SCSU Faculty Senate President’s Report - September 2, 2020

Welcome to our new Senators!

1. Sean Grace (Biology)
2. Alaa Sheta (Computer Science)
3. Lawrence Brancazio (Health and Movement Sciences)
4. Troy Paddock (History)
5. Cindy Simoneau (Journalism)
6. Patrick Crowley (Library services)
7. Atul Kulkarni (Marketing)
8. Kelly Martinez (Nursing)
9. Rex Gilliand (Philosophy)
10. Sebastian Perumbilly (Social Work)

Congratulations and welcome to the new Executive Committee:

Paul Petrie - Academic Policy
Cindy Simoneau - Elections
Bill Faraclas - Finance
Natalie Starling - Personnel
Bob Gregory - Rules
Kate Marsland - Student Policy
Joe Fields - Technology

Opportunities - please contact me if you are interested in any of the following. These positions will stay open until the end of this week for Senators, at which time they will be made available to the entire faculty.

SGPS Strategic Planning Group (SPG) - A committee member is sought to participate in the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, SGPS Strategic Planning Group (SPG). The goal of the committee is to refresh the SGPS strategic plan and create a long-term vision for sustainably. The SPG and its subcommittees will focus on developing the mission, vision, core values, goals, objectives, tactical action plans, and assessment activities needed to increase graduate enrollment, improve retention, and foster new program development. Our aspiration is to build graduate programs that achieve and maintain academic excellence, provide an equitable, inclusive, and supportive environment for faculty, staff, and students, and place SGPS on the global map of Graduate Education.

Continuing Education Initiative with SGPS - Several committee members are sought to work with the SGPS on collaboratively developing continuing education programs, both credit-bearing and non-
credit bearing. This invitation is an outcome of conversations that took place during the spring semester between the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Dean Singh.

**Senator to represent the Senate for Graduate Council Meetings** - A Senator is sought to represent the Senate at Graduate Council monthly meetings. A brief update to GC would be presented by the representative. Ideally, this could be a Senator who is also on the GC.

**For the 9/2/20 meeting**

*Resolution on revisions to the Sabbatical Leave Procedures for Faculty Document* - The impetus of this resolution is to update this document in light of moving to a digital submission process. There have also been some formatting and minor wording changes as well. No substantive changes other than these have been made. There remain other issues addressed in the document that need more in-depth discussion and these will be reserved for the future. It is important to have an updated procedures document available to faculty as they apply for sabbatical leave this fall, given the quick turnaround in terms of the due date.

*To guide Senate discussion and subsequent department discussions for potential early closure*
Withdrawal
Late Withdrawal
Transfer Credit
Academic Standing
Pass-Fail

**Updates**

*All University Elections* - The ballot will be sent out within about one week, for a period of one-two weeks, through Blackboard 9. Please encourage the faculty in your department to consider running for an all-University committee.

**Budget** - to be presented at meeting

**Approved Resolutions**

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