

THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE SPECTATOR

Resolutions Fall 2019

Resolution Requesting Hiatus of Policy Prohibiting FERP Faculty on RTP Committees

This resolution requests that Faculty Affairs reconsider their decision to prohibit FERP faculty from serving on RTP committees. (see RTP Policy Revision on next page)

Vote in the upcoming election!

No, it's not that election! It's our **Faculty Governance election.**

Watch your email for the ballot later in February.

Here's a reminder why it's important to vote in any election: http://youtu.be/ar7r5aG_B0Y

We have a few contested positions, so your vote is crucial.

Thank you so very much to all faculty that stepped up for leadership roles!

Annual Faculty Retreat

The 2020 Faculty Retreat was held in the Wine Spectator Learning Center. The topic was **Floods, Fires and PSPS: Adapting to External Disruptions to Your Classrooms.**



We had two guest speakers at the Retreat.

Mike Newland, MA, Director of the Northern California Cultural Resources Group, Environmental Science Associates spoke on "Climate Change with a Cultural Context: An Assessment of What

We are Doing and Why."

And Andreea L. Seritan, MD, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, UCSF spoke on "Resilience Amidst Climate Change."



The two talks complimented each other very well and were video taped. You can see the talks on SSU's You Tube: <https://youtu.be/gSzv2Ke-J9k>

After the talks, we heard from a student panel about their thoughts and experiences during the last shutdown of campus and some were able speak about the fires of 2017.

After all this information, we had a general discussion about various strategies that faculty can use in their classes to mitigate disruptions and suggestion from the faculty to

Commencement

Please plan on attending Commencement. Students find it very meaningful to see faculty at the event.

[https://
commencement.sonoma.edu/](https://commencement.sonoma.edu/)

Curriculum Guide

The Curriculum Guide has a new web address: [http://
academicaffairs.sonoma.edu/
academic-programs/
curriculum-guide](http://academicaffairs.sonoma.edu/academic-programs/curriculum-guide)

Higher Ed Rewired

Do you enjoy podcasts? Check out the new CSU podcasts:

[https://www2.calstate.edu/
higher-ed-rewired](https://www2.calstate.edu/higher-ed-rewired)

Senate Twitter Feed

Do you know you can see the Senate Twitter feed on our home page?
senate.sonoma.edu.

The Senate office follows many higher education Twitter feeds and re-tweets those that might be useful to our faculty.

better help the institution be resilient in this unsettled times. A working group is being convened to discuss the suggestions and will present their findings and strategies later in the semester.

RTP Policy Revision

The Faculty Standards and Affairs Committee is currently reviewing the RTP policy. Towards that effort, a survey has been sent out with specific questions FSAC is considering. A canvas course has been created for commenting on specific ideas and offering other ideas to FSAC to consider. SETEs are getting substantial discussion so far. All tenured faculty have been added to the Canvas site. The survey is anonymous, the Canvas site is not. The Survey and Canvas site will be available all of Spring 2020. FSAC appreciates everyone’s input on this process!

Annual Emeritus Event

The Senate Emeritus Dinner, sponsored by ERFSA, will be a luncheon this year. It will be held on Friday, March 6th at Noon at Legends, Bennett Valley. Check out this website for more information: [http://senate.sonoma.edu/events/
emeritus-dinner](http://senate.sonoma.edu/events/emeritus-dinner). RSVPs due Feb. 21.

Why Serve in Faculty Governance?

Faculty Governance is the intersection of faculty and the administration for decision making, policy development and shared concerns about the University and its future. As former Chair Richard Senghas said in the *Faculty to Faculty in the Future* video produced for our 50th year: “If we don’t participate in decisions, they will be made for us.” Service as a leader in governance or on a committee gives you insight into how the campus works, introduces you to faculty outside of your School and brings your special expertise to the table for decisions.