the recusal rule; (c) time of closing/sealing of P&T files.
  - The Professional Assessment process might be piloted in the fall as an electronic process. The Provost will provide IT support for the FS to proceed and work on it over the summer.
- On Tuesday, April 10, the President's Leadership Team met and the topics of discussion included:
  - Dr. Sass announcements for all upcoming events (as highlighted above)
  - Enrollment is similar to last year but efforts to advertise our events should continue
  - Summer registrations are low, the thought to incentivize students to take classes here vs a community college. The offer will be that if students take two courses over two summer sessions, the tuition will be similar to the community college tuition.
  - The list of freshmen accepted students have been sent to the department chairs for a personal invitation from the department.
  - President Joe is considering once approved, to hire an Ombudsman as well as a position for Social Justice director who will assist in making SCSU the Social Justice University.

- Training for social justice at all levels will be crucial and as student requested diversity in curriculum, President Joe has found that we already do offer such minor programs, for example, in African Education and Asian Studies minors.
- President Joe also discussed how staff and faculty have expressed concerns that they are not valued, respected, or treated based on the five pillars that he has supported since last year.
- Results of the Climate survey will be soon distributed after they have been analyzed.
- The other topic of discussion was the uncertainty of the budget and how the four Universities are doing. The BOR is currently focusing on the Community Colleges. Therefore, SCSU can focus on how to prepare and meet the challenges in the future.

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	
S-2018-10	Senate approved: 3/28/2018	Resolution Regarding Documented and Undocumented Students	Information	Noted 3/29/2018	
S-2018-11	Senate approved: 3/28/2018	Resolution Regarding Endorsing the Faculty Senate Academic Strategic Plan Committee's "Strategic Vision for Academic Excellence" for Transmission to the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee	Information	Noted 3/29/2018	

**SPRING 2018 Remaining Senate Meetings: April 25; and May 2.**