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March 2026

## AFS in Focus

Welcome to the March edition of the Administrative Faculty Senate (AFS) newsletter. Here's a quick look at what the Senate has been working on this past month and what's ahead as we move further into the spring semester.

Thank you for staying engaged and informed!



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## What Should We Be Talking About?

### Have Something on Your Mind?

AFS agendas are shaped by the issues impacting administrative faculty across campus. If you are noticing trends, experiencing challenges, or have ideas for improvement, we want to hear from you.

Your perspective helps guide our conversations with campus and system leadership.

👉 [Share ideas or concerns here](#)

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**Internal Opportunity**  
*Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences Selection*

Dr. Bruce Kalk, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will retire in June 2027 after more than three decades of service to Southern. As part of this transition, the provost has begun the process of identifying an interim dean.

The provost has requested letters of interest for the interim dean role. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send a brief statement of interest along with your CV to Provost@southernct.edu no later than Monday, March 23.

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## Senate in Action

### Key Updates



#### Making Headway

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##### **Vice President for Institutional Advancement Search:**

The application period has closed, and the search committee has begun reviewing candidates.

##### **Community Hour Policy Review:**

The Administrative Policy Advisory Committee has begun reviewing policies related to Community Hour and how it affects student schedules, with initial outreach to campus groups including Student Government.

##### **Media Literacy Research:**

Bogdan Zamfir, Director of the Center for Educational & Assistive Technology, shared findings from his Fulbright sabbatical project on media literacy, including survey data and faculty interviews examining how audiences interpret and verify media information.



#### What's Coming Up

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##### **Bring Your Child to Campus Day:**

Scheduled for **April 24, 2026**, with programs for K-12 students; details and flyer coming soon.

##### **Sabbatical Committee Spring Event:**

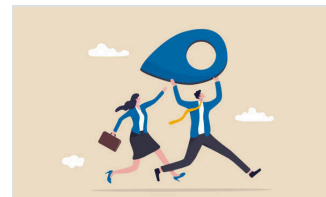
The Sabbatical Leave Committee is currently planning its spring event to highlight faculty scholarship and sabbatical work.

##### **AFS Secretary Update:**

Nominations for a new AFS Secretary have concluded, and a new secretary will be appointed at the next AFS meeting. In the meantime, Lisa Galvin has stepped in temporarily to assist with Secretary duties, supporting our administrative faculty.

##### **Upcoming AFS Elections:**

The Elections and Nominations Committee has begun planning for the upcoming election cycle and is exploring the use of Qualtrics for electronic voting.



#### In Motion

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##### **Campus Training Needs Assessment:**

The Training and Professional Development Committee is developing a campus-wide survey to better understand professional development and training needs across administrative staff.

##### **Engagement Survey Relaunch:**

The Empowerment and Engagement Committee is preparing to relaunch the administrative faculty engagement survey in hopes of increasing participation and gathering broader feedback.

##### **Constitutional Feedback Process:**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has begun gathering feedback on proposed changes to the AFS constitution. Invitations have been sent to stakeholders, and the committee will review input at upcoming meetings.

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# We Want Your Input!

Help shape future events, professional development, and engagement opportunities by completing the Administrative Faculty Senate's Empowerment & Engagement Subcommittee survey.

*Your feedback will help guide how we build connection and collaboration across campus.*

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## AFS Spotlight



### Community Shout-Out

We extend our sincere appreciation to Jackie Isabella for her outstanding service as AFS Secretary. Her dedication and contributions have been invaluable to the Faculty Senate.

Nominations have concluded, and a new secretary will be appointed at the next AFS meeting. Meanwhile, Lisa Galvin is temporarily assisting with Secretary duties.

Know someone making an impact or reaching a milestone? Nominate for the next issue



### Resource Spotlight

#### Travel & Accounts Payable Support

Planning travel, submitting reimbursements, or managing departmental expenses can be complex — and help is available! Southern's Accounts Payable team offers a suite of resources and guidelines to support faculty and staff, including:

- [Travel Guidelines & Reimbursement Procedures](#) – Helpful instructions for planning travel and submitting expense reports.
  - [Accounts Payable Services](#) – General support for invoice processing, payments, and vendor services.
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**Spring Break Week (March 16–20):** SUOAF sabbatical information sessions for applicants and supervisors are planned to provide guidance on the streamlined process.

**University Space Committee Meeting:** Rescheduled for **March 31, 2026**.

**CSCU Lobby Day (April 16):** AFS will participate in systemwide engagement with the Chancellor and other campuses to monitor legislative priorities, budget considerations, and governance initiatives.

[👉 Click here to view all upcoming meetings](#)

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## Stay Connected

Visit our website for full meeting summaries, archives of past newsletters, and updates on ongoing initiatives.

Have feedback or ideas for future issues of *AFS in Focus*? We'd love to hear from you. Interested in shaping future events, professional development opportunities, and engagement activities? Share your input through the AFS interest survey.

- [🌐 AFS Website](#)
- [📄 Feedback Form](#)
- [📊 AFS Interest Survey](#)