

## **FACULTY SENATE**

"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 8, 2017

- 1. The FS Executive Committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Durnin. The topics included:
  - a. the current budget issues and expectations of budget cuts. There are many variables (rumors) and very little information. The Governor will be proposing the new budget (tonight!) and maybe that will inform us on what should the next steps be. The expectation is that the BOR will almost immediately instruct President Ojakian who will in turn instruct the University Presidents for the next action steps. We are definitely facing new budgetary challenges and President Bertolino is going to keep us all informed and seek our assistance soon.
  - b. the current faculty searches (HHS 8; BUS 4; A&S 8; and EDU) are going on with the hope that the offers will be made before any possible hiring freeze.
  - c. the faculty Travel funds, current limit of \$1200, will be increased, since there are funds still unencumbered. The message from Provost Durnin should be going out to the faculty soon.
  - d. the Faculty computer replacement plans seem to be on the cycle of 115 per year starting in FY18. This will put the cycle of computer replacement, every four years. Right now the IT prefers to perform replacements on an individual basis as needed.
  - e. efforts to improve graduate enrollment, especially in the PT area where we have had serious declines.
  - f. UCF is feverishly preparing the program revisions due to the Financial Aid issues and the course/program proposals are being presented to the Provost's office for approval.
- 2. The three finalists for the position of Provost and VP of Academic Affairs are visiting our campus this week:

  <u>Dr. Graham Glynn Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Fort Hays State University</u>. Campus Visit Dates:
  Sunday-Monday, February 5-6

<u>Dr. Robert Prezant – Dean, College of Science & Mathematics, Montclair State University</u>. Campus Visit Dates: Tuesday-Wednesday, February 7-8

<u>Dr. Scott Furlong – Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay</u>. Campus Visit Dates: Wednesday-Thursday, February 8-9

I wish to encourage us to attend the forums as possible and make sure that we participate in the process by completing the short survey for each candidate, the links will remain open until 8:00 pm on Saturday, February 11, 2017:

Survey for Dr. Graham Glynn Survey for Dr. Robert Prezant Survey for Dr. Scott Furlong

- 3. There was a request from Dr. Terricita Sass to have a faculty representative to serve on the search committee for the next University Registrar. The committee is to commence immediately to secure the best candidate for the position.
- 4. Another request, to have six faculty to serve on the Learning Technologies Governance committee. The request is that there are faculty from each school (4): A&S, EDU, BUS, HHS; (1) from Graduate School; and (1) at-large appointed by the FS President.
- 5. The Code of Conduct document was distributed previously and feedback was requested. There are discussions and possible actions taken by the other three CSU's on approving a resolution requesting a close review of the document and more faculty input.
- 6. Reminder for President Bertolino's Inauguration ceremony, scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

7. The SCSU Reflection Garden Project, co-chaired by Bill Faraclas and Dan Camenga, is continuing to grow and on Wednesday, March 1, the committee has scheduled three Visioning Sessions on March 1, 2017 for the SCSU Reflection Garden. The sessions will include the internationally-acclaimed landscape designer Julie Moir Messervy. The Student focus is scheduled to take place 1-2 pm; Faculty/Staff focus at 3-5 pm and Community focus at 6-8 pm. All meetings will take place at the ASC Ballroom, so please mark your calendars and announce this information to your departments.

Status of AY 14 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution Title	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	Approved	
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		Approved	
F-16-03	Senate approved: 11/30/16 Forwarded: 12/7/16	Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Chairperson Document	Approval	Approved	

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