

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – March 9, 2022 meeting

Preparation for 3/9/22 meeting

I. Resolutions and other business

There are four resolutions for this meeting as well as an informational session regarding the Early College program.

- 1) Resolution Regarding revision to Faculty Scholar Award – This resolution follows the motion that was approved at our last meeting regarding changes to the Faculty Scholar Award.
- 2) Resolution Regarding Course Caps – Following a number of discussions, the EC has decided to proceed with the resolution as it was originally presented on 2/9 as designed by FASP. Some of the concerns that were raised during the discussions had to do with the viability of measuring a dependent variable such as retention in based upon reducing class size from 22 to 20 when there are other covariates. The Provost suggested an alternate pilot study in which half the students would be in classes of 18 and half would be in classes of 22 (resulting in an average class size of 20) and these two groups would be compared for various outcomes. The EC was concerned about creating an inequitable situation for the students with this model. The Provost also suggested that the pilot be 4 years instead of the proposed 6. My assumption is that this model would be more likely to be approved by the administration.
- 3) Resolution regarding raising travel allowance for 2022-2023 - Given a very large positive balance of travel funds, it is recommended that the travel allowance cap for FT faculty be raised from the typical \$1500, to a larger amount as outlined in the resolution. We have also obtained the agreement of the administration and AAUP to raise the travel allowance caps for PT employees, as was done last year, and an MOU has been signed, given that there is a robust positive balance in that fund. The MOU is required because, although there is ambiguity in the CBA for FT employees regarding travel funds, the contract is very definitive regarding a hard cap for PT employees.
- 4) Resolution regarding grading in the Early College Program - This resolution addresses the issue of students who earn lower grades in the EC Program and seeks to prevent these students from starting their college careers at a disadvantage.

II. Travel Fund Report

Travel Fund Report			Date: 3/4/2022	
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	\$54,085.72	\$66,570.82	\$177,313.46
Creative Activity	\$85,000.00	\$26,743.90	\$8,107.75	\$50,148.35
Combined Total	\$645,807.31	\$92,266.85	\$76,817.88	\$476,722.58
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$169,084.73	% 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	\$8,254.14	\$7,072.84	\$17,781.02
Combined Total	\$63,186.00	\$9,104.14	\$7,072.84	\$47,009.02
Total Spent & Encumbered (S&E)		\$16,176.98	% S&E	26%

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