

“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 – November 15, 2017

1. The 13th Annual Promotion and Tenure Award Celebration took place on Monday, November 6, 2017.
Awarded Tenure: Ericka Barnes, Gene Birz, Braxton Carrigan, Jeremy Chandler, Joel Dodson, Mark Groskreutz, Chelsea Harry, Rebecca Harvey, Angela Lopez-Valesquez, J. Gregory McVerry, Rebecca Silady, Cheryl-Ann Resha, Carol Stewart, Kelly Stiver, Antoinette Towle, Richard Zipoli.
Awarded Promotion to Associate Professor: Gene Birz, Braxton Carrigan, Jeremy Chandler, Joel Dodson, Chelsea Harry, Angela Lopez-Velasquez, J. Gregory McVerry, Regene Randall, Rebecca Silady, Carol Stewart, Kelly Stiver, Antoinette Towle, Jeffrey Webb, Richard Zipoli.
Awarded Promotion to Professor: Deborah Flynn, Louisa Foss-Kelly, Mary Ann Glendon, Jooyoun Hong, Julia Irwin, Lynn Kwak, Mia Mercurio, Cheryl-Ann Resha.
Awarded Promotion to Coach II: Jilian Rispoli
Awarded Promotion to Coach I: Christopher Bergeski, Christopher Lorenti.
A sincere congratulation to all of our colleagues!
2. The Faculty Senate Executive committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Prezant on November 7, and many issues were discussed.
 - a. The APC resolution to lower the class caps from 23 to 20. Some more research on the budget is needed
 - b. The contractual reassigned time for research – what is the policy across the schools and how does each dean decides the awarding of such.
 - c. The FCARG funds needs to be looked once more to honor the original resolution approved by the FS and former University President. The need to explore the fringe benefits and how they were handled in the past.
 - d. The faculty computer’s replacement plan.
3. President Bertolino held the 2nd University Dialogue on Thursday, November 9. Some highlights of his presentation included:
 - a. The Liverpool collaborations are moving ahead successfully.
 - b. SCSU will go solar and solar panels will be installed by fall 2018 at Brownell and Wintergreen garage. This will prove to be a good thing for SCSU.
 - c. Up to 35,000 lbs of food was donate to Food Kitchens, including Saint Anne’s food kitchen.
 - d. The PreK-8 lab school is moving forward and it will be located in the Wintergreen area with an approved building construction to start soon for \$70,000 funds from New Haven.
 - e. We were awarded \$10,000 from the State for programs to all of our students for all substance abuse issues.
 - f. November is Social Justice Month, join the fun and be aware of a survey sponsored by the President’s Commission on Social Justice.
 - g. The Campus Climate Survey will be delivered mid November.
 - h. Competitive process will b announced for grant application on Social Justice for \$2500, \$1000, and \$500 and all information will be emailed soon.
 - i. Two of our Police officers were recognized for assisting in the Las Vegas shooting event as they were there on vacation and they provided needed assistance to victims.
 - j. Partnerships with Housatonic and Gateway, the Town Hall is scheduled for Friday, Nov 10, 1-3 pm at EN A 120. Faculty and departmental involvement is crucial as they will decide what courses will be offered and which faculty will be teaching them.
 - k. The new design for the SHHS building has been approved ad the \$74 million expense has been funded by the state fully. It will start in Spring 2018.
 - l. The Gear Up program has been extended with \$236,000 NSF funds.
 - m. Fridays will be SCSU spirit days and all are invited to wear white/blue t-shirts, sweatshirts displaying our SCSU spirit.

4. The Town Hall meeting on the proposed offering of programs at Housatonic and Gateway Community Colleges took place on Friday, November 10th, and many ideas were exchanged. President Bertolino stated that nothing is final and all departments will decide on the issues that were raised at the meeting. It is up to the faculty and departments to finalize what courses/programs and which faculty will be teaching them. Other concerns about funds: the beginning funds will come out of the University's Reserve funds and the hope is that the generated revenues will pay back the expenses. All students will be surveyed so that a definite number will be announced for the decision of the course offerings and programs. Many departments have embraced the opportunity and have started discussions with the Provost, President's offices. We will not move forward without the faculty's approval on any decision and announcements will be made along the way.

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

Remaining FALL 2017 meetings: December 6.

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