



“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 – September 7, 2016

- 1. Welcome to all Senators! A sincere THANK YOU to the Executive Committee members who have been assisting me over the summer! And a great big THANK YOU to Dr. William Faraclas for his guidance and patience with me as I am transitioning in this position!
2. Reminder that the travel allowance for AY 17 is \$1200 for FT faculty and \$700.
3. Faculty Creative Activity Research Grants – the announcement was emailed to all faculty on Friday, September 2, 2016. The Guidelines and the Application were also attached in the email but they can also be found on the Senate website: http://www.southernct.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/index.html . The applications are due to the Faculty Development Office, on Monday, October 3, 2016, by 4:00 pm. Thanks to President Bertolino and Provost Durnin, this year’s funding will cover up to 31 grants of \$2500 each.
4. Preparations for a Senate Forum on Judaism (Wednesday, September 28,2016 at 12:00 noon) is underway. The planning committee, lead by Dr. Deborah Weiss, is meeting on a weekly basis to complete the program and make it another successful event. Thank you!
5. The Senate’s Ad hoc Department Guidelines Committee, chaired by Dr. Peter Madonia, will continue to work on the document. Last year’s committee members included: Dr. Susan Callahan, Dr. Joy Fopiano, Ms. Rebecca Hedreen, Mr. Brian Johnson, Mr. Terry Lavin, Dr. Amal Abdel Raouf, and Dr. Michael Shea. We should re-confirm the members as changes might be necessary.
6. The Board of Regents is meeting at SCSU on Friday, September 16, 2016 in the Student Center at 10:00 am, make an effort to attend, as they will also meet with students and faculty.
7. The Budget and Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. The FS has two members appointed to the committee, Drs. Michael Shea and Peter Madonia.
8. On May 9, 2016, the FS was asked to provide four faculty representatives to the “Strategic Plan Implementation Committee”. The request was for “two tenured and two non-tenured” faculty. A meeting is going to be scheduled by the end of September.
9. Tasks for the FS Standing committees:

Table with 2 columns: Committee Name and Task Description. Rows include Academic Policy, Elections, Finance, Personnel Policy, Rules, Student Policy, and Technology.

