

“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 – February 21, 2018
(February 7th was canceled due to the weather)**

1. Thank you to all Senators who attended last week’s meeting with our students and for participating in the rally. We need to continue to communicate with our students, listen to their voices and acknowledge their feelings, we need to be more sensitive.
2. Last Tuesday, 2/13/18, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Prezant. The main item of discussion was the latest events and what’s next. The FS Executive Committee unanimously agreed to (a) meet with the students that day and (b) cancel the FS meeting on Wednesday, 2/14 but hold an open meeting with our students, and (c) walk with our students at the rally to show our support and will to work together.
 - a. The Tuesday meeting was called for 12:25-1:40 pm and many students attended. Their concerns were expressed in a very sensitive and respectful way, we need to work together and respectfully listen to each other.
 - b. The Wednesday meeting (12:10-1pm) was attended by many students, all Senators, and many other faculty, staff and administrators. The students had the floor asking questions about what should happen next and seeking understanding about their feelings.
 - c. The rally from 1-2 which started and ended in front of Buley library. Students, faculty, and staff took the opportunity to speak.
3. The CSU Faculty Leadership Group met on Saturday, February 3, 2018 and topics of discussion included:
 - a. The Students First proposal has still unanswered questions on (a) from where and how much money will the BOR save and (b) concerns about NCATE accreditation
 - b. Concerns about the Legislative Agenda which include attacks on collective bargaining, free tuition queries, and other issues
 - c. The CSU-AAUP is launching a campaign, #Thriving Together, which will focus in a few important issues
4. The Honor’s Convocation, celebrating our students’ successes is scheduled for Sunday, April 29th, at 2:00 pm in Lyman Hall. A call for Student Award Nominations, deadline March 9, 2018, has been sent out (see attached). Mark your calendar and spread the word for faculty attendance to celebrate our students.
5. Midterm Grades Reporting is scheduled for Monday, March 19th. As part of the midterm grades, faculty should submit an FS grade for students who have attended at least one class but have subsequently stopped attending. The FS had approved a resolution (Fall 2016: <https://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/Resolution%20F-2016-01.pdf>.) and the needed of such data in order to be in compliance with the Department of Education’s regulations.

6. The SCSU committee on Undocumented Students Support Team has reached out to me with a request that the FS approves a resolution similar to CCSU's:

CCSU Faculty Senate Resolution on Documented and Undocumented Students

Whereas there has been considerable confusion and concern on CCSU's campus in the wake of the recent presidential election regarding the standing of undocumented individuals on our campus,

Be it resolved that CCSU's Faculty Senate unequivocally supports the rights of all individuals on campus to exercise and enjoy in safety and security all of the rights and privileges appropriate to their status as students, staff, or faculty regardless of their immigration status;

And **be it further resolved** that the Senate urges the university's faculty, staff, and administration to do all within their power to answer the questions and assuage the concerns of all members of the CCSU family, regardless of immigration status, regarding these issues.

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	