



"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 – October 18, 2017

1. Midterm Grades are due from Faculty on October 27, 2017 by 8:00 am.
2. A memorial gathering for Will Hochman is scheduled for Friday, 10/20/17 at 4-6 pm. The FS Executive Committee is unanimously proposing that the Faculty Award for *Technological Teacher of the Year* is renamed to: **The Will Hochman Technological Teacher Award** to honor Will's work on our SCSU community.
3. On Wednesday, 10/5, the FS Executive Committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Prezant. The topics of discussion included:
 - a. The APC resolution to bring enrollment to 20 students for the INQ, Critical Thinking, and W courses. The Provost will look into the projected data and will share the data with the FS Executive Committee and discuss the resolution further.
 - b. The ACUE Online Course offered last spring as a pilot, composed of five units (total of 25 modules) of study on: Designing an Effective Course and Class. It was also offered as a pilot at Eastern. President Joe was asked to give an update on this program along with the cost as well as any such ACUE programs in the future.
 - c. Discussion on two resolutions coming forward from the FS Technology Committee.
 - d. The need to standardize the Academic Misconduct Policy, further discussion with the FS subcommittee will continue.
 - e. Everyone agrees that the electronic conversion for the P&T process is necessary, thus, couple vital options will be examined this year and to have a recommendation for the next year's cycle.
4. The last P&T session for the DEC's and Department Chairpersons was held on Friday, 10/6 and it was well attended.
5. Dean Kalk held two Town Hall Meetings to discuss Opportunities in Reorganizing the School of A&S. He pointed out that: the process will honor shared governance; the restructuring is not inevitable; there is no fixed time for the completion if it is agreed. After the Town Hall meetings, an anonymous survey will be distributed to gather some metrics which will be used to make decisions. Some of the benefits of such restructuring include: the School is simply too large and many responsibilities for one dean; two deans will translate to additional voice at the Provost's meetings; better, stronger branding for the disciplines; improved faculty evaluations from a dean closer to the disciplines involved; more improved and focused fundraising efforts within the disciplines; etc. Many questions/concerns were raised, including the costs of such reorganization and the lack of budget at this time. What will the budgetary impact be?
6. On Thursday, 10/12/17, the BOR's Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved continuation of the Werth Center for Coastal and Marine Studies and the Center for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Kudos and appreciation for completion of the reports goes to Drs. Karen Cumming, Vince Breslin, Ilene Crawford, Christine Broadbridge and all involved in the Centers. I believe on that day I witnessed a perfect presentation on the amazing work that my colleagues do and continue to do in order to benefit our students! Congratulations to all!

7. On Tuesday, 10/17, I attended the President’s Leadership Council. Topics discussed included: there is still no budget update; the report on Students First Initiative should be distributed soon, which actually arrived by the end of the day. The report to the BOR is posted on: www.ct.edu/studentsfirst and I strongly recommend you review the report as it highlights the two Students First strategies that were endorsed and approved by the BOR. I strongly recommend that you also take the time to fill out the survey to provide your feedback. The discussions will continue for feedback and the Students First Steering Committee will make their final recommendations to the BOR on December 14, 2017.
- Other issues discussed at the President’s Leadership Council include the budget challenges that will continue and the ambiguity created is frustrating. Having said that the BOR approved searches for positions, such as 2 police officers, one position for Facilities, Director of Library, and an Associate VP for Institutional Effectiveness. All critical positions!
 - The schedule for Winter Session will be announced soon. We need to offer more flexible courses especially for the graduate students.
 - The collaborations with HCC and GCC. Discussions have continued with President Brodie and his leadership team and President Joe with his leadership team. The collaborations include offering of courses/programs on the HCC campus as there are 700 students receiving their Associate’s degree that could potentially pursue a Bachelors from SCSU by taking their courses at HCC. The start of such collaboration is scheduled for fall 2018.
 - The Long Wharf building will be a split property between SCSU and Gateway. Gateway will house their automotive school, Continued Education, and offer conferences. The SCSU will be offering Rec and Leisure courses and built a Conference Center for within and outside the system events. President Joe is investigating possibilities for funding, which might be a bonding package for improvements of the Long Wharf and main campus buildings.
 - The Ethnic Cultural Center will be relocated to the Old Student Center, once it is renovated, because the building of their current location is not holding up well.
 - University Dialogue is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th, at 1 pm.
8. A new revised summer schedule has been distributed which includes a major change of offering summer classes.
- Session A:** Monday, May 21st – Sunday, July 1st (6-weeks)
 - Session B:** Monday, July 9th – Sunday, August 19th (6-weeks)
 - Full Summer Session:** Monday, May 21st – Sunday, August 19th (13-weeks)
- So the following changes to the schedule:
- Summer Sessions A and B will now be 6-weeks long as opposed to five (5).
 - During the week of July 4th, there will only be running those classes which extend throughout the entire summer.
 - Session C has been eliminated from the schedule.

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	

Remaining FALL 2017 meetings: 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.