

Report

Faculty Senate President

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Faculty Senate & SOM FAEC Elections

Senators

Second Call (No nominees submitted or the nominees ineligible)

- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Teaching and Learning
- Department of Computer Science

Other

- Department of Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering
- SOM (we have nominees, but we need eligibility data)
- SIBCS (quorum)
- SON (quorum)

Faculty Senate & SOM FAEC Elections

SOM FAEC

- Request from Senator Genaro Ramirez Correa
- FSEC
- Conversation with former members of SOM FAEC
- Process will be starting this week - 1st email:
 - Explanation
 - Reopen nomination period (short)
 - Share names & bios of current nominees
- Second email:
 - Link to vote. Likely use REDCap.

General Report

Surveys

Library Survey

- University Library Committee (faculty composed, representatives from each college)
- Very important that faculty complete this survey so that the Committee together with the Faculty Senate can advocate and make recommendations for resources identified by the survey.
 - We need data

AI Survey from FS Education Policy Committee

- Expect this to go out next week
- FSEC feedback to the committee this week
- Also, very important so that we can represent faculty perspectives on how to respond to AI disruption at the institutional level, including policies governing academic dishonesty
 - We need data

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Surveys

University Committee and Councils Service Survey

- It went out on Monday March 25th to over 130 faculty who have served on committees
- So far, we have 54 responses
- Deadline is Friday, April 5
- A reminder will go out tomorrow
 - Purpose:
 - A better understanding of service demands for these committees (chairs and members) to inform interested faculty/nominees and to help these faculty negotiate their service workloads
 - Again, this is very important data to serve faculty. We know service in the committees is a cornerstone of faculty shared governance and supporting faculty serving on them must be a priority
 - Results might also assist faculty and administrators to better gauge service demands in other committees (university, college, department/school levels)

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Communication with Administration

Ongoing

- Building the necessary common ground to work together - New Provost, New Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
 - 50% Staff support to complement Vanessa Ceballos's amazing work
 - Possible small stipends for Secretary, President, President-elect
 - Example of issues we brought up that we would like to see addressed:
 - Summer service expectations for 9-month contract faculty
 - Review of grant submission and approval processes
 - Consequences of COS restructuring
 - University policy processes/timelines (especially tied to Faculty Termination Policy)
 - Research resource support as we move forward to increased productivity expectations
 - Faculty Presence

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What's to come

University Committees and Councils

- Expect the call to go out by the end of this month
- College of Engineering and Computer Science: we need a representative on the FSEC asap

FS Officers Elections

- Start thinking about nominations for key officers positions and FSEC representatives
- Hoping that we can complete the election for these positions on May 7th
- This will give us the summer to onboard FSEC members to start in September 2024
- Changes terms means that I continue as President but transition roles during the summer with President-elect

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Reminder:

- Next meeting on May 7th is in person on the Brownsville campus
- On our last meeting of the AY we expect to have FS committees reports
 - Please submit those reports two weeks prior to the May 7th meeting
- President Bailey and Dr. Jonikka Charlton will be special guests on May 7th

Plus:

Linkln & Webinar note