

SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – May 3, 2023, meeting

- 1) ***SCSU-AAUP and Faculty Senate Co-Sponsored Retreat*** – Please RSVP to [Linda Cunningham](#) for this retreat which will take place Tuesday, May 23rd 12-3pm at Whitney Commons. See email announcements to all full- and part-time faculty. This is an important gathering and serves to inform SCSU-AAUP and the Faculty Senate of the concerns, questions, and goals of the faculty body.
- 2) ***Service Opportunities & Faculty Senate Representation / Shared Governance*** – On-going challenges with filling faculty service opportunities remain. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a representative this academic year. **Senators, please engage with your constituents about the importance of faculty service as we prepare for the upcoming academic year.**
- 3) ***State Budget / University Budget Committee meetings*** – Numerous events continue to transpire at the time of this report. My observation is a rapidly changing landscape of efforts and opportunities to positively impact the state budget as it pertains to funding for our system. As of the writing of this report, SCSU-AAUP faculty leaders and I have a scheduled meeting today to speak with Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney.

I strongly encourage all to reach out to your legislator(s) and closely attend to the recent email announcements from Louise Williams (CSU-AAUP), Kari Swanson (SCSU-AAUP), President Joe, and CSCU President Cheng regarding how to get involved.

A reminder that the Finance Committee continues to gather senators'/faculty perspectives and suggestions. Please reach out to [Cindy Simoneau](#), FS Treasurer/Finance Committee chair.

- 4) ***The University Writing Director position*** – At this time, the Faculty Senate should make note of this matter as described in the [4/26 President's Report](#) and share with constituents. Conversations are still underway regarding the proposed elimination of the reassigned time/position of the Writing Director, and we are awaiting more information.
- 5) ***Course Caps*** – The FLC has noted proposed changes in course caps, with concerns particularly for online and Tier 2 courses. While the [Resolution Regarding Course Class Enrollment Caps for Online Courses](#) dated 9/16/2020 was disapproved by the University President, questions have been raised within FLC about how decisions are currently being made regarding course enrollment caps and we look forward to connecting with administration at the next FLC/administration meeting.
- 6) ***Preparation for the 5/3/2023 meeting***–
 - a. ***Elections*** – The Elections chair/committee will lead the annual election process for Faculty Senate President and Treasurer with voting occurring at our 5/3 meeting.

Reports & Resolutions:

- b. ***Resolution Regarding Catalog Definitions and Curricular Review Process for Continuing Education Offerings, Non-Credit and Micro-Credentials*** – This Resolution is from Academic Policy based upon the work of the Ad Hoc Committee for Continuing Education/Micro

credentialing, and includes the establishment of definitions presented by the Ad-hoc Committee, that micro-credentials, badges, and non-credit continuing education are part of SCSU curriculum and therefore, subject to faculty governance via UCF and GC proposal processes, and that the UCF, GC, and university administration shall be charged with developing curriculum proposal processes along the lines described by the Ad-hoc Committee for Non-credit, Continuing Education & Micro-credentialing “Recommendations” document. **Please review the packet for details.**

- c. *Resolution Regarding Revisions to The Promotion and Tenure Procedures* – This Resolution is from Personnel Policy and addresses updates to the faculty evaluation procedures documents, including updating acronyms/terms, clarifying comparable qualifications, and eligibility to serve on the P & T Committee during any form of university leave. **Please review the packet for details.**
 - d. *Proposal regarding the formation of a Working Group* – This proposal is a continuation of the matters discussed throughout the year within the Rules Committee, in the meeting of SCSU-AAUP, FS President, and Human Resources Chair (see 2/22 [President’s Report](#)), and as a next step following the Meeting/Retreat of Faculty Leadership Executive Teams (FS/UCF/Grad Council/FLC) held on March 24th (which included a university ombudsperson). The proposal is coming forth from the FS Executive Committee in anticipation of a vote on establishing this working group, to begin in Fall 2023. **Please review the packet for details.** The charges would include:
 - i. recommend to the appropriate groups (e.g., Rules Committee for the Faculty Senate) of each of the three bodies (Faculty Senate, UCF, GC) language which reconciles the governing documents of each of those three bodies with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).
 - ii. recommend to each of the three bodies (Faculty Senate, UCF, GC) pathways to advance sharing and communicating these anticipated changes with all constituents to support understanding and clarification.
 - e. *Resolution Regarding Adding Secondary File to Digital Evaluation for Promotion And Tenure Procedures And Renewal Procedures* – This Resolution is from Academic Policy and addresses the matter of supplemental files in the faculty evaluation process, calling for the opportunity to be given to candidates to include such folder/information, akin to pre-digital practices. The topic addressed by this Resolution is based upon feedback received from Provost Council during my visit this year in November and is great example of the benefits of connecting Provost Council with Faculty Senate. **Please review the packet for details.**
 - f. A reminder that at approximately 1:30pm, the Faculty Senate will host Dr. Dwayne Smith, incoming Interim University President, and share messages of welcome, and host President Joe Bertolino to share messages of gratitude and farewell.
 - g. If time does not permit all business to conclude on 5/3, remaining business will be moved to the 5/8 meeting agenda. A reminder that the 5/8 agenda must be confirmed in advance and the 5/8 meeting can only address those agenda items. Any unfinished business following any and all remaining Faculty Senate meetings will be considered in the fall semester.
- 7) 2022-2023 – [Resolutions approved by Faculty Senate](#) – Updates on the resolutions and their status may be found on the FS website.