

**SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – April 14, 2021 meeting**

- 1) **Reminder** - The President's Town Hall meeting has been postponed until April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm due to the prediction of inclement weather.
  
- 2) **Preparation for 4/14/21 meeting** – We have three resolutions, and two discussion topics on the agenda for our meeting tomorrow.
  - a) *Resolution revising size of the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award Committee, Elections Committee, in meeting packet* - This resolution retains one member from each of the four schools and replaces the at-large position with one representative from among Library, Counseling, Athletic Training or Coaching faculty. It also provides for an alternate member to be elected from each group in the case that a member is unable to serve.
  - b) *Resolution regarding revision of the Academic Misconduct Policy, Student Policy Committee, sent previously and in meeting packet* –The revision is the result of over two years of work by SPC members who have worked closely with relevant parties on campus to get broad input. The current policy is fraught with multiple problems. Senators are requested to send any formatting, grammatical, or typographical errors noted to Kate Marsland. We would like to limit our discussion to the more substantive issues that are being presented.
  - c) *Resolution regarding 2021-2022 travel funds, Finance Committee, will be in packet before meeting* – Due to the pandemic, we find ourselves in the unusual situation of having a large amount of our travel funds from this year and last year left over. These funds will roll over into next year's account and there will also be a new amount deposited. The CBA states: "Each full-time member shall *normally* not be allowed more than \$1500 reimbursement per contract year..." (italics added). Use of the word "normally" gives leeway for some discretion in the amount of funding for full-time faculty. Unfortunately, the same leeway does not hold true for part-time faculty, given the contract wording, "for part-time members this amount shall be no more than \$750." The Provost and Finance Committee support increasing the funding for next year for full-time faculty (details outlined in the resolution).
  - d) *Follow up discussion regarding simplification of the P&T process* – Following the discussion at our previous meeting led by Academic Policy, Senators were asked to gather input from your departments. We will have an opportunity to present and discuss some of that feedback. A straw poll will be sent out following the meeting discussion.
  - e) *Presentation of information on a proposal for an IT Finances Working Group* from Technology and Finance Committees
  
- 3) **Remaining business** – The following is a list of the outstanding proposals expected to come before the Senate before the end of the year:

- a) Student Policy Committee – permanent policy revisions for pass/fail, incomplete, and withdrawal
- b) Technology Committee – resolution regarding use of electronic versus paper student opinion surveys
- c) Rules Committee – resolutions regarding revisions to Sabbatical and Chairperson documents
- d) Personnel Policy Committee – resolution regarding revisions to P&T document

4) *Travel Funds*

<b>Travel Fund Report on Current Balance</b>				<b>Date: 4-14-21</b>
<b>Full Time</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>FT Rollover</b>	\$192,472.58	\$4,368.99	\$11,666.70	\$176,436.89
<b>FT New</b>	\$298,700.00	\$8,467.36	\$6,923.24	\$ 283,309.40
<b>Combined Total</b>	\$491,172.58	\$12,836.35	\$18,589.94	\$459,746.29
<b>Part Time</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>PT Rollover</b>	\$6,247.79	\$0.00	\$534.02	\$5,713.77
<b>PT New</b>	\$33,189.00	\$1375.00	\$625.00	\$31,189.00
<b>Combined Total</b>	\$39,436.79	\$1375.00	\$1,159.02	\$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.