

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – May 5, 2021 meeting

- 1) **Thank you** – A sincere thank you to all of you for your dedication and hard work this year. It has been an extremely difficult year for everyone, but we have persevered and stayed true to the cause of providing the very best that we can for our colleagues and our students. Our 35 (to date) resolutions attest to this. I hope you all have the opportunity over the summer to rejuvenate and refresh. Next year will have its own new challenges, but we can be hopeful that they will be fewer than those we faced this year. May we all be back on our beautiful campus and be able to greet each other in person!

- 2) **Updates** – The ACME resolution was sent to BOR ASA Chairperson, Merle Harris, who acknowledged its receipt and distribution to the committee members. It was likewise sent to the other CSU Senate Presidents and to the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, Colena Sesanker, for distribution to the FAC.

- 3) **Preparation for 5/5/21 meeting** – Given the anticipated large block of time needed for presentation and discussion of the faculty evaluation documents, there will be some modifications to our meeting.
 - In order to save time, add any Announcements you may have in the chat; as usual, any comments regarding discussion during the meeting should be done via raising your hand in order to speak and not through the chat.
 - There are no committee or special reports for the meeting.
 - Our first order of business will be election of the FS President and Treasurer for next year conducted by the Elections Committee.
 - We will limit discussion of the first two resolutions below. If it should appear that a lengthier discussion is needed for either resolution, we will table the resolution and take it up either at the end of the meeting or next year (in the case of the course incompletes).

Resolutions

- *Resolution on COVID-19 vaccine, in packet – Executive Committee, The EC* felt that it is important for the Senate to take a strong stand on a vaccination policy for the next academic year. This resolution would be sent to the BOR to urge that they make this recommendation to the Governor. We thank Central Connecticut State University for providing us with their resolution which served as a template in writing ours.
- *Resolution regarding course incompletes, in packet, Student Policy Committee* – The only substantive change made in this revised policy (when compared to the current permanent

policy) is the addition of the Incomplete Grade Contract which has been pilot tested over the last three semesters.

- *Resolution regarding P&T and Renewal Documents, sent previously and in packet, Personnel Policy Committee* – There will be a Power Point presentation that will outline the relevant changes to the document. Please come prepared by having read the documents that were sent to you. It is very important that we approve these documents at our meeting so that we can update our current documents which have quite a few issues. It is recognized that the PPC will continue to work on a number of outstanding issues next year; these issues will be outlined at the beginning of the presentation.
- *Resolution regarding Incentives for Online Student Opinion Surveys, Technology Committee, in packet, Technology Committee* – The Provost has indicated that he would be willing to contribute towards incentives for students. We may have time for some discussion of this resolution at the end of the meeting; if not, discussion will continue at the beginning of the next academic year.

4) Final Travel Funds Report for AY 21

Full Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
FT Rollover	\$192,472.58	\$4,893.99	\$11,666.70	\$175,911.89
FT New	\$298,700.00	\$11,931.84	\$11,450.96	\$275,317.20
Combined Total	\$491,172.58	\$16,825.83	\$23,117.66	\$451,229.09

Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
PT Rollover	\$6,247.79	\$0.00	\$534.02	\$5,713.77
PT New	\$33,189.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,474.00	\$30,265.00
Combined Total	\$39,436.79	\$1,450.00	\$2,008.02	\$35,978.77

- 5) **2020-2021 – [Resolutions approved by Faculty Senate](#)** - Updates on the resolutions and their status may be found on the FS website.