

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL
February 11, 2020

ROLL CALL

Members present: Kofi Akamani, Seung-Hee Lee, Chris McDowell, Mickey Latour, Jerry Becker, Marcus Odom, Elaine Jurkowski, Ying Chen, Joseph Brown, Shane Koch, Alejandro Caceres, Jacob Haubenreich, Dong Han, Derek Fisher, Jim Wall, Amber Pond, Robin Warne, Marissa Ellerman, Melissa Viernow, Jennifer Brobst, John Davey, Joe Shapiro, Doug Carlson, Heeyoung Han, Jon Bean, Bethany Rader

Members absent with Proxy: Sandra Fark (Elizabeth Grounds), Belle Woodward (Nancy Martin), Jay Needham (Sarah Lewison), April Teske (Cherie Watson), Michelle Kibby (Eric Jacobs), Matt Gorzalski (Mary Taylor),

Members absent without Proxy: Scott Comparato, Constantine Hatziaioniu

Ex-Officios and guests: Meera Komarraju (Provost), Thomas Shaw (Graduate Council), Lizette Chevalier (APAP), John Dunn (Chancellor), Patricia Saleeby (IBHE)

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Faculty Senate President Olusegun Ojewuyi** – Brought meeting to order. No updates were necessary; President Ojewuyi yielded time to Administration.
2. **Administration**
 - A. **Chancellor Dunn**
 - Chancellor search is making great progress.
 - Reported the Chancellor's Scholars weekend was well attended with 260 individuals and families. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.
 - International Festival Parade of Flags happened on campus yesterday and was well received by students.
 - Reported that it was decided at last BOT meeting there would be zero tuition or fee increases for the system as a whole.
 - Reported that at his last meeting with the Governor he seemed favorable to SIU and the Southern Illinois area.
 - Construction for the new Communications Building is now officially a go. A budget of \$83million is promised for its completion. Expecting to see construction in process by late Spring/Summer.
 - Chancellor continues on the SIU-150 Road Trip and reports there were a lot of donors in Naples, Florida.
 - Capital Campaign is currently at \$94 million and still rising. The original goal was \$75 million.
 - President Mahoney will start March 1, 2020. He will spend first six months in Carbondale, then another 6 months in Edwardsville, but will settle permanently (home and office) in Springfield, IL.

B. Provost Komarraju

- Selected a new Dean for School of Law, Camille Davidson. Will be formalized at the BOT meeting tomorrow or the day after.
- Selection of a new Dean for School of Education is currently in motion.
- Currently interviewing candidates for faculty positions. Looking to hire 35 new faculty for Fall 2020.
- Update on the grade submission effort, the failures to submit grades timely for Fall 2019 was 283 compared to 490 the prior Fall 2018. So great gains have been made but the ultimate goal would be zero.
- Retention efforts: for Fall 2019 to Spring 2020, we are at 91.06%, the highest in 10 years.
- Enrollment as of this week, applications are up by 18.6% and admissions 57.9% compared to this time last year.

****Faculty Senate President Segun Ojewuyi:**

- Weighed in on the issue of timely grade submissions and how it negatively impacts the students.
- Addressed the lack of service on committees by faculty members. Failure to attend meetings and actively participate in committee activities.

C. Associate Provost – Lizette Chevalier

- Julie Partridge is the new HLC Coordinator.
- Reviewers will be on campus Monday. Last visit was 10 years ago.
- HLC required for students to receive financial aid.
- Went over the outline of development and submission of the self-study assurance argument.
- There will be three open forums to meet with reviewers (to be led by the reviewers and not the criterion chairs): 1) Mission Statement; 2) Student Learning; and 3) Finances.
- The forums will be in Guyon Auditorium at Morris Library.
- Encouraged all Faculty members to attend and to encourage peers to attend these open sessions as it helps significantly for the accreditation argument.

3. Executive Committee – Jim Wall

- Reminder that Feb/Mar will start Faculty Senate election process and nominations will be happening in the next two weeks.
- Encouraged senate members to go through their faculty roster and confirm expiration of eligibility.
- Any member who is term limited should not be nominated. Please send emails to Jim so that he can remove them from the list.
- New Senate starts the 2nd meeting in April, there are two meetings in April.
- Confirmed appointments to Judicial Review Board at last meeting. Info on JRB Chairs to be distributed soon (appointed Chair and Vice Chair).

4. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Patricia Saleeby

- January meeting was at SIU Edwardsville campus.
- Successful Communities Collaborative – program that reaches out to local Mayors and ask about some of the challenges they are facing in their communities. They take those back to the University to see if classroom based solutions can be applied.
- Head of Disability access at Edwardsville addressed potential access challenges students may have when they transition from high school or community college into a four year institution.
- In April the Faculty Advisory Council meeting will be hosted here at SIU Carbondale.
- Illinois Representative Katie Stewart joined meeting. She is Vice Chair of the Higher Education Committee.

5. Graduate Council – Thomas Shaw

- Dr. Shih travelled to Taiwan and met with 9 Universities in 7 cities in an effort to expand SIU footprint in Asia.
- Engineering, Business, dual degrees are areas gaining the most interest.
- Had first reading of Resolution on Doctoral/Clinical degree.
- Passed resolution accepting the RME College of Health and Human Sciences.

6. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee – Melissa Viernow

- a. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add a Bachelor of Science in Bio-medical Engineering with a specialization in pre-medical, College of Engineering. – **Resolution passed unanimously.**
- b. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to reduce the number of specializations and to create a new general specialization in the Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies, College of Liberal Arts. – **Resolution passed unanimously.**
- c. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add a specialization in data science to the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Program in the Department of Mathematics, College of Science. – **Resolution passed unanimously.**

7. Committee On Committees – Michelle Kibby, Scott Comparato

No report

8. Governance Committee – Mickey Latour & Jay Needham

Mentioned the need to update the operating papers of senate in near future.

9. Budget Committee – Marcus Odom

No report

10. Special Committee on Reorganization – Jon Bean

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the RME brought before the Committee. Several guest speakers attended in order to state their case for rejection of this resolution. After 35 minutes of discussion, President Ojewuyi suggested the RME be remanded back to the Special Committee for further discussion and clarification. Marcus Odom motioned to remand and was seconded by Joe Shapiro. Vote was taken to remand RME back to Special Committee and passed 14 yes, 7 no and 4 abstained.

11. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee – Matt Gorzalski > No Report

12. Old Business – None

13. New Business – None

14. Motion to adjourn: Amber Pond, 2nd: Melissa Viernow. Meeting adjourned by President Segun Ojewuyi.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber L. Pond". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

**Amber L. Pond, PhD
Faculty Senate Secretary**