SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – November 11, 2020

Announcement:

- In conjunction with the other CSUs and community colleges, the relevant resolutions that have been approved regarding CSCU President search and BOR Resolution will be sent to the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) for further action. The FAC has the task of serving as the faculty liaison between the campuses and the BOR and as such is the appropriate group to organize and present the resolutions from across the campuses to achieve maximal effect.
- Revised FS calendar for spring 2021 – Please refer to the Senate website (home page) where the revised dates for the FS meetings for spring 2021 have been posted. The FS calendar has been changed due to the revised academic schedule for the spring. The standing committees will meet on 1/27, prior to the first full Senate meeting on 2/3.
- There is an opening for a Senator from the College of Education on the Learning Technologies Governance Committee (LTEC GOV). The Charter for this committee is attached to my email and explains the purpose of the committee and its duties. The Senate has four representatives, one for each school/college, two of which are filled (A&S, Business) and one which has been offered (HHS). The preference is for these positions to be filled by members of the Technology Committee, however, that committee does not have a Senator for the College of Education, therefore the position is open for self-nomination from COE Senators. If you are interested in this position, please let me know by Friday of this week.

Preparation for the 11/11/20 meeting:

Resolutions

1. Resolution regarding Student Opinion Surveys #2 – Following the President's disapproval of the SOS Resolution from two weeks ago, an agreement has been reached to return the resolution minus the first 'Whereas' statement for Senate consideration. This resolution is time-sensitive and is attached to my email. The revision is presented by the Executive Committee.
2. Resolution Regarding Course Withdrawals for Fall 2020 – This resolution is presented by the Student Policy Committee and utilizes the policy that was approved during spring 2020 which extends the withdrawal deadlines and allows students to use the late withdrawal together with the Incomplete grade (I and I+) to withdraw from the course after the semester has been completed as one option to reconcile the I or I+ grade.
3. Resolution Regarding Course Incompletes for Fall 2020 – This resolution is presented by the Student Policy Committee. It provides specificity to the Incomplete grade policy and introduces

utilization of a contract in which the Instructor would outline the conditions that must be met to resolve the incomplete as well as the provisional final grade should the work not be completed. It also describes how the I and I+ grades may be utilized in conjunction with the Withdrawal option.

4. Resolution Undergraduate Pass/Fail Option for Spring 2021– This resolution, presented by the Student Policy Committee mirrors the resolution approved for Fall 2020.[*]

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Updates from meeting between FS EC, FLC, Provost and President, 11/9/20

1. Follow up on survey sent to students by Student Affairs – As presented in the previous FS President's report and discussed at our last Senate meeting, this student survey contained a number of items that faculty felt infringed upon teaching and evaluation of faculty performance. At the meeting, it was agreed that Part 1 of the report would:
   - o Be sent to Department Chairs to be disseminated
   - o Consolidate open-ended comments into meaningful units that would be addressed in an executive summary to be reviewed by the EC and FLC
   - o Contain a statement that the FS did not have a role in designing the survey and as such does not support its distribution

2. Searches for administrative positions – Clarification was requested regarding why searches are being conducted for expensive administrative positions when we are in the middle of a hiring freeze and a budget crisis according to the BOR. On our campus, the positions that have been approved for a search are the Dean of the School of Business (approved for search and hire) and the position of Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (approved for search but not yet for hire). The position vacated by Jermaine Wright will not be filled. It was also questioned why, per the announcement sent to the campus, the Dean of the School of Business would continue her employment after ending her position as Dean, given the fiscal climate. The Provost and President stated that hiring someone to fill the Dean's position is essential, given pending accreditation. The Dean will continue to be paid as a consultant after her retirement in order to assist with accreditation and fund raising. It was requested and agreed that there be transparency in indicating how much this position will cost. The Provost and President also stated that there have been 10 faculty positions that have been approved for search (but not yet approved for hire). It was also noted by the faculty that the search for President Ojakian's current position continues and that 5 positions for CEOs were announced for five of the community colleges on Monday of this week. Faculty have noted again the inappropriate cuts the BOR has made to UAs, GAs, and part-time faculty, while moving ahead in filling these highly-compensated positions.

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[*] The p/f option would be available for all courses, including electives, LEP courses, and courses in the major and minor (if allowed by the individual department).

Travel Funds

Available Faculty Travel Funds as of November 9, 2020				
Fund	**Starting Balance**	**Spent**	**Encumbered**	**Balance**
FT "AAUP" Travel	$491,172.58	$3,544.28	$14,255.70	$473,372.60
PT "AAUP" Travel	$39,436.79	$0	$624.02	$38,812.77
Creative Activity	The Faculty Creative Activity Travel Fund was voluntarily forfeited this year by the faculty.			

2020-2021 [Resolutions approved by Faculty Senate](#) – The latest updates on the resolutions and their status may be found on the FS website.