

Faculty Senate President's Report  
March 2017

1) Presidential Search

- Feb 15 – Committee kick-off meeting  
Faculty members on Screening Committee:  
Bill Caldecutt (Faculty Senate President)  
Rebecka Sare (Faculty Human Resources Chair)  
Jamie Haishcer  
Anthony Cornett  
Ana Maria Myers  
Lee Childree
- Feb 15 – Winter Haven Campus public forum
- Feb 16 – Lakeland Campus public forum
- March 1 – Presidential Profile posted  
([https://www.polk.edu/wp-content/uploads/PSC\\_PresSearch\\_Profile\\_20170227\\_3606.pdf](https://www.polk.edu/wp-content/uploads/PSC_PresSearch_Profile_20170227_3606.pdf))  
Noteworthy attributes include:
  - Understanding of the value of shared governance and inclusion of faculty and staff in decisions regarding academic and administrative issues.
  - Support the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate.
  - Understand, respect, and support the teaching and learning process.
- April 5 – First Screening Committee meeting for the new Polk State President

2) Wireless Network and Cell Phone Reception

The College's existing wireless network has security settings that prohibit access to many online services, and some buildings (particularly LTB) have extremely weak cellular reception.

There is a new wireless network being rolled out, and I have been told that it will fix many (or all) of these issues. It will not be set to block access to services, and so people with WiFi calling capabilities for their cell phones will be able to make and receive calls via wireless network connection.

3) Budget

The Florida Senate has released its initial budgetary plan that includes cutting \$131 million from higher education. Of this amount, 74% would specifically target State Colleges; 15% would be cut from state universities and private colleges. It is early in the legislative process, and the plan is almost certain to evolve over time.

4) Phishing

Please be reminded that Polk State employees are periodically sent internal email messages that are designed to mimic "phishing" attempts. These messages may seem legitimate, but they contain links that are not what they claim to be. Please continue to be vigilante regarding all messages received, and contact Naomi Boyer or Bill DeWitt if you have any questions regarding the authenticity of a message. Please don't click on the links--just delete the messages.

Respectfully submitted,  
--Bill Caldecutt