

# THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE SPECTATOR

## Commencement

Check out <http://commencement.sonoma.edu/> for the most up to date information. Faculty may have a role to play!

## Provost Search results

The following faculty were elected to serve on the Search Committee for the new Provost:

- Matthew Paolucci-Callahan
- Michelle Jolly
- Brigitte Lahme
- Emily Acosta Lewis

Watch for opportunities to meet the candidates.

## Senate on Twitter

Are you following us yet on Twitter?

@SSUFacSenate.

Interesting posts directed at faculty, teaching and issues of higher education.

## Annual Faculty Retreat

*The Faculty Retreat was held on January 21<sup>st</sup> using Zoom*

Check out the URL: <http://senate.sonoma.edu/events/faculty-retreat> to see the various Zoom sessions that were offered. The Retreat went very well and the maximum attendance was 90. The Chair said the conversations at the Retreat were just starting points and he wants the conversations to continue. Contact the Chair, [jeffrey.reeder@sonoma.edu](mailto:jeffrey.reeder@sonoma.edu), if you want to be part of the conversations.

## Chats with the Chair of the Faculty



Chair Reeder has been holding “Chats with the Chair of the Faculty” via Zoom on Tuesdays. They are well attended and quite interesting. He invites various people to attend as the guests for each session

such as the President, the Provost, all the Deans and coming up, the new Chief of Police. Watch your email for the Zoom invitations.

### *New Feature at Senate and Chair talks about Collegiality*

Chair Reeder has instituted a new feature at the Senate meetings. Each meeting we hear from a student at SSU about why they chose SSU, what they think of our campus and their education.

Recently, Chair Reeder gave a report to the Senate talking

## Other Results

At-Large Senator - Sam Brannen

At-Large to AFS - Clea Felien

At-Large to SDS - Krista Altaker

New Members of URTP - Mary  
Gomes, Sam Brannen, Lauren  
Morimoto

Congrats to all and thanks to all  
who voted!

Don't know our acronyms?

[http://senate.sonoma.edu/  
governance/resources/acronyms](http://senate.sonoma.edu/governance/resources/acronyms)

## Senate Business

The Senate is currently  
considering:

- Updating the Syllabus Policy to comply with EO's and the ADA
- Endorsing a checklist for faculty who want their syllabi to be inclusive
- Endorsing a statement on teaching sensitive materials
- Changing the membership of URPT - 7 members, one from each School, the Library and one At-Large
- A resolution on Administrative Encroachment into Curricular Matters

about the topic of collegiality and civility. He said “There's never a non-complicated time, but this is definitely a particularly complicated time. . . As we come back, we're most certainly not going to be all unified in one playbook. . . What's important is not that we try to minimize our disagreements, but how we can disagree with each other in a positive manner, as we move forward. . . If we can center in our minds on the fact that everyone wants what's best for the university and work through our disagreements, with that as our grounding and centering point, that'll help us.”

## Results of the Election!

The Spring Faculty Governance Election is over and the results are in!



*Chair of the Faculty - Lauren  
Morimoto*

*Vice Chair of the  
Faculty - Bryan Burton*



*Secretary to the Senate - Emily  
Clark*