

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – April 28, 2021 meeting

- 1) **Reminder** – Elections for All-University committees will conclude on April 30th. Please vote and encourage faculty members in your departments to cast their votes.

- 2) **Update** – On April 19, a new version of the ACME Proposal was released. Although it had initially been stated that there would be a commentary period for this new version, it was approved by the CCIC (the committee that deals with community college consolidation) the following day. The FS EC sent a letter to the CCIC which was received and distributed to the members of the committee on the day of their meeting explaining our concerns and urging that the proposal not be approved, however, despite this, the committee approved the proposal. It will now go to the ASA (Academic and Student Affairs) Committee at its next meeting. The step after ASA approval is the BOR.

- 3) **Preparation for 4/28/21 meeting** – We have four resolutions on the agenda for our meeting tomorrow:
 - a) *Resolution revising Sabbatical Leave Policy, Rules Committee, in packet* - There are relatively minor revisions to the Sabbatical Leave Policy each of which is explained within the body of the resolution.
 - b) *Resolution regarding Online Student Opinion Survey, Technology Committee, in packet* –This resolution is very time sensitive since the Office of Assessment must contract with our vendor by the end of this week in order to have a sufficient number of surveys for next year.
 - c) *Resolution regarding Year-Round Distribution of CBA Travel Funds, Executive Committee, in packet* - Each year there is significant confusion regarding whether travel over the summer is funded and if so, whether the monies are taken from the previous or the current fiscal year. The purpose of this resolution is to clarify and codify this issue.
 - d) *Resolution regarding 2021-2022 travel funds, Executive Committee, will be sent out in the morning* - At our last meeting, we approved an exemption to the \$1500 cap on travel funds for full-time faculty for 2020-2021. Part-time faculty were excluded, due to the wording of the CBA. To remedy this, an MOU has been signed by the AAUP and the Administration allowing for an exemption to the \$750 cap, modeled after the resolution for the exemption for full-time faculty approved last week.
 - e) *Presentation of information on a proposal for an IT Finances Working Group* from Technology and Finance Committees – Time allowing we will discuss this proposal, however, it will likely be deferred to next year due to the amount of outstanding business we still have on our agenda before the end of the year.

- 4) **Remaining business** –May 5th meeting

- a) Elections for Faculty Senate President and Treasurer – run by Elections Committee
- b) Proposed revisions to the faculty evaluation documents (P&T, renewal, professional review) from the Personnel Policy Committee
- c) There will also likely be a resolution from the Student Policy Committee for a revision to the permanent Incomplete Policy. P/F and withdrawal policies will not be presented this year.

5) *Travel Funds*

Travel Fund Workbook for Reports			Date: 4-23-21	
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	\$8,809.36	\$6,755.24	\$283,135.40
Combined Total	\$491,172.58	\$13,178.35	\$18,421.94	\$459,572.29
Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
PT Rollover	\$6,247.79	\$0.00	\$534.02	\$5,713.77
PT New	\$33,189.00	\$1,375.00	\$625.00	\$31,189.00
Combined Total	\$39,436.79	\$1,375.00	\$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.