

Senate President's Report  
September 2015

1) I hope everyone has been able to maintain close contact with their departmental constituents, as we depend on feedback when we vote on behalf of the faculty. For example, prior to the September 14 Senate meeting, all faculty should have gotten a few documents from his or her representative for review and input. We asked for feedback regarding a proposed new attachment for Procedure 1003 (Determining Class Size). This is a detailed list that will be used as a guide for setting the maximum number of students per class according to the course prefix, moving the list from the procedure to an attachment. This is for ease of updating.

2) I also asked representatives to share the "Quality Scorecard for the Administration of Online Programs". This is a self-assessment being completed by Polk State, and faculty have been asked to fill this out and discuss the results at the next meeting. At this point, there is some confusion about how this is meant to be handled, so I will let everyone know once I have a better understanding.

3) I asked representatives to remind their constituents that ALL full-time faculty are welcome to attend Senate meetings. Of course, we operate formally with feedback and votes from Senate representatives, but we are always more than happy to have interested people attend and share.

4) Please welcome two new members to the Faculty Senate! Mike Malone has been filing in for Jim Rhodes, and he has been elected officially as the second representative for Lakeland Math, also represented by Kaye Betz. Also, we have a newly-formed department, Gateway High School, on the Lakeland campus. The new faculty have nominated Erik Roldan as their first representative. We welcome Erik and his new group of faculty.

5) Agendas and other documents will now be by Lee Childree, our newly-elected Secretary. He will be taking over for LouAnne, who has done an amazing job. Thanks LouAnne and Lee!

As always, keep your eyes open for any last-minute items that may come up between meetings and that may require feedback from your department. We want to move as quickly as possible through items this semester, so I greatly appreciate your efforts to keep your colleagues informed.

6) We have been communicating with Naomi Boyer and Bill DeWitt about the technology issues raised at the last meeting. They are aware of the problems some have been facing with laptop updates and with internet filtering. They have some good ideas and they are working on solutions. We will keep everyone updated.

7) I will be contacting all Department Coordinators to begin the process of reviewing the DC procedure. Several people have expressed interest in discussing the process and potential changes, so the Senate will lead this initiative with the help of all interested parties. Please let me know if you would like to help start the conversation. I have communicated with FHRC to ensure that the Senate is coordinated with them as we begin work on the Department

Coordinator portion of Procedure 1006 (Faculty Workload – Academic Accounting System). They are simultaneously working on other parts of the document, and we will work closely with them if we propose any changes to DC compensation.

8) The Planning/Budget Council is scheduled to meet October 13. We hope to have detailed information and options regarding our budget, and we hope to see some progress with faculty salaries. The Senate will be working closely with FHRC as the date approaches.

Respectfully submitted,  
--Bill Caldecutt