

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report - September 4, 2019

Welcome Senators!

Thanks to:

Maria Diamantis, who spent many hours this summer updating the FS website.

Luke Eilderts who will serve as FS Secretary this year.

2018-2019 FS Executive Committee members for their hard work last year.

Chris Perugini, IT, who has spent significant time getting the new FS website up and running.

President Joe for lunch today!

Updates

1. *Renewal, promotion, tenure, and professional assessment* - During AY 2019-2020, all first-year renewals and professional assessments must be done electronically. Second-year and above renewal candidates may opt to submit their files electronically this year. It is advantageous to do this, since by AY 2020-2021, electronic submission will be required of all candidates (renewal, promotion, tenure, and professional assessment). Athletic trainers and coaches were excluded from the electronic renewal option this year due to their different deadlines, and have been advised of this. However, there is a chance that electronic submission may still be available at a later date; more information to follow.
2. *Faculty website profiles* - Several meetings have taken place with Chris Perugini and Trever Broliar from IT regarding faculty profiles. The goal is to have profiles that are formatted uniformly in order to create a viewer-friendly platform. Last year, it had been agreed that Digital Measures would be utilized in order to facilitate this. Some of the challenges that have been overcome include making DM available to all faculty, including part-timers. Licensing issues have been worked out and this has now been achieved. Access will be granted automatically for all faculty, however, there will need to be a system in place, by which Department Chairs (or another entity) can request access for faculty members when this doesn't occur automatically, as well as for non-AAUP employees who need department profiles. Although IT had hoped that the profiles would be rolled out by the beginning of this semester, the timeframe was probably a bit too ambitious. Before doing a general rollout, it

was decided that it would be important to pilot a representative group of users in order to iron out potential glitches. This will take place soon. A group from IT will present more details at our 9/18 meeting.

3. *FS website* - The FS website content has been migrated to the new website, although there is still some work that needs to be done. It was decided that the entire site would remain as a publically-accessible site, so it does not have a separate Inside Southern component, which somewhat simplifies things from our point of view. If you notice anything amiss or missing, please let me know.
4. *Increase of resources* - For a number of years, the FS has been operating with a serious lack of operating resources. This has been recognized by Provost Prezant, who has increased the overall number of reassigned time credits for the FS. In addition, he has assigned the UCF Secretary, Sophia Myers, to serve as the Secretary for UCF, FS, and Grad Council. Sophia will be available to assist with such tasks as reserving rooms, coordinating meetings, creating and posting committee lists, managing the website, etc. These additional resources are most welcome and we are very grateful for the support.
5. *Proposal Incentive Program (PIP)* - These grants, first introduced last year by Provost Prezant, will increase to six awards at \$3,000 each for this year.
6. *Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant (FCARG)* - The FCARG applications are due on Wed., Oct. 2nd by 4:00pm. The Guidelines and Application in Word format are available on the FS website.

