

President's Report to the Faculty Senate – January 21, 2015

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” –Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. Welcome to the Connecticut Hall Seminar Room, with thanks to Mr. Brad Crerar, Director, ASC.
2. Welcome back to Greg Cochenet and Joseph Fields. Welcome to Rich Glinka and Christine Unson.
3. Faculty Academic Strategic Plan (FASP) Comm. members have been appointed to the four Strategic Planning subcommittees:
 - **Excel:** Misty Ginicola, Sean Grace
 - **Innovate:** Marybeth Fede, Sanja Grubacic, Glenda DeJarnette
 - **Impact:** Jessica Kenty-Drane, Jian Wu
 - **Empower:** Peter Madonia, Paul Stepanovic

N.B. Others will be added to the list after Elections Committee count of ballots from special election.
N.B. Confirmed with Provost that FASP reps will be full-fledged members of SP committees.
4. Letter of congratulations on behalf of the Faculty Senate to Dr. Troy Paddock, 2014 Faculty Scholar.
5. Letter of welcome sent on behalf of the Faculty Senate to Mr. Mark Rozewski, newly appointed Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, who begins on February 16, 2015.
6. Dr. Estela Lopez was appointed Interim CSCU Provost for January 30, 2015, through June 30, 2016. Dr. Lopez formerly served as CSU Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (2002-2007).
7. Notes from President's Leadership Council meeting, January 13, 2015:
 - CSU SP15 campus headcounts: **SCSU (-1.4%)**; CCSU (+1%); ECSU (+2.8%); WCSU (-0.1%) (See FTE table on p.2).
 - Using "Common Application," we now have 5,282 applications, double total applications last year (not YTD).
 - 4-year graduation rate is up; this negatively affects enrollment, because students need to take fewer courses.
 - Budget is balanced for this year. We are facing an \$8M budget shortfall next year.
 - Occupancy date for Buley Library: February 2. Science Bldg. completion date: June 1; fully operational: FA 15.
 - Concerns expressed about LEP and foreign language requirement as "barriers" to student success at Southern.
 - Concern raised about deadline for a student to declare that a course is being taken for grade replacement.
 - Education Advisory Board (EAB) will conduct an advisement workshop on the "murky middle" on February 20.
 - Required security training is related to access to Banner screens with confidential information.
8. Here is what we are working on and hope to accomplish in the spring semester:

Committee	Assigned Responsibilities
Academic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review grade appeal policy; make recommendations for revision • Develop resolution on academic impact of class size, cancelations, related matters
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASP Special Elections
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor travel funds • Prepare annual Senate recommendation for CBA Travel dollars
Personnel Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Evaluation of Administrative Effectiveness • Review FS evaluation documents (renewal, professional assessment, sabbatical) • Create separate DEC document
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop proposal for streamlining all-University committees • Review Faculty Senate Bylaws • Review Faculty Senate Chairperson document based on Pres. Papazian's suggestions
Student Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify Academic Misconduct policy • Review Sexual misconduct policy with regard to mandated reporter status
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate FS interests with Office of Information Technology
(Ad hoc) Department Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit department guidelines for faculty evaluation and propose resolution to formalize a policy (Dr. Peter Madonia, Chair)
(Ad hoc) Meeting for New Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and conduct a meeting to introduce new members of the faculty to concepts of shared governance and participation (Dr. Veronica Gill, Chair)

9. CSU enrollments presented as headcount and FTE students, with SP 14 FTE comparison:

Summary of CSU Enrollment Data for Spring 2015, as of January 16, 2015				
	CCSU	ECSU	SCSU	WCSU
Credit Hours	129,286	62,323	116,507	67,165
Headcount	11,246	4,955	9,998	5,612
FTE Students	8,826	4,167	8,037	4,524
FTE ± from SP14	+1.1 %	-2.6%	-1.8%	-0.8%

10. Please note on distributed enrollment summaries:

- Wintersession report contains final data for that term.
- The SCSU report shows “Day 1” figures (first day of term, Monday, January 12).
- The BOR system-wide report is from last Friday, January 16.

11. Please confirm your FS standing committee membership on committee roster (circulated).

12. Request has been received for appointment of Faculty Senator to IT Governance Committee. The Senate’s affirmation is sought to appoint Sen. Walter Stutzman, Technology Committee member.

13. Faculty Senate representative needed for search committee for AVP for Enrollment Management.

14. The Faculty Senate has been asked to endorse the “tobacco-free campus” policy proposed by the Campus Health and Safety Committee (Chief Joseph Dooley and Dr. Diane Morgenthaler, Co-Chairs):

Possible language: “The Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate endorses the Campus Health and Safety Committee’s proposed Tobacco-Free Campus policy and its recommendation that the policy become effective at the end of the Spring 2015 semester.”

15. Senates on four the CSU campuses are asked to endorse the “Values and Assumptions” and “Initiatives Categorization” documents developed by the CSU Faculty Leadership Group:

Possible language: “The Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate endorses the ‘Values and Assumptions Requisite for Transform CSCU 2020’ and ‘Transform CSCU 2020 Initiatives Categorization’ documents drafted by the CSU Leadership Group on December 17, 2014, and revised on January 9, 2015.”

16. Senate Committee to plan meeting for new faculty members: more volunteers needed.

17. Annual Faculty Retreat: shall we plan one for the end of the spring semester?

Status of AY 15 Faculty Senate Resolutions					
Number	Date	Resolution to/on/for	For	Disposition	Pres. Comments (abbrev.)
F-14-01	9-24-14	Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval	Noted	Noted. Will be considered in conj. with new grade appeal process, when drafted
F-14-02	10-20-14	Sabbatical Leave Document Technical Fixes	Approval	Pending	
F-14-03	10-30-14	Hiring of Dean of School of Graduate Studies Without a National, Affirmative Action Search	Information	NA	
F-14-01R	10-30-01	Grade Appeal Procedures	Approval	Pending	
F-14-04	12-10-14	2015-2025 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives	Information	Noted	Resolution is premature and attempts to pre-empt strategic planning process. Should be re-directed to Strategic Planning Committee.
F-14-05	12-10-14	Location of School of Health and Human Services Building on SCSU Campus	Approval	Disapproved	Resolution is factually incorrect and attempts to pre-empt the Master Facility Planning process.

Remaining Spring 15 Meetings: February 4, 18, March 4, 25, April 8, 22, and 29 (if needed)

Faculty Senate Themes. ■ Promote and support the strategic vision of the University. ■ Build a stronger working relationship with administration, grounded in the principles of shared governance. ■ Advocate the support of University leadership for increased opportunities and fiscal resources for faculty scholarship and research. ■ Work to ensure the academic integrity of the Institution in supporting academic excellence and advancing the success of our students. ■ Honor the commitment and enthusiasm of the faculty through a strengthened sense of community.