

President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – February 4, 2015

1. Moment of silent reflection for Kayla Anne Donnelly-Smith, SCSU student who died on Monday, February 2. Kayla was on her way back to Connecticut from New York, when she had a minor accident on I-95 in New York State, near the Connecticut border. Standing by the side of the road, Kayla and a passenger who had been riding with her were struck by another car that had lost control in the icy road conditions. Kayla was a member of the SCSU cheerleading team.
2. Two faculty members from the School of Business have been elected to the Faculty Academic Strategic Plan (FASP) Comm. and will be appointed to Strategic Planning subcommittees:
 - Dr. Wafeek Abdelsayed, Department of Accounting
 - Dr. Robert Page, Department of Management and MIS
3. Meeting called by Provost Bergeron to discuss “mandatory reporting” issues: February 9.
4. Transform 2020 update: ECSU has endorsed the “values and assumptions” and “initiatives” documents we approved at our last meeting. CCSU and WCSU have been delayed in their reviews by inclement weather.
5. I would like to initiate an open discussion among Senators about the “15-minute ‘rule’”.
6. There is a need for vigorous participation on FS standing committees to complete our agenda of pending items.
7. With only five regular FS meetings remaining in this academic year, I will work with the Executive Committee to develop a calendar for ensuring all outstanding business can be brought before the Senate before the end of the year.

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 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.