

**SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – April 13, 2022 meeting**

**Preparation for meeting**

**I. Resolutions and other business**

- 1) Faculty Senate budget – We have \$840 remaining in the budget. The EC recommends providing these funds to help sponsor the [Ukraine event](#) that will take place on 4/20 since sponsors are still needed.
- 2) Resolutions – There are three resolutions for this meeting:
  - i) 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 universities and enable high-performing transfer students to receive this recognition.
  - ii) Resolution Regarding Revisions on The Incomplete Course Grade Policy and Incomplete Grade Contract, from the Student Policy Committee – This resolution clarifies several issues in the Incomplete Course Grade Policy and revises the form utilized to submit the incomplete grade request. I would like to call your attention to the excellent committee minutes of 4/6 that provide the rationale for these changes.
  - iii) Revisions to the Department Chairperson's Document, from the Rules Committee – The Committee has outlined the proposed changes in a separate document. The packet also contains the document with track changes and the clean version of the revised document.

**II. Updates**

- 1) Faculty Development – Several lengthy meetings were held to discuss the number of credits to be awarded for the FD Director position(s), given the discrepancy between the recommendations by the Faculty Development Advisory Committee (FDAC) of 28 credits per year versus the advertised position by Academic Affairs of 14 credits per year. The President, Provost, and Associate VP AA, first met with a select group of faculty from the FS EC and the FLC and then had a follow up meeting with the entire FS EC and FLC when an agreement wasn't reached during the first meeting. The final outcome of the discussion was an agreement to follow the recommendations of the Faculty Development Advisory Committee to create two FD Director positions of 6 credits each for fall and spring and 2 credits for the summer, for a total allocation of 28 credits annually. This is similar to the total traditional credit allocation of 27 credits per year. The Provost and President, in exchange, requested that there be a review of the overall reassigned time credits awarded by the Provost's office by a faculty committee and the Provost. Recognizing that this procedure is neither simple nor straightforward, the EC and

FLC are currently involved in conversations as to how this might be done in a manner that is equitable and thoughtful and how members should be selected for this committee.

- 2) Resolution on reduction of various course caps – this resolution, approved at our last FS meeting was disapproved by the President, largely based upon financial considerations. He has further requested that a committee be formed to discuss where the greatest impact can be achieved in considering the issue of course cap reductions related to student retention and increasing enrollment.
- 3) University-wide Space and Finance Committees – For a period of two years now, I (as well as the AAUP) have been urging the President and VP Mark Rozewski to convene the Space and Finance Committees. To date, despite promises that have been made, neither committee has been convened. These two issues are of utmost importance to our campus. Recent correspondence with VP Rozewski from 4/7 has assured me that this will take place before our next Senate meeting. I will follow up.

### **III. Guests**

- 1) Matthew Ceppi, Consultant, American Association of State Colleges and Universities. This will be an informational session with opportunities for Q&A and commentary. Per President Bertolino, Dr. Ceppi has been working closely with the President's Strategic Priorities Council (PSPC) to operationalize the priorities of the university. This is a precursor to building a new strategic plan, and that process will begin in the fall, 2022 with details forthcoming in August.
- 2) Dr. Larry Brancazio, Program Director, Healthcare Studies, HLS - Please review the proposal from HLS seeking academic department status as Department of Healthcare Systems and Innovation (HSI). Dr. (Senator) Brancazio 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.

### **IV. Travel Fund Report**

Travel Fund Report			Date:	4/7/2022
<b>Full Time</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
FT Rollover	\$262,837.31	\$11,437.23	\$2,139.31	<b>\$249,260.77</b>
FT New	\$297,970.00	\$75,622.64	\$87,871.10	<b>\$134,476.26</b>
Creative Activity	\$85,000.00	\$30,144.99	\$22,246.62	<b>\$32,608.39</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$645,807.31</b>	<b>\$117,204.86</b>	<b>\$112,257.03</b>	<b>\$416,345.42</b>
<b>Total Spent &amp; Encumbered (S&amp;E)</b>		\$229,461.89	<b>% S&amp;E</b>	36%
<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	<b>\$29,228.00</b>
PT New	\$33,108.00	\$10,744.18	\$7,861.36	<b>\$14,502.46</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$63,186.00</b>	<b>\$11,594.18</b>	<b>\$7,861.36</b>	<b>\$43,730.46</b>
<b>Total Spent &amp; Encumbered (S&amp;E)</b>		\$19,455.54	<b>% S&amp;E</b>	31%

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