

# Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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## **FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON MARCH 29, 2023**

The **Faculty Senate (FS)** hosted several representatives from the **Marketing Department**, who gave a presentation about how marketing can help faculty. The Marketing Department wants all faculty and staff to know that they are at our service in helping develop recruitment and advertising for our programs. Marketing does request that all faculty members review their department and directory bios. Any updates to these pages should be requested directly at [webupdates@se.edu](mailto:webupdates@se.edu).

The **Executive Committee (EC)** met with President Newsom and VPAA Golden on March 20, requesting updates on salary card proposal developed by the **Budget (BC)** and **Personnel Policies (PPC) Committees**. During the meeting President Newsom explained some unknowns, especially at the state level, regarding next years budget, and admitted that full implementation of the proposed updated salary card is unlikely to happen soon.

Senator Cotter-Lynch reported on the **HLC Conference**, which she attended as a representative for the FS. She noted three big take—aways from the conference: (1) HLC continues to require institutions' commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives for their accreditation criteria, regardless of new state laws passed throughout the country; (2) institutions continue to fund the development of open educational resources to increase student accessibility; and (3) the only true consensus regarding AI such as ChatGPT is that institutions must view this tech as a tool and not a threat.

Senators voiced their reactions to the Administration-led **Shared Governance Forum** on March 20 that unveiled [SE's new Strategic Plan](#), titled *Vision 2040*. Faculty were impressed with the spirit of many of the proposed action plans, but also voiced many concerns. Many faculty walked away from the SGF with the impression that the plan provided little indication of any movement on the improved compensation front. Others felt that the plan did not address the disconnect between our on-campus experience still being a predominantly online curriculum for many of our students.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

The final Faculty-led **Shared Governance Forum (SGF)** for this Spring, titled *A Conversation on Specific Areas of Concern with ChatGPT*, will be on April 11, 2023, at 2 PM. It will be structured as a roundtable discussion. Several senators will serve as panelists. The FS actively encourages all faculty to submit questions for discussion about ChatGPT to our moderator, Kate Shannon, at [kshannon@se.edu](mailto:kshannon@se.edu).

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The Faculty Senate will next meet at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in Russell 100 and on Zoom.** The Senate will also meet on 4/26. Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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