

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate
November 10, 2020

1. **2020 Commencement Exercises:** Virtual Commencement Exercises for May, August and December 2020 will be held on Dec. 19th at 10:30 am. Academic departments and programs are invited to hold celebration events for their graduates (either in-person if COVID-19 or virtual); guidelines for these events will be forthcoming by mid-November. **Action requested of the FS: None, informational.**
2. **Executive Order 13950 on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping:** No update as of 11/6, but may be news on 11/10 pending outcome of general election. **Action requested of the FS: None, informational.**
3. **Faculty Handbook Review and Revision:** This project stalled last year, but staff in the Provost's Office are re-engaging in this process with the goal of posting revised chapters already approved by the Faculty Senate to the online platform. The platform is the same used for our [Academic Catalog](#); see the [Cal State Fullerton Faculty Handbook](#) as an example. As noted at the 9/22 FS meeting, we are still working on Chapter 2-Faculty Employment (changes approved but need to reference information available on HR website and recommend reconsideration of T&P guidelines to recognize contributions to diversity, inclusion and equity); 6-Academic Integrity; 10-The Classroom - would like to combine to New Chapter 6 called Instruction; New Chapter 10- Adjunct Faculty; 11-Curriculum; 12-Academic Affairs; 13-Appendices. The following Chapters have already be reviewed, revised and approved by the FS: 1-Administration; 3-Faculty Leave; 4-Personnel Policies; 5-Travel; 7-Research; 8-Graduate Education Policies; 9-Student Advising & Registration. On the new platform, the format will be different (hyperlinking to topic areas) to facilitate ease of use. **Action requested of the FS: None at this time. Hope to have revised chapters ready for review by appropriate FS committees early next spring semester.**
4. **Passing of two colleagues:** It's with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of the passing of two of our colleagues. Mark Holland, Professor of Biological Sciences, passed away on Oct. 29th after a brilliant life and long illness ([obituary](#)). Mark will be remembered for many things, but perhaps most of all, for the strong sense of community he built for all in his orbit. Al Beebe, Lecturer in Mathematics, passed away on Oct. 24th after a rich life filled with family and many passions ([obituary](#)). We wish Mark and Al's families and colleagues peace in their many happy memories.