

THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE SPECTATOR

COVID FAQs

Stay up to date with [COVID info for SSU](#).

Senate on Twitter

Are you following us yet on Twitter?

@SSUFacSenate

Posts are directed at faculty, teaching, and issues of higher education

Commencement

We learned at recent Senate meeting that students want a traditional Commencement and faculty want the same by a small margin. Planning for Commencement will work towards a traditional format unless the COVID environment changes.

Faculty Retreat - Pigs are Flying!

We had quite a successful faculty retreat even though it had to be virtual. We started with this thought provoking [Ted Talk](#) and a panel discussion about the talk. Then we had 4 themed sessions with breakout rooms on different related topics. Many thought the retreat was starting genuine conversations and helped them feel hopeful and optimistic. A few said they thought it was the best or one of the best retreats ever offered, even though online. The President joined in the social at the end and the Provost also participated. Thanks to the great leadership of our faculty governance team - Chair Lauren Morimoto, Vice Chair Bryan Burton and Secretary Emily Clark, who had the foresight to survey the faculty about what they wanted at the Retreat. Let's keep the conversations going!

New VP of A&F!



We welcome Dr. Monir Ahmed as our new Vice President of Administration and Finance. He has been responsible for leading budget and fiscal responsibilities at

California State University, San Bernardino, as its Associate Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services since 2013. [More about Dr. Ahmed](#)

Resolutions

Resolutions passed in Fall of 2021

Efforts to Restrict Education about Racism and American History

Senate Business

The Senate approved quite a bit of business at its first meeting of the Spring:

- Department Name Change procedure
- Revision to the APARC charge
- Revision to the Cheating and Plagiarism policy
- Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award process

Please note that all faculty governance meetings are virtual this semester.

There is a proposal working its way through governance to keep the Senate meeting virtual next year for a wide variety of reasons, including accessibility and sustainability.

Chair Chats for Spring 2022

The Chair of the Faculty will hold Chair Chats via Zoom on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our first chat on February 8th was devoted to SSU's identity as a COPLAC campus. Watch your emails from senate-announce to get the Zoom invites to the Chats. The next Chair Chat will be held on Wednesday, Feb 23 @ 2pm. The topic will be "Making Interdisciplinarity Work at SSU: Or - Let's De-Silo"



Interim VP of Student Affairs!

We also welcome back Michael Young, who will serve as our VP of Student Affairs this academic year and prepare the way for a permanent VP of Student Affairs.

Nominations Open for Faculty Governance positions!

Check your email for the positions and nomination information. We are electing Chair of the Faculty, Vice Chair of the Faculty, Secretary to the Senate, Statewide Senator and At-Large to the Academic Planning, Assessment and Resources committee. Faculty Governance is what you make of it! Email Letha Chien, letha.chien@sonoma.edu and the Senate Analyst, holmstrl@sonoma.edu with your nominations.

Watch for more about our COPLAC identity on the Senate website soon.



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