The Faculty Senate shall be the representative body of the faculty, deriving its authority from the faculty as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Its primary function shall be to serve as the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority.” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Section I).

President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – January 25, 2017

1. Welcome back to every senator!

2. Provost’s Search committee update: the Chairperson of the Search committee, Dr. Craig Hlavac is doing an excellent job keeping the SCSU community informed every step of the process. He emailed us on the dates that three candidates will be visiting the campus and he distributed the day’s schedule of each candidate:

   Dr. Graham Glynn - Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Fort Hays State University. Campus Visit Dates: Sunday-Monday, February 5-6

   Dr. Robert Prezant – Dean, College of Science & Mathematics, Montclair State University. Campus Visit Dates: Tuesday-Wednesday, February 7-8

   Dr. Scott Furlong – Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Campus Visit Dates: Wednesday-Thursday, February 8-9

3. President Bertolino’s Inauguration ceremony, a week of celebration for faculty/staff/students with main focus on how to include the “community”. Date: April 28th at 10:30 am.

4. The FS Executive Committee met with President Bertolino and Provost Durnin on Wendesday, January 18. The following items were addressed: Faculty’s computer replacement cycle; TA funds; the Provost’s search; the Inauguration; request from faculty on Honorary Doctorate for the graduations; the WLL and LEP concerns from the Community Colleges; Long Wharf campus; December graduation will cease; Enrollment decline at the PT Graduate level; Joint degree with the Liverpool John Moores University.

5. Strategic Planning Implementation Committee chaired by Mark Rozewski and Lisa Lancour. The first meeting to commence the work took place on January 23rd. President Bertolino addressed the members asking them to look at the goals and re-evaluate/prioritize them for short term and long-term time line. He highlighted the latest state economic issues and the needs of our university. He confirmed input from all existing university committees, such as the Faculty Academic Strategic Planning Committee and the Enrollment Management Team.

6. The SCSU Reflection Garden Project co-chaired by Bill Faracas and Dan Camenga with President Bertolino the Honorary Chair of the committee. This is a project that will be developed and supported with funds raised for that purpose only as well as with grant writing.

7. Ilene Crawford presented at the UCF meeting yesterday, a report on the status of the graduate level certification programs, which currently include undergraduate courses (for which our graduate students pay at the graduate rate). The report requires that a proposal of such programs above the BS degrees to become independent certification programs with as little as 18 credits and not be part of an MS degree. The deadline is end of February. Concerns were raised as this curriculum issue should have faculty participation and the time line should have been announced earlier, so that the deadlines could have been met. The original request was dated nine months ago.
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