

“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 – January 24, 2018

1. Welcome back and Happy Spring 2018 semester.
2. The Faculty Leadership Committee (FLC) met with President Bertolino and Provost Prezant on January 18. Updates include:
 - a. Budget is still uncertain in some areas and we are facing additional challenges due to loss in enrollment (especially at the graduate level) and the contract’s evaluation in courses with lab credits.
 - b. The Housatonic/Gateway proposal is re-evaluated and we might be able to offer courses most likely at Housatonic in the near future.
 - c. The SHHS building is moving forward.
 - d. President Joe has reached out to the Registry (a non-profit organization which houses experienced, retired administrators) and is in the final stages of agreement to having a member to replace Robert Stamp, VP for Institutional Advancement, on a temporary basis.
 - e. The School of A&S will not be addressing the split of the school for now.
3. The FS Executive Committee met with President Joe and the Provost and addressed the above items in more detail. Additional discussion items included:
 - a. The FS will be distributing and seeking feedback on the Administrative Effectiveness Survey, last used in the spring of 2015.
 - b. Possible restoration of the FCARG funds.
 - c. The impact of decreased enrollment to our budget and the need to examine what is going on. Central has received a \$5 million NSF grant to apply towards student scholarships in the STEM area. We need to seek ways to pursue similar outside grants.
 - d. There is a new search for a AVP for Strategic Initiatives and Outreach, a redefined existing position.
 - e. The Provost is considering a proposal for “Visiting Scholars Day” where faculty can volunteer to visit local district schools and display their area of expertise to excite students and possibly pursue their education here at SCSU.
 - f. Discussion of the need to examine and review the FS approved document, Department Guidelines Framework. This document was initiated by the FS in 2009 and again in 2015 and it is still pending approval from the administration. The document presents a university-wide process for each department to follow or adhere to, when each department creates their own P&T guidelines. Provost Prezant will be discussing this further with the FS Executive Committee before further actions are taken.

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	