

Faculty Senate President's Report

October 16, 2024

The following report is a demonstrative summary of some of the activities undertaken by the Faculty Senate President as well as various members of the Executive Committee from September 18th, to the middle of October, 2024.

If there are questions on any point, please feel free to reach out any time. Thank you.

Introduction:

As usual, a great deal has occurred between the September plenary

Key Initiatives/Accomplishments/Events:

1. Strategic Planning Faculty Priorities –
 - a. IPAC next meeting – Oct. 23rd (FS members – Donna Streeter, Sean Walker, Christina Wassenaar)
 - b. Auburn Strategic Priorities/University Senate meeting – Donna Streeter, Bret Webb, and Christina Wassenaar met with Auburn University President, Provost, University Senate President and ExComm team on Oct. 8th. The primary goal of these meetings was to discuss faculty priorities in newly released strategic plan [AU 2035 Strategic Plan](#). We were also very interested in learning about their process and have presented this to Pres. Bonner and Provost Kent. ([AU SP Process](#)).
2. Salary increase/supplement – Recently, the question of part-time and adjunct salaries has been raised, both to ExComm and directly to the President and Provost. The administration has acknowledged that the base compensation for part-time faculty needs some additional evaluation and has begun that process.
3. Inversion/Compression/Equity – Dr. Pavelescu and his committee will be part of modeling three financial scenarios now that the salary increase amounts are known. Dr. Guest has committee to reaching out this week to begin this process.
4. A nomination form ([PD FS Nomination form](#)) has been created to collect a wide slice of possible participants for both the committees and module reviewers once materials have been created. Nominations will be collected until October. 22nd, 2024.

5. Last month we noted the extreme length of time it takes to volley handbook or other policy changes between the Senate and CAD. We are bringing a proposal to this plenary meeting in October, for a bylaw change to include Zoom augmented plenary meetings in December, June and July of each year. These meetings would only occur as needed for timely votes but would not be considered standing meetings.
6. Caucus meetings are almost complete. We continue to encourage CLs to focus on developing themselves and their caucuses as repositories of faculty focused information and communication channels.

Administrative Updates:

1. The University Sustainability committee will be collecting operations and academic data for submission to AASHE, for accreditation through that organization. This has been presented to CAD, with the announcement that there will be a call for information of various forms to support this process. More information to come. <https://www.aashe.org>.

Future Actions:

1. The Innovation in Learning Center is hosting a November discussion group focused on SB 129:
 - As a follow-up to the August groups, we'll check in and see how your classes have gone since the bill started.
 - This is also a space for instructors to ask questions about spring course material, such as course activities, rubrics, and assessment. [If you have specific course material that you would like to be reviewed, you can also submit it to this link.](#)

Please join via Zoom or in-person at the ILC.

[Please use this form to RSVP for Monday, November 4 at 2:30pm.](#)

Questions? Please reach out to Lisa LaCross (lacross@southalabama.edu)