

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – February 23, 2022 meeting

Preparation for 2/23/22 meeting

I. Resolutions and other business

There is one resolution for this meeting and follow up information on the course cap resolution that was initially discussed at our last meeting.

- 1) Resolution Regarding revision to Faculty Scholar Award - from FS Elections Committee; This is a continuation of our discussion from our 2/9/22 meeting. Senator Kruczek will walk us through a vote, outlined as follows:
 - (a) Determine whether we wish to focus on an approach that determines awards based on (a) type of scholarship (monographs, textbooks, journal articles, art, invention, etc.) or (b) discipline (STEM, Arts and Humanities, HHS, EDU, Business).
 - (b) After the above decision, there will be a vote among four options for the selected approach that are outlined in the resolution.
- 2) Resolution Regarding Course Caps – Following our previous meeting, the Provost proposed to the EC an alternate pilot study on course caps. The EC is pleased that the Provost shares our commitment to considering the issue of course caps. Given the timeframe and the holiday weekend, the EC and David Pettigrew (representing FASP) did not have time to meet and discuss the issue and follow up with the Provost. We will do that this week and then follow up with the Provost and bring the resolution back to the Senate.
- 3) Please review the proposal from Marriage and Family Therapy seeking academic department status. Paul Levatino and Seb Perumbilly will be present at the meeting to address any questions the Senators may have. The role of the FS is to provide advice to an entity seeking to become established as a department. We will take a vote of support following our discussion and Q&A. Although this vote is non-binding, it will serve as the Senate's 'advice' regarding this issue per the CBA.

II. Current Issues

- 1) Phase 1 of Strategic Priorities Action Planning – On 2/22/22, the first meeting of the President's Strategic Priorities Council met. According to President Bertolino: "The group will meet several times this spring semester and remain in place permanently. The goal of this council will be to shape strategy that will help the university move forward during these challenging times. Additionally, the group will have the responsibility to operationalize, in a specific way, the priorities of the university. The PSPC will also work with the university's senior leadership to engage the community in the development, communication and

implementation of these priorities.” The Executive Committee advocated for adding faculty members to the group and this request was honored. There are now seven faculty members participating in the process. The second request from the EC was to add an Academic Excellence section to the SCSU Priorities and Responsibilities goals as an essential part of the strategic plan. The President agreed with this suggestion. Per Dr. Horch, who is one of the faculty representatives, the meeting went well today. The group talked about academic excellence for about 40 minutes, trying to define what that means to us at SCSU and how it feeds into other areas that were discussed. Several committee members spoke about defining academic excellence in terms of how far we can help our students go because of the unique opportunities we can present to them based on the combination of our outstanding scholarship and mentoring abilities.

III. Travel Fund Report

Travel Fund Report				Date:	2/22/2022
Full Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining	
FT Rollover	\$262,837.31	\$11,437.23	\$2,139.31	\$249,260.77	
FT New	\$297,970.00	\$51,464.67	\$69,216.87	\$177,288.46	
Creative Activity	\$85,000.00	\$26,743.90	\$8,107.75	\$50,148.35	
Combined Total	\$645,807.31	\$89,645.80	\$79,463.93	\$476,697.58	
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$169,109.73	% S&E 26%		
Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining	
PT Rollover	\$30,078.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$29,228.00	
PT New	\$33,108.00	\$8,189.14	\$7,947.84	\$16,971.02	
Combined Total	\$63,186.00	\$9,039.14	\$7,947.84	\$46,199.02	
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$16,986.98	% S&E 27%		

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