

# Faculty Governance Spectator

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## Faculty Retreat

The Annual Faculty Retreat was held on January 19th in the Library Learning Center.

The Retreat focused on the results of the SSU Distinctiveness Survey (see below) and attendees wrote statements about SSU based on the results and began a conversation about university learning outcomes that could promote our distinctiveness.

Chapters of the WASC self-study were available for review and comment.

In the first session, each group discussed the top four themes of distinctiveness and worked to create what our website might say if we were wildly successful in that theme.

Here is an example from the group that discussed “Close human and intellectual relationships between faculty and students.”



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Faculty Retreat

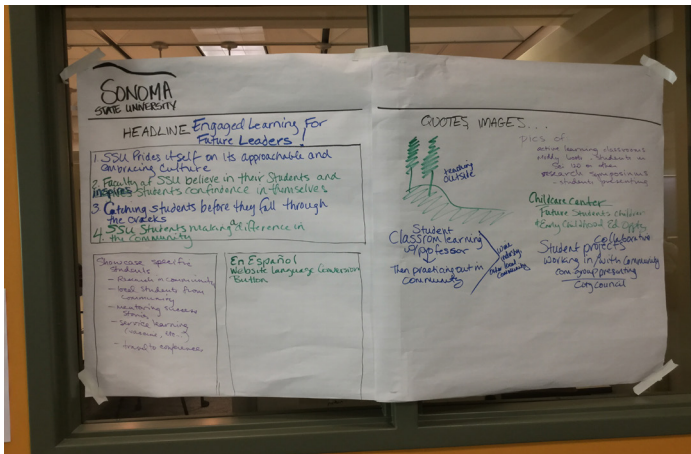
SSU Distinctiveness Survey

Lately in Governance

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Each group was facilitated by a faculty member and a student from the Organization Development Masters program.



Organization Development students, L to R  
Cindy Calhoun-Ulrey, Susan Larson-Bouwer, Milly Ziriya, Shelly Smith, Sonja Drown, Fiona Hardy

## Save the Dates

[Emeritus Dinner](#)

February 9th

6:30 - 9:30

Hilton Sonoma Wine

Country

RSVP Now!

President's Investiture

April 20, 2017

Commencements in

Weill Hall

May 20 - 21

Be there for your School!



Our fearless leader

At the end of the Retreat, Ben Ford led the group in an exercise to further rank university learning outcomes developed during discussions.

These ranked highest for the university learning outcomes developed at the Retreat:

- Students use evidence to frame, contextualize, and analyze complex problems and to inform civic engagement.
- Develop cultural competency (worldly in the best sense, aware of geopolitical truths and perceptions.)
- How to recognize bias in information.
- Our graduates will be prepared for lives of active citizenship and active community membership, with the motivation and capacity to deliberate, act and lead in pursuit of sustainability, including justice.

## SSU Distinctiveness Survey

View the results of the survey at:

<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/useful/SSUDistinctivenesssurvey.html>

## What's Happened in Faculty Governance

The Senate Executive Committee made a statement in response to the rise in hate crimes and intolerance leading up to and following the Presidential Election of 2016.

The Water Resources Management concentration in the ENSP degree has been discontinued. With the merger of ENSP and Geography, the faculty assure that water issues will still be addressed in the curriculum.

The Academic Probation, Disqualification and Progress policy has been revised. Watch your email for notice that it has been fully approved and revised on the policies website.

The Senate received its first budget report from APARC on 12/1/16. You can access the report [here](#).

## Curricular Items approved in Fall 2016

- Revision to the English BA
- New degree - MA in Film Studies
- Revision to the Economics BA
- Revision to the MPA
- Revisions to the ENSP, Geography, and Global Studies Majors
- Revisions to the Educational Leadership Credential
- Revisions to the ITDS - German Cultural Studies BA

Excellence in Teaching  
Award Reception for  
Dr. Lauren Morimoto  
and Dr. Lena McQuade  
March 2, 2017  
Location TBD  
5:00pm

## Resolutions Approved Fall 2016

[Resolution in Support of Proposition 55 on the California November 2016 Ballot: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare](#)

[Resolution Regarding Inclusion and Recognition of Emeritus Faculty](#)

**Departments:** Make sure your emeritus faculty are included in your web listings

[Academic Senate Executive Committee Statement: In response to hate crimes and intolerance leading up to and following the Presidential election of 2016](#)

[Resolution Opposing Proposed California State University \(CSU\) Tuition Increase](#)

## Nominations Open for Spring 2017 Elections

- Chair of the Faculty - one year term
- Vice Chair of the Faculty - one year term
- Secretary of the Senate - one year term
- Statewide Senator - three year term
- At-Large Senator - three year term
- Lecturer Senator - three year term
- One member to URTP - three year term, must be full profs
- At-Large to Senate Diversity Committee - three year term

### LECTURERS!

We have been without a second lecturer Senator for almost two years. The Senate meets alternate Thursdays from 3:00- 5:00.

Learn about **faculty governance** and the university first hand!

The Chair and Vice Chair may be re-elected once. All others can be re-elected indefinitely.

You may self-nominate. Send your nomination and ballot statment to Carmen Works, works@sonoma.edu and Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes, holmstrl@sonoma.edu

## Mini Conference at President Investiture

Deadline for proposals is Friday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. The Investiture Mini Conference Planning Group will announce the selected proposals no later than Friday, Feb. 24.

If you have any questions, please email investitureminiconference@sonoma.edu.

The submission form is online at the link below:

[https://sonoma.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_2fSSqKvjCF0Xfy5](https://sonoma.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2fSSqKvjCF0Xfy5)

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“A governance system is merely a structure that allocates authority, and authority needs to be exercised if even the most appropriate allocation of it is to have its intended effects. . . faculty members must be willing to participate in decision-making processes over which a sound governance system gives them authority. . .if they do not, authority will drift away from them, since someone must exercise it, and if members of the faculty do not, others will.” (AAUP statement *On the Relationship of Faculty Governance to Academic Freedom* - available in the Senate office)



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