

Faculty Senate President's Report- April 29, 2026 meeting

1) Faculty Senate Announcements

Honor's Convocation Ceremony- This Sunday we celebrated our honor's students. Families and friends gathered to celebrate these scholars. As someone who served on the Barnard Award committee, I can honestly say some of these high achieving scholars left me feeling like I had wasted my youth. The accomplishments of these students are beyond impressive. I am proud we have this high level of students among us.

Commencement: This year's undergraduate commencement will take place at the Total Mortgage Arena 600 Main Street Bridgeport on May 22 at 10:15. Graduate commencements will be on campus at the Lyman Center. The College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Business will be from 2-4 May 18th, the College of Health and Human Services will be from 7-9 on the 18th, and the College of Education will be on May 19th from 7-9.

Please come out and support our students and let them know how proud we are of them

2) The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Leadership Council (FLC) meetings with administration –

We held a quick meeting with the FLC and the President and Provost last Wednesday. During this time, we were able to ascertain that the printer proposal is just that- a proposal. President Bulmer would like us to work with the IT department to come up with a solution to our printing issues. Apparently, the multitude of printers on campus do create a safety issue, but our message at the last senate meeting was made very clear to Tom Armstrong and Vu Trieu. They will be speaking to various groups around campus to let everyone know the issues and contribute to the solution.

We also discussed that Dr. Trudy Millburn, associate vice president for academic affairs, has been named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2026–2027 academic year. A faculty member will be filling in for the six months she is out. If you are interested in the position, please search your email for an announcement from Provost Irwin containing the description of the position.

Our next FLC meeting will be next Monday. Much of this meeting is expected to be about the budget because we have asked CFO Dr. Lillian Wanjagi to join us and explain where we currently stand.

3). HR 1 Subcommittees

As asked, I approached the other senate presidents about requesting a committee that looks at the impact of teaching and learning by the HR 1 bill. We sent a letter to system office and received the following back;

“HR1 does not appear to directly mandate or prescribe changes to classroom instruction or day-to-day teaching practice. However, we do recognize that indirect effects—particularly those related to student access, affordability, and enrollment patterns—may ultimately have downstream implications for classroom dynamics and academic programming, which is part of what this subcommittee is intended to monitor.”

4) The Chancellor

As I am sure you are all now aware, Chancellor Maduko resigned from the CSCU system this Friday. I, along with the other senate presidents, will be meeting with Chair Guay on Friday to discuss next steps. Given the level of information we received when Dr. D was removed as interim, I do not expect we will be given any details of what happened or why. It is important, however, that the Board of Regents understands that we are paying attention to what is happening and we expect them to engage with us about matters such as this. In addition, Chair Guay will be joining our meeting on the 6th for a short time to speak directly to the senate. He will be at the start of the meeting, so if you have questions, please be on time.

4) Preparing for our upcoming meeting

We have a very full agenda for this week’s meeting. Please review the four resolutions in the packet and the Graduate Council bylaw revisions that have been submitted. A reminder that next week we will be holding another full senate meeting rather than subcommittees meeting. The end of the semester

Please review the packet and share with members of your department.