

SC Meeting March 15, 2021
Senate Council Priorities - From [February 15](#) Discussion

- 1. Improve communication with senators and faculty at large.**
 - a. SC's constituencies need to know SC's responsibilities.
 - b. SC needs to be more proactive with its communications, which means the Chair and SC office must be more deliberate about messaging and finding new ways to deliver the same message to different groups.

- 2. Provide the best educational experiences for students, support faculty to provide these experiences, and communicate with administration to enlist their support of these goals.**
 - a. Think more creatively about distance learning.
 - b. Review *Senate Rules* to be clearer, as well as ensure that Senate's role on campus is clearly delineated and described.
 - c. Define SC/Senate's role in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
 - d. Acknowledge and act on teacher-course evaluation (TCE) equity issues, including the exacerbation of the problems during COVID, particularly as it relates to the use of TCEs in promotion and tenure decisions.

- 3. Continue addressing faculty concerns related to COVID.**
 - a. Plan for a Fall 2021 semester where many faculty/staff are vaccinated, but students still may not be. In other words, how do we continue transitioning through, and eventually out of, the pandemic?
 - b. Stimulate discussions regarding continued research-related delays related to COVID. It may take a couple of years to understand the effect on tenure/promotion regarding delays in conducting research and publishing articles.

- 4. How do we apply lessons learned from the pandemic?**