

## SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – November 10, 2021 meeting

### *I. Announcements*

Per a conversation with Trever Broliar, Director, Academic Technology, Southern has been approved to extend the Zoom licensing agreement for one year starting in January 2022.

### *II. Preparation for 11/10/21 meeting* – There is one resolution for this meeting:

- 1) Revised bylaws from the University Mediation Committee – in Senate packet
- 2) We welcome two guests to our meeting:
  - i) Diane Ariza – VP, Diversity and Equity – DEI Recommendations and Priorities Draft Document
  - ii) Cindy Stretch – Professor, English, CBA Contract Negotiations

### *III. Update*

Faculty Development – Several meetings have taken place with the administration regarding the changes that were made to Faculty Development. These changes were implemented without including faculty in the decisions as shared governance requires and include the erosion of credits to the FD Director position and the co-opting of FD resources in the SCSU proposal for a Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) that was recently approved by BOR.<sup>1</sup>

A previous meeting on 10/22 between the FS EC, FLC, and the administration and an email from the Provost had resulted in some initial progress and assurances regarding FD. A 10/7 email from the Provost stated “...the Office of Faculty Development would essentially remain intact (as does the FD budget), including hosting support teams (e.g. creating teaching forums), and will still be overseen by the Provost's Office.” At the 10/22 meeting, the administration stated that a proposal of this nature (CTL) is a non-binding guideline.

On 11/1, members of the FS EC and the FLC met with the Provost to conduct a follow up discussion. During this meeting, some progress was made regarding FD. It was recognized that:

- There has been significant credit loss to FD which traditionally has been supported with 9 fall/9 spring and additional summer credits. This year, thus far, zero credits have been

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<sup>1</sup> As a reminder, on 9/23/21, the BOR approved a proposal for a Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). In the original proposal, FD and the Center for Educational and Assistive Technology (CEAT) were co-opted into the CTL, including resources such as personnel, office space, central operating funds, etc. that were listed as funding sources (e.g., seed funding) to establish and support the CTL. In the [recent iteration of the proposal](#), which begins on page 48 of the BOR packet, now posted on the BOR website, the following has been inserted into the proposal, “\*The Center for Educational and Assistive Technology is already its own Center for Excellence and thus retains control of its own budget,” which has in part addressed the CEAT issue, however does not address the FD issue.

provided, therefore faculty FD planning and business have fallen by the wayside. It was agreed that an interim FD Director position for the remainder of the fall semester and the spring 2022 semester for a total of 9 credits would be funded and filled ASAP; the call for the position has gone out since the meeting.

- Once hired, the Interim FD Director will convene the Faculty Development Advisory Committee (FDAC) which has not met this semester due to a lack of a Director whose role it is to chair the committees. The FDAC is charged with creating a proposal for FD resources. The FS President will bring the committee up to date on the conversations and progress that has taken place. Helpful previous statements by the President and the Provost have indicated that the traditional 9 credits per semester may be insufficient. At the 10/22 meeting, the President indicated that in his opinion, 9 credits per semester may not be enough and that even though we have a description and list of what is being done in FD, we need to ask whether that is enough. He would like to see FD as more robust so that the faculty feel positive about the resources they are getting. At that same meeting, the Provost acknowledged that FD may require more than 9 credits per semester. He stated that there should be a conversation about this and that pre-set limitations should not be placed on the number of credits.
- There had been previous discussion regarding how FD might interact with the new CTL in order to benefit both groups and a question regarding how to describe the relationship between the two entities. Describing this relationship as a ‘liaison’ seems to be reasonable. Another option might be to utilize the language in the revised BOR proposal that describes there being ‘cooperation’ between the CEAT and the CTL. This issue should be addressed by the FDAC as well.

#### IV. Travel Funds Report

Travel Fund Report				Date:	11/5/2021
<b>Full Time</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	
FT Rollover	\$262,837.31	\$11,571.23	\$2,139.31	\$249,126.77	
FT New	\$297,970.00	\$6,371.36	\$32,860.70	\$258,737.94	
Creative Activity	\$85,000.00	\$12,971.52	\$23,862.63	\$48,165.85	
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$645,807.31</b>	<b>\$30,914.11</b>	<b>\$58,862.64</b>	<b>\$556,030.56</b>	
<b>Total Spent &amp; Encumbered (S&amp;E)</b>		\$89,776.75	% S&E 14%		
<b>Part Time</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	
PT Rollover	\$30,078.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$29,228.00	
PT New	\$33,108.00	\$875.00	\$7,390.00	\$24,843.00	
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$63,186.00</b>	<b>\$1,725.00</b>	<b>\$7,390.00</b>	<b>\$54,071.00</b>	
<b>Total Spent &amp; Encumbered (S&amp;E)</b>		\$9,115.00	% S&E 14%		

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