Senate Chair's Report January 27, 2015

Welcome back from what I hope was a restive break!

The CSU Campus Senate Chairs had a conference call over the break to discuss implementation of Article 20, Section 20.37 of the new CFA CBA. The article requires campus Senates to establish a policy governing the allocation of reassigned time for exceptional service to students. That draft policy and resolution comes before us today. We anticipate that HSU will have between 9-12 WTUs per semester to assign under the program.

Under SB 580, the California Community College system is moving forward with 15 proposals to establish Baccalaureate programs through the community college system. The CSU Campus Presidents have reviewed the proposals and raised objections to several due to conflicts with Baccalaureate degree programs already offered by the CSU. While there does not appear to be any competition with degree programs offered at HSU, the new programs do raise questions about the future of professional and applied programs in the CSU. I have been assured that campus Presidents continue to monitor these developments.

Finally, strategic planning continues to move forward. A campus-wide strategic planning workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 13. The day will be divided into three sessions, each focusing on the three task forces. Publicity on the event is forthcoming, but I encourage everyone to attend as many sessions as possible. The strategic plan will set the direction for the campus community for the next five years, and it is important that everyone's voices are heard if the planning process is to be successful.