

“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 20, 2017

1. The Board of Regents recognized Professor David Levine, professor of the Art department, as a distinguished Art Historian and bestowed him with the title of Connecticut State University Professor. This award recognizes the excellence in the areas of creative activity (research), teaching and service. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. David Levine!
2. The call for nominations for the All-University committees went out earlier this month and today, the call for elections has been sent out. Please remember to vote!
3. The list of Chairs or Co-chairs of the FS Standing committees, which comprises the FS Executive Committee are:

Academic Policy	David Pettigrew and Deb Weiss
Elections	Klay Kruczek and Kari Swanson
Finance	Wafeek Abdelsayed
Personnel Policy	Michael Shea and Stephen Monroe Tomczak
Rules	Wess O’Brien
Student Policy	Mike Nizhnikov
Technology	Walter Stutzman
Secretary	Luke Eilderts
President	Maria Diamantis

4. The FS Executive Committee met with Provost Prezant on Thursday, 9/7/17, and discussed a few topics:
 - a. The history of the Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants (FCARF) and the current status of the funds
 - b. The final agreement on the Furlough Days – March 9 and two days as faculty choices
 - c. The LEP issues, such as Program Assessment and LEP director’s position
5. The first P&T meeting sponsored by FS and AAUP was held on Friday, 9/8/17 and many faculty were present. A short presentation was given by Dr. David Pettigrew, the newly elected chair of the P&T for another year. Faculty had a chance to ask questions.
6. The President’s Leadership Council met on Tuesday, 9/12/17, and a few items were discussed:
 - a. The budget update
 - b. The hiring freeze is extended indefinitely
 - c. There are many vacancies, up to 52 in clerical secretaries and management confidential. The Deans are concerned as the secretaries are the “front liners” with students to welcome them and assist them. No secretarial assistance translates to unanswered questions from students and no service to their needs.
 - d. The Students First Steering committee met and all four committees’ reports were rendered. The next steps will be that the BOR will send the recommendations out for public review
 - e. The system consolidation is going very slow due to SEBAC agreement

- f. Thirty one faculty searches currently going on and President Joe expressed suggestions for securing a diverse pool of candidates.
 - g. Enrollment management: we have met 98% of our goal with 111 less students. Central is the only State University with an increase in enrollment, while others decreased 2.1% and 3.2% for Western and Eastern respectively
 - h. Recruitment and Retention are very important, thus, everyone’s responsibility.
 - i. New advising plan is forthcoming
 - j. Financial Aid plans will be more aggressive as the Roberta Willis scholarship is in jeopardy
 - k. International students/education is important
 - l. The President is asking for the creation of a Community Advisory Board
 - m. The Presidential Priorities were distributed
 - n. The use of the Long Wharf property will be decided soon. Possible plans are to utilize the space along with Gateway (as their automotive center), SCSU (site for our Continuing Education Programs, ie training and conference area) and the City of New Haven
 - o. The Ethnic Heritage Center to be relocated to the old Student Center since their current location is questionable
7. The Attendance Reporting was required of all faculty in order to be compliant with federal financial aid regulations. Some reports were missing. I can’t stress enough how important it is for all Senators to remind their colleagues in their department to submit attendance reports.
8. The CSU Faculty Leadership Group met last Saturday and two documents were prepared:
- a. A Statement on the *CSCU-BOR draft Code of Conduct 9/7/2017 – Version 1* which has been sent out for public comment (attached). This was endorsed by ECSU’s Faculty Senate
 - b. A Statement of expectation on the Students First proposals (attached). The 4 committees have rendered their reports and the BOR should publish them for comment

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	

FALL 2017: October 4 and 18; November 1 and 15; and December 6.

SPRING 2018: January 24; February 7 and 21; March 7 and 28; April 11 and 25; and May 2.