

"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 – March 29, 2017

1. An email from Dean Breese, a committee member on the Inauguration committee, has been distributed requesting faculty to identify and submit two of their most prestigious scholarly publications/artistic products (since 2012) for inclusion in the festivities. The Celebration of Faculty Scholarship reception will take place on Wednesday, April 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm in the lower level of Buley Library. Please encourage your colleagues in your department to submit documents by April 5th. The link for submission is: [Celebration of Faculty Scholarship form](#). For questions please contact Ruth Eren, Dean Breese, or myself. Thank you!
2. The University Dialogue took place on March 21 at which time President Bertolino shared many details about the current budget proposal and SCSU's shortfalls. The bottom line is that SCSU will be facing a preliminary budget cut this year of about 5 million dollars. President Bertolino highlighted the following goals:
 - a. SCSU will permanently cover the Roberta Willis Scholarships of 1.4 million
 - b. Will invest in Financial Aid and Enrollment Management 4 positions
 - c. Will maintain the number of Full Time Faculty at its current level
 - d. Will maintain the 14:1 student:faculty ratio

President Bertolino also highlighted the areas that have been examined as savings for the shortfall, and those include:

- a) Savings from insurance premiums = \$360,000
- b) Permanent elimination of the Chief of Staff position = \$255,000
- c) Other administration cost savings = \$1,200,000
- d) Turnover savings and keeping FT numbers as this year = \$1,985,000

This is a total savings of \$3,800,00 which yields a shortfall of \$1,200,000.

President Bertolino stated that we need to find a cost reduction of that amount and he invited feedback from everyone to suggest any (a) efficiencies or (b) new revenue generations. He asked that anyone can contact him through "Joe wants to know" at: <https://southernct.edu/about/administration/president/joe-wants-to-know.html> with any suggestions.

Other items highlighted during the University Dialogue:

- ✓ The award of Gold Leaf Certification for our Science Building
 - ✓ Our BS in BioTechnology is starting Fall 2017
 - ✓ Professional Degrees in HHS on Social Work – the first and only in CT
 - ✓ SCSU becoming a Social Justice University in CT
 - ✓ The NEASC five-year report was accepted
 - ✓ The new application and evaluation of Scholarship through the Alumni and Foundation offices has opened over 300 scholarship with one common application
 - ✓ The new advising model is being rolled out – it should help in retention
 - ✓ The collaboration of SCSU with the California State University focusing to improve Achievement Gap and Underrepresented Student Retention Project.
 - ✓ The new goal to look into Southern's non-documented faculty/students project
3. The Provost Announcement was distributed on February 27th and Dr. Robert S. Prezant was named the next Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He comes from Montclair State University where he is the Dean of the College of

Science and Mathematics. Let's welcome Dr. Prezant as he will be visiting SCSU before his official first day of July 10, 2017.

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 Regarding A University-Approved Statement For Inclusion In Course Syllabi On Reporting Non-Attendance Or Non-Participation To The United States Department Of Education	Approval	Approved	
F-16-03	Senate approved: 11/30/16 Forwarded: 12/7/16	Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Chairperson Document	Approval	Approved	
S-17-04	Senate approved: 2/8/2017 Forwarded: 2/13/2017	Resolution Regarding Inaction on Curriculum Proposals Presented to the Office of the Provost for Action	Approval	Disapproved	a) The resolution does not accurately represent the facts as presented by Provost Durnin. b) The resolution does not reflect the agreement between the administration and executive committee of the Faculty Senate to make a good faith effort to discuss and attempt to resolve such matters before they are brought to the senate floor for action. Furthermore, the resolution does not reflect the spirit of open communication and transparency the administration has strived to achieve with the faculty and community.
S-17-05	Senate approved: 2/22/17 Forwarded: 2/27/17	Resolution Regarding Guidelines for Addressing Academic Misconduct	Approval	Approved	
S-16-06	Senate approved: 2/22/17 Forwarded: 2/27/17	Resolution Regarding the BOR Code of Conduct	For Information	Noted	Resolution for BOR. Thank you for informing me.

Spring 2017 meetings: April 12, April 26, May 3.