

Faculty Senate President's Report

February, 2018

President's Staff – There will be a President's Staff retreat on March 13. I will report anything relevant to faculty at the April Senate meeting.

Budget – Planning and Budget Council will meet on Tuesday, April 10. After the meeting, I will update faculty via email.

Senate Vacancy – The Faculty Senate had a vacancy in the Lakeland Business and Technology department. This was due to the number of faculty reaching the threshold of 13 that provides a second seat. Keith Libert has been chosen to represent his department. Welcome, and thank you, Keith!

Passport Photos – I have received several communications from faculty regarding the availability of student photos in Passport. The concern is that missing photos could represent a security issue. I will ask administration to review our current process and give us an update.

Senate Representation Structure – The sub-committee met on Thursday, Feb 1. We discussed several issues related to how faculty are represented on the Senate. We focused primarily on requests we have gotten from Art faculty, asking for a Senate seat specific to art, theater, music, photography, etc. (currently, Arts and Humanities are combined). We drafted a numbers-based solution that would separate Art from Humanities (leaving too few faculty members in Humanities) and then combining Humanities with Social Sciences. I contacted the three groups of faculty for feedback, and the responses were mixed. I will present this to the Faculty Senate and seek guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
--Bill Caldecutt