

“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 30, 2016

1. The Newtown screening event took place on Thursday, 11/10 at 7-10 pm at Lyman Hall with 850 attendees. I am grateful to have worked with about 18 special, hard working committee members across our university community. A great big thank you to all members Dr. Joseph Bertolino, President, Honorary Chair; Dr. Charles Baraw, Assistant Professor, English; Dr. Alan Brown, Assistant Professor, Sociology; Mr. Daniel Camenga, Associate Vice Pres. for Institutional Advancement; Mr. Patrick Dilger, Director, Integrated Communications & Marketing; Mr. Joseph Dooley, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety; Dr. Ellen Durnin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Joey Gentile, Representative, Student Government Association (SGA); Mr. Jordan Jones, President, Administrative Faculty Senate; Ms. Alexandra Kaplan, Student; Mr. Mark Parrott, Assistant Director in Residence Life; Dr. Jennifer Parzych, Assistant Professor, Counseling & School Psychology; Mr. Philip Pessina, Deputy Chief of Police; Ms. Lauren Sarna, Student, Newtown Resident; Dr. Cindy Simoneau, Professor and Chair, Journalism; Mr. Larry Tomascak, Director, John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts; Dr. Stephen Monroe Tomczak, Associate Professor, Social Work; Dr. Tracy Tyree, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Jeffrey Van Lone, Director, Office of University Counseling Services; Mr. Sterling White, President, Graduate Student Affairs Committee (GSAC).
And of course, my co-chair William Faraclas, whose energy and work habits are unmatched!
2. The Faculty Leadership Council met with President Bertolino and Provost Durnin on Thursday November 15 and addressed the issue of reassigned time distribution (10.6.5). More information will be forthcoming on this issue to make the process more equitable and transparent.
3. President Bertolino met with the FS Executive committee on November 17 and discussed the following items:
 - a. Some budget update – 10% decrease from state appropriations and the request from BOR on reserve funds; possible tuition increase; and personnel cuts are also possible.
 - b. Science building has some unfinished plumbing, electrical, and other issues unresolved.
 - c. Some support for the Instructional Technology Director’s position is needed.
 - d. Invitation to President Joe and Mark Rozewski to attend the FASP committee.
 - e. Request to consider looking into the two P&T denials from last year, with the four specified categories and the weight for each through the department, chair, and dean’s letters.
 - f. A suggestion was made that a Town Hall meeting is scheduled to discuss the Branding and Marketing Survey findings as well as the next steps. Possible date: Friday, December 9 – Reading day.
4. President Bertolino held his second University Dialogue on November 21 and highlighted issues such as the latest launch of advertisement videos about SCSU that are showing up on local television and radio stations; the video on Social Justice week’s events created by our students; he thanked Student Affairs office on the success of Social Justice week’s events; and he thanked the committee chairs for the Newtown Screening event that initiated the Social Justice week’s events, William Faraclas and Maria Diamantis. Question from the floor on the budget update, not much information is available. But as recent as yesterday, there is an emergency meeting for the budget this Monday, December 5. The FS Executive committee members were invited along with the FLC.
5. Reminders:
 - a. the Promotion and Tenure Award Ceremony and Reception is on Friday, December 2, at ASC Ballroom. RSVP’s deadline was November 28.
 - b. President Bertolino’s invitation to the University Holiday Celebration is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 1-5 pm at the ASC Ballroom.

- c. Graduate graduation ceremony is scheduled for 7 pm on Friday, December 16.
- 6. Last FS meeting for fall 2016, is next Wednesday, December 7.

Status of AY 14 Faculty Senate Resolutions

Number	Date	Resolution on...	For	Disposition	Comments (abbrev.)
F-16-01	Senate approved: 11/9/16 Forwarded: 11/15/16	Resolution Regarding A New Undergraduate Catalogue Entry Pertaining To University Policy On The Reporting Of Non-Attendance Or Non-Participation To The United States Department Of Education	Approval		
F-16-02	Senate approved: 11/9/16 Forwarded: 11/15/16	Resolution On A University-Approved Stateme Inclusion In Course Syllabi On Reporting Non-Attendance Or Non-Participation To The Unite States Department Of Education	Approval		

Fall 2016 meetings: December 7

Spring 2017 meetings: Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8, March 29, April 12, April 26, May 3.