



Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

The Executive Committee (EC) met with President Newsom on February 14. In this meeting President Newsom reiterated his commitment to prioritizing faculty and staff compensation when discussing the budget process. He also passed along his praise to both the **Faculty Senate (FS)** and **Staff Senate** for their collaborative work in preparing the new Telework Policy. During this meeting President Newsom updated the EC on Spring enrollment numbers (record highs), the renewed Academic Partnership contract, the new Allied Health partnership with Murray State, and his excitement for the first iteration of the Campus Master Plan. The EC will next meet with President Newsom on April 11.

Since this meeting, the **Salary Card Working Group (SCWG)** forwarded their [recommendations](#) regarding a revised salary card to President Newsom for consideration.

The FS received an [update](#) from the **LMS Transition Committee** during its February 23 meeting. The LMS Transition Committee has narrowed the potential options down to two platforms CANVAS and D2L/Brightspace. The LMS Transition Committee hosted a [LMS Information Fair](#) on February 18 attended by 82 faculty and staff members. These attendees are currently providing input regarding the final LMS decision. Both platforms

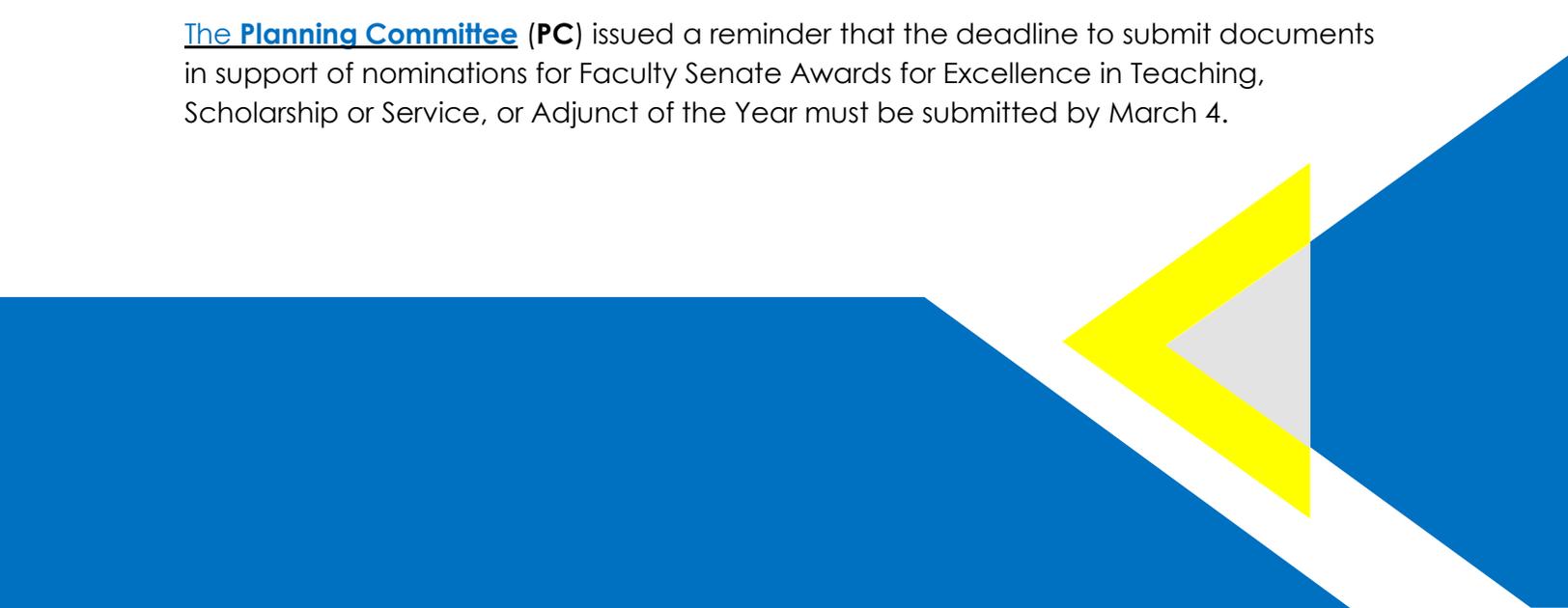


are compatible with Ellucian tools, which provides Southeastern's record keeping services in Colleague Self-Serve. The committee hopes to have the new LMS platform selected prior to Spring Break to present their proposal to the Distance Education Council on March 25. The LMS transition will be gradual – professors will have access to the new platform beginning January 2023, but pilot courses will not commence in the new platform until March. The plan is to have the entire transition completed by Fall 2023. The FS recognizes the tremendous and thorough work undertaken by the LMS Transition Committee.

The **Committee on Committees** (CoC) announced its plans to email all full-time faculty requesting their top three preferences for University Committee appointments in March. The Committee will first attempt to fill all University Committee vacancies based on faculty members' stated preferences; faculty who do not respond to this email will fill all remaining vacancies. The CoC anticipates fifty-five committee vacancies.

The **University Affairs Committee (UAC)** reached out to SGA leadership and will be meeting with student representative on March 1 at 8 am to discuss any immediate concerns Southeastern students would like to bring to the Faculty Senate. The UAC also sent an email out to all Southeastern adjunct faculty (a total of 142 individuals) asking for concerns or feedback they would like the FS to consider.

The **Planning Committee** (PC) issued a reminder that the deadline to submit documents in support of nominations for Faculty Senate Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship or Service, or Adjunct of the Year must be submitted by March 4.



The **Faculty Senate Survey Report (FSSR)** next on February 23 to discuss a revised set of questions. The committee wants to include a question about the [_student ready campus_](#) initiative first stated clearly in the [HLC Open Pathway Quality Initiative Proposal](#) from October 2021 and introduced in the [Shared Governance Forum](#) of the same month. The committee was uncertain as to what this initiative entails, and wants to learn more, suggesting the FS select *Faculty's Role in Building a Student Ready Campus* as the topic of the second planned Shared Governance Forum that is scheduled for April 19. In the meantime, a revised survey will be submitted before Spring Break to allow for wider deliberation by the FS during the March 30 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The first Shared Governance Forum has been rescheduled for March 28 at 2 pm.

As a reminder, the Faculty Senate is scheduled to meet on 3/9, 3/30, 4/13 and 4/27. Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, MARCH 9th, via Zoom.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning your representative body!

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