

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – March 30, 2022 meeting

Preparation for meeting

I. Resolutions and other business

There are two resolutions for this meeting:

- 1) Resolution Regarding Latin Honors, from the Elections Committee – The intent of this resolution is to provide a more equal footing to transfer students in the awarding of Latin Honors. The lowering of the number of in-house credits to 45 will put us more in line with other facilities and enable high-performing transfer students to receive this recognition.
- 2) Resolution Regarding COVID from the Executive Committee – Given the possibility or even likelihood of a resurgence of COVID in the fall, the EC is bringing this resolution to the Senate in order to advocate that faculty be involved in these discussions and decisions since this has not taken place consistently at the university or system levels.

II. Updates

- 1) Faculty Development – Several of you, as well as other faculty members have contacted me regarding the announcement that went out today for the FD Director position at only 6 credits per semester. Although I had promised to have an update in my report, discussions are ongoing and I'm unable to provide an update at this time. I will provide an update as soon as it is available.

III. Guests

- 1) Dr. Tricia Lin, Program Director, WGS and members of the WGS Steering Committee - Please review the proposal from Women's and Gender Studies Therapy seeking academic department status. Dr. Lin will be present at the meeting along with other members for the WGS Steering Committee 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.
- 2) Dr. Audrey Kerr and Dr. Steven Larocco – [Office of University Ombuds](#) – Drs. Kerr and Larocco will speak with us about this valuable resource that is available to the University community.

IV. Travel Fund Report

Travel Fund Report				Date:	3/26/2022
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	\$66,654.39	\$96,015.01	\$135,300.60	
Creative Activity	\$85,000.00	\$28,062.47	\$15,867.57	\$41,069.96	
Combined Total	\$645,807.31	\$106,154.09	\$114,021.89	\$425,631.33	
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$220,175.98	% S&E	34%	
Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining	
PT Rollover	\$30,078.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$29,228.00	
PT New	\$33,108.00	\$9,341.94	\$8,913.60	\$14,852.46	
Combined Total	\$63,186.00	\$10,191.94	\$8,913.60	\$44,080.46	
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$19,105.54	% S&E	30%	

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