

*“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 25, 2018

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018: SCSU was the site for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FAC Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance: **“Preserving Access, Building Futures, Creating Justice”**. The event was a huge success with the ASC Ballroom full of faculty, staff, and administrators from the CSCU community. The Co-Chairs for the conference were Drs. William Faraclas and Mike Shea. Congratulations to both on an excellent conference and for the two outstanding keynote speakers: Mark Huelsman, Senior Analyst at Demos and Khizr M. Khan, Constitutional Rights Advocate and a Gold Star parent. Both shared their experiences and wisdom in areas that we all enjoyed hearing! Kudos again to our two co-chairs and their committee members for working so hard on this successful event!

During that event, **SCSU** received recognition and was the recipient of the **Shared Governance Award**, the first such award in the CSCU system!

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference was well attended and there were many outstanding presentations and poster sessions. Congratulations to all who participated. The ASC was buzzing with students, faculty, and staff, presenting and discussing a variety of research topics!

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The Accepted Students Day and SCSU Discover Day events was well attended with approximately 900 students participating!

A sincere THANK YOU to all faculty that participated in all or some of the events of this weekend!

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The Celebration of Excellence took place in the ASC Ballroom and Faculty were recognized for their achievements. Congratulatory letters on behalf of the Faculty Senate will be mailed out to each awardee soon. The awardees are:

- ✓ J. Philip Smith Award for Outstanding Teacher (F/T) – Dr. Charles Baraw (ENG)
- ✓ J. Philip Smith Award for Outstanding Teacher (P/T) – Prof. Shelley (Michelle) Stoehr-McCarthy (ENG)
- ✓ BOR Teaching Award for SCSU – Dr. Richard Zipoli (CMD)
- ✓ BOR Research Award for SCSU – Dr. Chelsea Harry (PHI)
- ✓ Faculty Scholar Award – Dr. Steven Judd (HIS)
- ✓ Robert E. Jirsa Service Award – Dr. Wafeek Abdelsayed (ACC)
- ✓ Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award – Dr. Helen Marx (CLL)
- ✓ Joan Finn Junior Faculty Research Fellowship recipient – Dr. Rachel Jeffrey (BIO)
- ✓ Joan Finn Junior Faculty Research Fellowship recipient – Dr. Jason W. Smith (HIS)
- ✓ Mid-Level Faculty Research Fellowship recipient – Dr. Jennifer McCullagh (CMD)
- ✓ Senior-Level Faculty Research Fellowship recipient – Dr. Camille Serchuk (ART)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018: The FS Executive Committee met with Provost Prezant and President Bertolino and discussed the following items:

1. The exceptionally challenging budget environment and the implications/complications it brings to SCSU in many levels.
2. Declining enrollment and the need for strategies/actions to revive it. Thus, increasing on-line and foreign students, both of which will require additional resources.
3. Initial conversations are taking place about on-line courses/programs using Charter Oak's established infrastructure.
4. The need to move forward in a quicker way, thus, posing questions such as:
  - a. Are there too many layers within SCSU that delay approvals?
  - b. Are there too many complex processes?
5. President Joe and the Provost are worried that if we don't move forward quickly, there will be a negative impact to our budget.
6. The Climate Survey data – being examined and analyzed by some volunteer faculty.
7. Administrative Survey – it is ready for distribution but a question was raised: Should the survey also include an evaluative part for the Faculty Leadership Team (such as Faculty Senate, UCF, Graduate Council, Council of Chairs)?

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The Faculty Leadership Committee (FLC) which is composed of the Chair of UCF, the Chair of Graduate Council, the Facilitators of the Council of Academic Chairs (CAC), the President of AAUP, and the President of the Faculty Senate, met and discussed the following items:

- 1) Budget concerns
- 2) Concerns from the CAC on the use of Digital Measures (DM) for the faculty credit workload and the issue that Librarians, Counselors, Coaches, and Athletic Trainers are not able to access DM. the Provost will look into this.
- 3) Question of why the title for the Dean of Graduate Studies is different and does not include Research and Innovation. Provost Prezant explained that the new Dean will focus on enrollment and finding ways to increase it. The new title will be: Dean of Graduate Studies and Professional Studies. Dr. Christine Broadbridge will continue to oversee the research and innovation initiatives which will include the Offices for Sponsored Programs and Research, STEM Innovation and Leadership, Sustainability, and the STEM Centers of Excellence.
- 4) The budget complications with decreased enrollment and increased costs have placed SCSU in a \$7 million deficit. The Administration is looking carefully to decrease this to \$5 million and using our Reserves to make up a balanced budget. We currently have 81 vacancies but some will need to be filled.
- 5) It was highly recommended that each Faculty Senator continues to update their department on latest news and issues raised at the FS, especially with updates on the budget.
- 6) The Summer enrollment is low and classes will need at least six students to break even with expenses and income. Lower than six students might translate into class cancelations but exceptions do exist.

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The FS Executive Committee met with Michael Ben Avie and Provost Prezant to discuss suggestions of starting the Student Opinion Surveys (SOS) using an electronic version. Concerns were raised for rate of return and costs. Couple alternative methods were discussed and further information will be gathered, such as: is it "legal" for grades to be held back until students complete the online SOS; could Banner interface with the electronic SOS.

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018: President Joe and the Provost held a meeting with Part Time Faculty to discuss different issues. A few concerns were raised, such as:

- Could there be some office space in each department to house the PT faculty with a desk phone and a desk top computer available to all PT faculty?
- Should there be a uniform, consistent and transparent yearly PT faculty evaluation process?
- Why have the PT faculty not received last semester's SOS?
- Is there a process for PT Faculty to participate in the departmental decisions?
- Is there PT representation at the FS?
- Is there Faculty Development opportunities for PT faculty? Such as training on how to use/offer on-line courses?

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Honor's Convocation, 2:00 pm at Lyman Center. **Participate if you can!**

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018: New Faculty Workshop – sponsored by the FS – 12:30-3:00 pm at EN C 112 – a panel of faculty and AAUP members will address some current issues and respond to questions. Refreshments will be provided. **Announce to your colleagues in your department.**

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -- 4:30pm at EN C 112: Dedication of the Reflection Garden. The Grounds are being prepared and plans are on schedule for the dedication. The Resolution for Information of the FS's endorsement of the Reflection Garden was distributed.

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The End of the Year Faculty Retreat – sponsored by the FS and AAUP is taking place from 10 am -2 pm at the Whitney Cultural Center – an email went out asking for RSVP's please reply soon.

**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:	Resolution To Implement the Recommendations on Online	Approval	Disapproved	Notes posted on FS web site

	10/19/17 Forwarded:1 0/20/17	Education			
F-2017-05	Senate approved: 12/1/17 Forwarded:1 2/1/17	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: May 2.**