

Report of the VP for Academics
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Fred Floss and Lisa will present a workshop on faculty workload as part of the action plan for academics. The date and time are to be determined. Rob Kelly, Chair of the senate's Administrative Review Committee has agreed to give a Front Page Discussion on the revised *Survey of Faculty and Professional Staff regarding Stony Brook Administrators and Services* once the questionnaire is ready for distribution.

The first meeting of the Academic Council has been changed to September 16 due to the meeting of the department representatives with Phil Smith on September 9.

I attended the Chapter Presidents Retreat on August 5-6 in Saratoga with Charlie Mcateer. Phil Smith gave an update on a number of current issues. Flexibility has replaced the A/S2020 as the newest initiative for breaking up SUNY. Rowena Blackman-Stroud described it as the return of the "Rethinking SUNY" model from the Pataki years. The pressure for establishing Tier V is increasing. The only holdouts are the police and firefighter unions and the NYSUT unions, less UFT, which has accepted Tier V. Phil also discussed a DSI report that described the process for distributing DSI on each campus. Each of the chapter presidents gave updates at the breakout session for the University Centers. Stony Brook seems to have fared the best thus far, and Albany the worst. Workload is an issue on all four campuses. Candy Merbler from Albany suggested that chapter presidents from the University Centers have a lunch or supper meeting at the DA. The topic suggested for the first meeting was how to get more academics involved in UUP. The Chapter Presidents Retreat ended with a joint meeting with the Outreach Committee. Jaime Dangler gave a presentation on outreach at Cortland.