

# Faculty Senate Chair's Report

## 2024-05-03 Full Faculty Meeting

### Current and Ongoing Items:

#### **Issues Facing Committees:**

- ARPT is working with the EC to post departmental guidelines for tenure and promotion to the faculty senate website in an effort to be more transparent about these guidelines. However, not all departments have guidelines deposited with ARPT. If you are the chair of a department or School that does not have such guidelines, I implore you to begin the process of making them and sending them to ARPT so they can be included on the FS website. Here are the departments without ARPT guidelines:
  - Chemistry & Physics
  - Math/CIS
  - Politics, Economics, and Law
  - Public Health
  - School of Professional Studies

The hope is, that by the time we come back in the Fall, all departmental ARPT guidelines will be transparent and accessible on the FS website.

#### **Other Issues:**

- All are invited to attend "A Conversation with Dr. Ruth Simmons," on Tuesday, May 21st, Below are the event details:
  - 6:00 PM: Reception in the Campus Center Art Gallery
  - 7:00 PM: A Conversation with Dr. Ruth Simmons hosted by Dr. Timothy E. Sams in the Campus Center Recital Hall
  - \*The first 50 people will receive a signed copy of Up Home: One Girl's Journey by Dr. Ruth Simmons.

Anybody who would like to RSVP can email Nicholas Capriola at:  
capriolan@oldwestbury.edu.

**Looking back at AY 2023-204**

Faculty Senate has completed or launched a number of important initiatives in the past year that I want to take a moment to review:

- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) has been resuscitated through a collaboration between FS, TLRC, and the Provost's office
- The College + University Teaching Environment (CUTE) Survey was sent out to faculty and is now being used to set priorities for Academic Affairs
- The Provost Search was carried out in the fall and we are excited to welcome Dr. David Lanoue as provost in AY 2024-25. EC has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Lanoue on June 7<sup>th</sup> so that he can hit the ground running when he arrives on campus.
- Presidential Committees were significantly reduced, including the sunseting of a number of these committees
- The FRRRC Forum on Equity-Minded Faculty Workloads was held in March, where we introduced some tools that could be used to help chairs and departments create a more equitable service load. These tools are still in development at our campus, but for an example see the [slide show](#) presented by the FRRRC chair at the March forum. Thanks to Youngjoo Kim for putting the slide show together.
- A draft of a new Faculty Handbook was created with consultation, and is currently undergoing revisions with input from FRRRC, ARPT, BWG, EC, and the chairs of TLRC and PRODIG.
- The President released his Policy on Shared Governance and Consultation, the first draft of which is available [here](#). Faculty were given the chance to offer their feedback by April 26<sup>th</sup>, and the final draft of the policy incorporating such feedback will be made available.
- Strategic Planning has been ongoing, despite struggles. As FS Chair, I recruited faculty to serve on subcommittees, and worked with members of SPAAR to ensure that extra virtual town halls were held to gather faculty input on strategic goals.
- Student Conduct Guidelines were issued to clarify faculty rights in Administrative Board hearings, and we are currently updating the student code of conduct to clarify how faculty should handle students on interim suspension. To access these guidelines, see [here](#).