

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good morning again everyone... I want to first say thank you first for your trust in me in leading Senate this year; however, I would be remised to say that we and especially I are better for the team you have elected. Our VP billY Gunnels, our secretary, Anna Calrin, and our Parliamentarian, Arie Van duijn. It is a privilege to work with these individuals and we all were working hard this summer in preparing for what I am optimistic will be a great year.

I have already highlighted initiatives so I want to take a moment and highlight some other visions for Senate. I want all of us to appreciate the responsibility we have in Senate... what an awesome opportunity to represent our faculty and be a voice. With that comes the responsibility to ensure that you are taking information from what happens on days like this back to you colleges and ensuring that you are carrying the burden from your colleges back to Senate.... We are better for that.... Also, we need to respect our peers, this is especially true in regards to work in teams. As we have been meeting with the teams, we have charged them with the importance of ensuring they are discussing the work of the team with their constituents. This I am hopeful will continue to make Senate more functional. Also we are enlisting more meaningful minutes and a template to outline the work of the teams

Some overall highlights I would like to point out that were good success:

As you recall, last year, as chair of the SPBAC and Co-Chair of the PBC Budget Committee, I shared with all of you Budget Priorities in the event we received any additional funding. I am happy to report that the document that was viewed by Senate, vetted in depth by the Budget Committee and was later supported by the PBC was a guide for allocations of new funding this academic year. This was highlighted at our June BOT meeting

The Budget Committee met for the first time last Thursday and we began to conduct a post hoc analysis of the recommendation approved with what new initiates received funding and there was great alignment... Within this, one of the legislative initiatives for the upcoming year is to seek the rest of the parity funding per FTE at FGCU; therefore, your appointed members of the Budget Committee Dr. Carolynn Gishcel and Dr. Arie van Duijn, and myself has been asked to begin to examine priorities for the upcoming year. I would ask all of you to let us know priorities central to FGCU by Tuesday September 17 as we begin to shape priories for next academic year.

While I am talking about the PBC. Through the appointments team and under the leadership of Tom Bevins, we were able to have our nominees in place by the end of spring. Of the nominees that were forwarded, the selected individuals are all in place and membership can be found on the PBC website and also the Faculty Senate website under the SPBAC.. As you recall the SPBAC is the elected members of the PBC and committees...

I mentioned transparency.. We are continuing to re-vamp the Senate webpage to have more timely information and better information to our faculty. Special thanks goes to Ashlyn for her help here.. One major change, when you click on a specific team, you will now see, from the

Senate bylaws, what the team is designed to do. We are also working on having a comment box on the main page.

We are also exploring the probability of live streaming or recording Senate meetings

At the State Level.. Dr. Jan Ignash is being recommended as Interim Chancellor by Chair Dean Colson of the BOG. Dr. Ignash is the chief academic officer for the SUS since 2012. The BOG will consider this recommendation at the September 12 meeting.

I will be attending the BOG Meeting on Thursday, it is in Sarasota...

The next FGCU BOT meeting is Tuesday September 17 here in the Cohen Center.

Also, at our next meeting September 20th, President Bradshaw will be our guest. To enhance the time, the executive team decided it would be helpful to have some questions in advance. This has worked great with the CAS retreats. Please work with your constituents and have the questions to us by Tuesday September 17. Questions from the floor will also be widely accepted, but often times questions are not asked and we wanted to ensure our time with President Bradshaw will be the most productive and ensure all of our faculty questions are answered.

We are about to close, the rest of the time, we would like for you to work with the rest of your college Senators to decide on how you are going to transmit information and ensure quality representation