

**SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report - November 13, 2019**

**For 11/13 Meeting**

1. *President Ojakian* will join us at our meeting tomorrow at 1:00pm. Please invite faculty from your department to attend. The following topics were presented to him as suggestions. There will be ample time for Q&A.
  - State budget
  - BoR budget
  - Legislation that was approved that enables private universities to approve new programs without going to state for approval. Are we planning to propose similar legislation to expedite our proposals?
  - What are the implications for the CSUs of free tuition for community colleges and for UConn (for families with incomes under 50k) and how do we deal with these challenges?
  - Any other relevant issues that we should know about that may be imminent in the near or distant future.
  
2. *Grade Appeal document* - Due to some last-minute potential revisions, the Grade Appeal document will not come to the floor tomorrow. However, since the document is very near its completed state, you are encouraged to read it and forward any suggestions or concerns to Paul Petrie, APC Chair prior to their next meeting on 11/20, so that the committee can address any issues. Over the next few weeks, there will also be documents sent to you from Student Policy and Rules.
  
3. Please look over the P&T document revision in the packet. This revision is brought to the floor from the Senate Executive Committee as a resolution for approval. Due to an oversight, the P&T document was not revised correctly during its last Senate approval. The current version should indicate that DEC members are able to serve on the P&T Committee. The DEC document indicates they may serve on both the DEC and P&T as long as they recuse themselves from any DEC deliberations for P&T files. They may participate in other department evaluations, such as renewal and professional assessment. This P&T document as it is currently worded, contradicts the DEC document. The revision, indicated with a strike through in red on page 16 of the document, is the only change recommended at this time.

## Updates

4. *Faculty leads for workgroups* - Thank you to the following faculty who have volunteered to serve as leads for the following work groups:

Finances - Robert Forbus, Marketing

Transfer Student Support - Carol Stewart, Management

Curricular Flexibility - Robert Gregory, Health and Movement Sciences and Andrea Adimando, Nursing.

The charge of the working groups is to develop, by December 18, a list of actionable items that can be implemented at 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months. The list should include the action item, a recommendation for a lead(s) for that item, and a proposed timeline for completion.

5. *VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Search Committee* - Thank you to Maria Diamantis who has volunteered to serve on this search committee as the representative from Faculty Senate.
6. *Update on digital evaluation files*

The committee is on track to have a template available by the end of the semester for all faculty involved in any stage of evaluation that will enable the uploading of documents, materials, etc., in an ongoing basis. Four templates will be created: teaching faculty, counselors and library faculty, athletic trainers, and coaches and each member will have the appropriate template loaded into BB under *Courses*. The templates will be generic and appropriate for any stage of the evaluation process.

Faculty who are utilizing digital review this year currently upload their files in BB *Organizations*. These faculty will continue to use these templates for the remainder of the academic year. In the fall, only BB *Courses* will be utilized and all materials will be transferred automatically to *Courses*.

The reason *Courses* has been selected, moving forward, instead of *Organizations*, is the ability in *Courses* to transition from one level of reviewer to the next automatically. For example, on the required date, access for a reviewer or committee (e.g., the DEC), will be turned off and access for the next level (e.g., Chairperson), will be turned on. This will remove the responsibility on the part of the candidate to do this manually, thus reducing the likelihood of error.

7. *Standing Committee updates and assignments for spring 2020*

The Elections Committee has analyzed the Administrator Survey that was completed last year; results will be presented on 12/4. By the end of the semester, it is projected that Academic Policy will conclude its work on the Grade Appeal Policy, Rules will complete its work on the Senate Bylaws and Constitution, and Student Policy will complete its work on the Misconduct Policy. The new and ongoing charges for the standing committees for the spring are as follow:

