SCSU Faculty Senate President's Report – September 1, 2021 meeting

1) *Welcome –* Senators, welcome to a new academic year and a new year of Faculty Senate business! I would like to express a very warm welcome to our new Senators. I will ask you to introduce yourselves at the beginning of the meeting.

2) *Announcement – Faculty Creativity Activity Research Grants (FCARG) –* Due to a realignment of the funding for the FCARG award in order to have the disbursement of the funds and the award period occur in the same fiscal year, we have an additional $85,000 in the FCARG fund for this year. Given this fortuitous situation, there will be a special award period for these funds that will be disbursed this fiscal year (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022). The announcement for this special award will be sent soon and will have an abbreviated timeframe for both the submission of the application and the committee deliberations. Stipends will be distributed immediately and any operational expenses will need to be utilized by June 30, 2022. Any faculty member who has already received an FCARG award for the current year (paid in spring 2021 for the July 2021-June 30, 2022 award period) will not be eligible for the special award. In other words, applicants cannot receive two FCARG awards in the same fiscal year. Faculty members who applied for the award last year who did not receive the award are eligible to apply for the special award.

   This does not affect the regular FCARG award for which all faculty may apply. The application for the regular award will be available during the usual timeframe this semester for the July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 fiscal year.

3) *Preparation for 9/1/21* meeting

   a) Selection of standing committees and election of Chairs of standing committees

   Many of you have already indicated your committee choices. Below is the information regarding the initial charges of the committees. We will have breakout rooms in Zoom at the beginning of the meeting and you will be able to meet with your selected committee, or switch to a different committee at this point if you so desire. During this meeting the committee members will elect the Chairs of their committees. A ballot has been created for this purpose. The procedure will be explained at the meeting.

   Charges for standing committees

   Academic policy
   - P&T reform
   - Grade appeal

Elections
- Running fall all-University committee election
- Running election for part-time faculty Senators
- Campus free speech (pending work from outside the committee)
- P&T number of alternates
- How to prioritize alternates on all-University committees

Finance
- Joint Finance and Technology initiative

Personnel
- Time-sensitive corrections to P&T/renewal documents approved last year
- Academic advising re P&T
- P&T Guidebooks

Rules
- Chairs' document

Student policy
- Permanent withdrawal policy
- Permanent incomplete policy
- Permanent p/f revision

Technology
- Student opinion surveys – who should receive them?
- Incentives to increase participation in student opinion surveys
- Joint Finance and Technology initiative

Because we have more issues to address than we can initially accommodate, there is a 'waiting list' of topics that will be assigned to committees that complete the work that is on their agendas. The overflow list of topics is as follows:

1. COVID-related initiatives as they arise, e.g., p/f policy
2. Disruptive student policy
3. Feminine hygiene products on campus
4. Early college credits
5. Latin honors

Although these topics may fall out of the traditional charges of a given committee, it has been our practice in recent years to do this in order to accommodate our workload and also to create a more equitable structure in which all standing committees have a similar workload. The committees that may be more likely to deal with the waiting list topics are Finance and Elections. Senators who are potentially interested in dealing with a broad range of topics may find this option desirable.

b) Resolution regarding University Event Guidelines – from the Executive Committee, attached to my email and in packet. The intent of this resolution is to expand the requirements of the guidelines and strengthen their implementation.

c) Guests – As is our tradition, the President and Provost have been invited to address the Faculty Senate. This is an excellent opportunity for Q&A.

d) Updates from our colleagues

Trever Brolliar – Director, Academic Technology

Welcome back! Thank you for your patience & support. This made the reopening process much smoother for us in IT. Below you will find a list of rooms that the Information Technology Department updated and upgraded during the summer.

2021 Room Updates: The Technology Department completed the following room updates and upgrades:
- o **16 Classroom Maintenance Upgrades (Tech refresh and modernization):** *DA 104, EN B212, EN B303, EN B305, EN B306, EN B307, EN C108, EN D125, EN D164, EN D266, JE 227, JE 335, MFH 203, MFH 255, MO 006, MO 213*
- o **11 Classroom+ (HyFlex / livestream compatible):** *DA 219, DA 222, DA 226, EA 114, EA 118, EN B206, EN B216, EN B304, EN C013, JE 131, MO 205* [31 total]
- o **3 Flex Mobile Displays [6 total]**

Office of Online Learning (OOL): The Office of Online Learning in conjunction with the Information Technology Department will be expanding training offerings throughout the semester. Communications will be forthcoming.

e) Travel Funds Report for AY 21-22 - TBA

Full Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
FT Rollover				
FT New				
Combined Total				

Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
PT Rollover				
PT New				
Combined Total				

f) 2021-2022 – Resolutions approved by Faculty Senate – Updates on the resolutions and their status may be found on the FS website.