

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – March 17, 2021 meeting

1. ***Preparation for 3/17/21 meeting – There are three resolutions and one discussion topic on the agenda for our meeting tomorrow.***
 - *Revision to course incomplete resolution –* Based upon feedback at our last meeting, the resolution has been revised by the Student Policy Committee (SPC) and is included in the packet. Please review the changes proposed by the committee prior to our meeting.
 - *Resolution revising student opinion surveys -* A new resolution regarding revision of the student opinion survey from the Technology Committee is presented. Please review the suggested revisions that are highlighted in green and yellow in order to be familiar with them before the meeting.
 - *Resolution for undergraduate and graduate p/f -* There are two new resolutions presented by the SPC regarding p/f for undergraduate and graduate students, respectively, for the spring 2021 semester. These resolutions are based upon input from the departments and a range of constituencies. Please review the resolutions prior to the meeting; they differ significantly from our previous p/f resolutions during COVID.
 - *Discussion regarding simplification of the P&T process -* After an extended period of time sponsoring focus groups that included a broad range of campus constituencies, the Academic Policy Committee (APC) will present the results of its exploration. Prior to the meeting, please take the time to read the report that was sent to you via email which also appears in the packet. Only select portions of the report will be presented at the meeting in order to allow for more discussion time.

2. **CBA Negotiations –** Recently, you received a copy of TableTalk (attached to my email), the communication of CSU-AAUP to its members that informs them of the progress of contract negotiations with the CSCU-BOR. The latest TableTalk summarizes the 3/11 negotiation session. Andy Kripp, who leads the BOR negotiation team was called to task in a statement read by the CSU-AAUP negotiating team for his behavior during previous sessions that was described as sexist and misogynistic, consisting of interruptions, insulting and degrading comments, coercive pressure, professional threats, raised voice, etc. He requested and received a copy of the statement. The CSU-AAUP team felt that after presentation of the statement and a 15-minute reset break, “the tone was much improved.”

Please continue to encourage faculty in your department to do the following:

- If the proposed contract language would jeopardize your accreditation, please inform the Organizing Committee Chairs, Cindy Stretch (stretch1053@gmail.com) or John O'Connor (jconnorsbr3@gmail.com).
- Contact their representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly to let them know that the Board of Regents is attacking academic freedom and trying to corporatize Connecticut public higher education, eliminate research funds and curriculum development grants, shred any semblance of shared governance, and pursue unbridled union busting. Ask for legislator support of public higher education as a public good. Click [here](#) for a template that can be personalized and sent to state representatives. Click [here](#) to find contact information for legislators and send them an email or give them a call. Some legislators have been very supportive of our campaign.
- Sign up and encourage your students to sign up to speak at the Board of Regents meeting on March 25, 2021 at 10:00am.

Please contact the AAUP Office with any questions.

Travel Funds

Travel Fund Report on Current Balance				Date: 3-16-21
Full Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
FT Rollover	\$192,472.58	\$4,368.99	\$11,666.70	\$176,436.89
FT New	\$298,700.00	\$5,910.24	\$7,774.36	\$285,015.40
Combined Total	\$491,172.58	\$10,279.23	\$19,441.06	\$461,452.29
Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
PT Rollover	\$6,247.79	\$0.00	\$534.02	\$5,713.77
PT New	\$33,189.00	\$975.00	\$1,025.00	\$31,189.00
Combined Total	\$39,436.79	\$975.00	\$1,559.02	\$36,902.77

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