

**2021-2022 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes (Session 1)**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Video Conference Via Zoom**

**Time: 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**Session 1 (Chaired by Yueh-Ting Lee, 60 minutes) Open to all from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order: Yueh-Ting Lee**

The meeting was called to order by President Yueh-Ting Lee.

**II. Roll Call: Matt Gorzalski**

Members Present: Philip Anton, Amy Bro, Robert Broomfield, Joseph Brown, Farhan Chowdhury, Lisabeth DiLalla, Michael Eichholz, Scott Gilbert, Matt Gorzalski, Dong Han, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komae, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Stacey McKinney, Patrick McGrath, Walter Metz, Grant Miller, Jay Needham, Amanda Pangrazio, Bethany Rader, Diana Sarko, Joseph Shapiro, Joseph Sramek, Julie Tate, Lichang Wang

Members Absent with Proxy: Jennifer Brobst (Proxy is Lorelei Ritchie)

Members Absent: Eric Black, Ying Chen, Scott Comparato (Excused), Christopher McDowell, Mike Phillips, Matt Rendleman, Jennifer Sherry (Excused)

Ex-Officios and Guests: Lizette Chevalier, Josh Frick, Rolando Gonzalez Torres, Michael Hylin, Gary Kinsel, Meera Komarraju, Austin Lane, Julie Lindsey, Carroll Walker

**III. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2022**

Motion: J. Brown

Second: E. Jurkowski

A vote commenced: 23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 04/12/2022 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as written.

**IV. FS President's Report: Yueh-Ting Lee**

A. Committee Annual Reports/Summary – Y. Lee reported this being his last report as FS President in 2021-22 and will report on what FS did collectively in 2021-22. Y. Lee worked closely with FS Officers, FSEC Colleagues, and other offices and constituencies. FS published a monthly newsletter, FS Updates/FYI, to keep faculty members informed via team effort. Y. Lee was actively involved with SIU Board of Trustees' and built an effective bridge between the FS and various offices and constituencies. To represent FS, Y. Lee and sometimes his proxies attended all important meetings, both internally and externally, almost every week which was reported at the FS meetings monthly. Via shared governance and concerted efforts, the Faculty Senate initiated and implemented several important initiatives, including the following: an Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Education Quality by FSEC; Advocacy for the SIU Faculty members through the Reduction of Racial Profiling related to China-Initiative by the FSWC; Implementation of Parliamentary Procedures by the Governance Committee; Amendment of the FS Operating Paper by FSWC; Advocacy for Undergraduate Academic Success and Mental Wellness at the Faculty-Student Town Hall meetings by working with the USG and FS; and Advocacy for SIU's Shared Governance, Shared Responsibility and Shared Future Vision at the IBHE forum. Yueh-Ting Lee expressed appreciation to FS Office Manager Josh Frick, FS VP Bethany Rader, and FS Secretary Matt Gorzalski for their excellent work for our faculty members. Y. Lee also thanked UEPC Co-chairs Joseph Sramek and Amy Bro and their committee members for having helped process all RME

proposals. He thanked the Budget Committee Chair Jennifer Brobst and her committee members, CoC Co-chairs Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee and their committee members, GC Co-chairs Lichang Wang, Patrick McGrath, and Jay Needham and Ad Hoc Committee Co-chairs, Joseph Sramek, Michael Hylin, and Elaine Jurkowski for their great work. Y. Lee recognized and thanked the nine outgoing Faculty Senators whose term is ending: Matt Rendleman, Philip Anton, Dong Han, Joseph Brown, Scott Comparato, Joseph Shapiro, Matt Gorzalski, Jennifer Brobst, and Christopher McDowell.

**V. Remarks from Chancellor and Provost**

- A. Chancellor Austin Lane additional comments – Chancellor Lane stated that the approved state budget granted SIU an additional \$3.8 million for the current fiscal year, as well as that amount in FY23. The Chancellor said enrollment numbers look strong and emphasized the work of yielding applicants. Latino faculty and staff are hosting an event this weekend for admitted Latin American students. Information about Touch of Nature summer camps has been distributed. The Chancellor encouraged faculty to attend commencement the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the university is still proceeding cautiously on COVID policy. The Chancellor praised the Gray Associates workshops and said more information on the workshop proceedings and data is forthcoming. He thanked Provost Komarraju for her service. The Chancellor thanked the Senate for its work during the 2021-22 academic year.
- B. Provost Meera Komarraju additional comments – Provost Komarraju thanked the Chancellor. The Provost encouraged faculty to remain responsive to students after the semester ends, and to submit grades in a timely manner. She mentioned that the administration is trying to complete hires while faculty are still on contract, and will share enrollment details with J. Frick for the minutes – Fall 2022 and 17 weeks before classes (compared to same time last year):
  - 1. First time fulltime freshman
    - a. 10,402 applications (up 17.5%)
    - b. 9,324 actionable applications (up 38.9%)
    - c. 8,419 admitted (32.7%)
    - d. Registered = 391
  - 2. Transfers on-campus
    - a. 1,526 applications (down 8%)
    - b. 941 actionable applications (down 9.8%)
    - c. 862 admitted (down 11.4%)
    - d. Registered = 206
  - 3. Transfers off-campus
    - a. 350 applications (up 9.4%)
    - b. 215 actionable applications (up 1.9%)
    - c. 200 admitted (up 6.4%)
    - d. Registered – 50
  - 4. Graduate students
    - a. 1,877 applications (up 24.88%)
    - b. 365 admitted (down 25%)
    - c. Registered = 49

**VI. Reports**

- A. VC of Research: Gary Kinsel – G. Kinsel reported to look for news this summer on the request for proposals for intersystem biomedical research grants.
- B. Executive Committee: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See Item IV, FS President’s Report.
- C. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader reported filling 6 Senate seats of the 11 vacant. A special election will be held in the new Senate for the 5 remaining seats. Rader reported the committee has received nominations and information for FS Officers, but no candidate for Secretary. The new Senate will hold a special election for the FS Secretary.
- D. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Co-Chairs, Joseph Sramek and Amy Bro – J. Sramek read a statement recognizing the UEPC members and the committee’s work during the term with 24 resolutions proposed to Faculty Senate.
  - 1. RME for Multiple Changes in the Workforce Education Programs – J. Sramek presented the RME. There was no discussion.  
Motion: J. Sramek  
Second: B. Rader  
A vote commenced: 27 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The Resolution to Approve Various Changes in the Workforce Education Program passed.
  - 2. RME to Rename BS in Early Childhood and Eliminate Specialization – A. Bro presented the RME. There was no discussion.  
Motion: A. Bro  
Second: J. Sramek  
A vote commenced: 27 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME is to rename the BS in Early Childhood as a BS in Early Childhood Education and to eliminate the Specialization in Preschool Primary passed.
  - 3. RME for Renaming Specialization in BS Electrical Engineering – A. Bro presented the RME. There was no discussion.  
Motion: A. Bro  
Second: J. Sramek  
A vote commenced: 27 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME is the rename the BS in Electrical Engineering specialization in Biomedical Engineering to a Specialization in Medical Devices passed.
- E. Budget Committee: Chair, Jennifer Brobst – Y. Lee reported the end of year report will be posted on the FS website.
- F. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – E. Jurkowski thanked her committee for their hard work and gave a brief summary. Jurkowski stated that 22 vacancies were filled for at large committees, formulated FS standing committees, filled 5 search committees, 4 appointments to the JRB, and solicited Senate representation on various non-Senate committees or activities.
- G. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Comparato and Jennifer Sherry – Y. Lee reported the end of year report will be posted on the FS website.
- H. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Patrick McGrath and Jay Needham – P. McGrath summarized the committee’s work, which included creating and distributing the Senate Parliamentary job advertisement, along with J. Needham’s presentation to the IBHE about shared governance. McGrath noted that the committee decided not to pursue a review of, and potentially revise, the Operating Paper for clarification on the relationship between the Executive Committee and standing committees.

- I. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Chair, Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> were members discussed the good news on the FY23 budget increase. Two presentations were given. One by Dave Tretter, President of Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities on “Illinois Higher Education Issues.” The second presentation was given by representatives from National Louis University on “Undergraduate Educator Preparation at NLU: Paving the Way for Emerging Latinx Teachers.” The FAC has prepared the drafts for two documents to deal with concerns on equity and performance-based funding models. Further discussion will be made at the next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. FAC members are also in the process of electing executive members for next year.
- J. Graduate Council: Junghwa Lee – No report.
- K. The Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking: FS Representatives, Joseph Sramek, Elaine Jurkowski, and Yueh-Ting Lee – J. Sramek reported the committee has one more meeting before the semester ends, to plan the work in the upcoming fall semester. More details on the committee’s work can be found in the April 12<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate minutes.

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Recognition of outgoing Senators – Thank you for your service! – Y. Lee recognized the outgoing Senators: Matt Rendleman, Philip Anton, Dong Han, Joseph Brown, Scott Comparato, Joseph Shapiro, Matt Gorzalski, Jennifer Brobst, Christopher McDowell.
- B. Other Comments or Announcements – J. Brown praised Chancellor Lane for his response to the student deaths over the past academic year. B. Rader reminded continuing senators of the upcoming meeting in the second hour.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion: J. Shapiro

Second: E. Jurkowski

**2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes (Session 2)**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Video Conference Via Zoom**

**Time: 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**Session 2 (Chaired by VP and Chair of the FS Election Committee Bethany Rader and FS Secretary Matt Gorzalski) Immediately following adjournment of 2021-2022 FS from 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. (Same Zoom Link)**

**I. Call to Order: Bethany Rader**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President and Chair of the FS Election Committee Bethany Rader.

**II. Roll Call: Matt Gorzalski**

Members Present: Amy Bro, Robert Broomfield, Farhan Chowdhury, Lisabeth DiLalla, Michael Eichholz, Rolando Gonzalez Torres, Seung-Hee Lee, Michael Hylin, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komae, Patrick McGrath, Stacey McKinney, Khalid Meksem, Walter Metz, Grant Miller, Jay Needham, Amanda Pangrazio, Jeffrey Punske, Bethany Rader, Lorelei Ritchie, Diana Sarko, Joseph Sramek, Julie Tate, Yueh-Ting Lee, Lichang Wang, Cherie Watson

Members Absent: Eric Black, Ying Chen, Scott Gilbert (Excused), Mike Phillips, Jennifer Sherry (Excused)

Ex-Officios and Guests: Lizette Chevalier, Josh Frick, Matt Gorzalski, Carroll Walker

**III. Orientation: Bethany Rader**

A. Recognition of New Senators – B. Rader asked that any guests or administrators not to participate in any voting during today's meeting. Rader welcomed back the returning Senators and introduced the new Senate members: Cherie Watson (NTT), Khalid Meksem (CALPS), Jeffrey Punske (CoLA), Lorelei Ritchie (Law), Michael Hylin (CHHS), Rolando Gonzalez Torres (CAM). B. Rader thanked them for their willingness to serve.

B. 2022-2023 Orientation Packet

1. Role of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senator – B. Rader stated that the duty of Faculty Senate is to advocate for the faculty at large at SIU, the faculty within your college, and the faculty within your program or unit. Rader mentioned that advocating for faculty well-being on this campus is, by default advocating for our students and FS gives faculty a voice that's shared with upper administration, either indirectly through committee, or directly at meetings. She let the new Senators know that the Chancellor and Provost attend FS meetings, giving them a chance to update faculty on the state of SIU, and giving faculty a chance to ask questions that they will be able to report back to the faculty at large.
2. Roles of the Faculty Senate Officers – B. Rader stated the FS is headed by the President, Vice President, and Secretary. The president presides over senate meetings, serves as chair of the Executive Committee, has monthly meetings with the Chancellor, attends all Board of Trustee meetings, and shall speak for the Senate in all official matters. The vice president oversees all Faculty Senate and JRB elections, fills in for the president if they are not

able to perform their duties, and attends all Graduate Council meetings as an ex-officio member and reports on FS matters. The secretary oversees roll call, voting, and maintains the records for the Senate. B. Rader introduced Josh Frick (Constituencies Office Manager) to the new Senate and asked everyone to fill out their committee preference sheet and return to J. Frick if they have not done so yet.

3. Roles of Standing Committees – B. Rader stated that the majority of work done by the Senate is through committees. The Executive Committee is comprised of the Senate Officers, the Chairs, and Co-chairs of the standing committees, and the past president. The Committee on Committees consists of 7 members and is assigned with placing senators on committees, which will be appointed later in the meeting. The Budget Committee handles all matters relating to faculty participation in university budgeting. The Faculty Status and Welfare Committee handles general status and welfare of the faculty, including faculty rights and privileges, duties, rewards, and makes recommendations to the Senate on all matters which affect the status and welfare of faculty members. The Governance Committee handles faculty participation in university governance. The Undergraduate Education Policy Committee handles undergraduate curriculum changes such as Reasonable Moderate Extensions and New Units of Instruction. J. Needham welcomed new Senators and added that you act as a representative for your unit and can report back what's happening at the university level. J. Sramek added that your able to understand things from a university perspective as you interact with colleagues across campus. Y. Lee thanked B. Rader for chairing Session 2 and welcomed the new senators. B. Rader reminded FS that the CoC will be contacting you with your committee assignments once the preference sheets are received and compiled. Rader encouraged committees to meet as soon as possible to select chairs and co-chairs, as they will be part of the next Executive Committee meeting. She also encouraged senators returning to a committee to spearhead that first gathering.

#### **IV. Election of Officers: Bethany Rader and Matt Gorzalski**

- A. Voting Procedures Review – B. Rader stated that FS still needs to fill 5 seats and will be holding a special election for those seats. Rader said we will be voting for President and VP only as we received no nominations for secretary. A second call for nominations will be sent next week and a special election will be held to fill the secretary position, with the goal of having that office in place by the May meeting. B. Rader mentioned they are not soliciting further nominations for officers since senators will not have been given a bio or the same amount of time as the existing candidates for review, prior to voting. The voting will be done today by Survey Monkey, a link will be added to the chat after we review the candidates for the positions. Rader stated this method was chosen in an effort to keep voting anonymous, and to facilitate a preferential vote. She reminded everyone that only current and new senators can vote, and administrators, previous senators, and guests cannot vote. B. Rader said there are more than two nominations for VP, so a preferential vote, according to the Operating Paper, is required. On the Survey Monkey you will rank your

preference for VP with 1 being your most preferred and 3 being your least preferred. You will need to rank all 3 candidates.

B. Elections – B. Rader and M. Gorzalski introduced the candidates.

1. President – Yueh-Ting Lee is a candidate for FS President and gave a brief self-introduction. J. Needham asked what a major challenge is on campus that FS can help address collectively. Y. Lee answered equity issues on campus, units not having an updated operating paper, and increasing enrollment as well as faculty lines. Y. Lee also added COVID matters and campus safety. P. McGrath asked what are some of the benefits from serving as previous FS President that will help you moving forward if elected a second term. Y. Lee said it's important to follow the Operating Paper and he has the experience in dealing with the time and commitment it takes to be president. Y. Lee discussed his previous administration experience, as dean, to help advocate for faculty members. Joseph Sramek is a candidate for FS President and gave a brief self-introduction. P. McGrath thanked both candidates for their willingness to serve and asked what are the advantages and disadvantages of having an Associate Professor serve as FS President rather than a Full Professor. J. Sramek stated he is going up for Full Professor after his sabbatical that's coming up. J. Sramek sees an advantage as being close to students and junior faculty that may be going through tenure. Sramek added that being program coordinator, director of undergraduate studies, and being in senior leadership roles in his unit gives him an idea of full professor and being in touch with all aspects of the university. J. Punske asked J. Sramek, with his experience working with undergraduate programs, to speak more on the role of FS and how it can help change the enrollment issues on campus. J. Sramek answered he has worked closely with the VC of Enrollment Management as Co-Chair of FS UEPC, worked with the Registrar, APAP, and with the administration turnover this year, that the continuity the last two years have brought will serve him well. Sramek stated that enrollment is the key issue but not the only issue. J. Sramek stated that it's important creating a supportive inclusive space for learning as we go back to in person learning and the care for students.
2. Vice President – Bethany Rader is a candidate for VP and gave a brief self-introduction. L. Ritchie asked why B. Rader didn't choose to run for president. B. Rader answered she would like to go to Full Professor but COVID has had a negative impact on her research and the president role would take away too much of that time. M. Eichholz is a candidate for VP and gave a brief self-introduction. J. Sramek asked, while being on the lead group, what have you most learned from the Chancellor. M. Eichholz answered accountability. Eichholz stated we are all accountable for helping to achieve this. Walter Metz is a candidate for VP and gave a brief self-introduction. P. McGrath thanked all the candidates and asked W. Metz to explain his support for reorganization. W. Metz stated that he is much in support of transforming the university and will support the Faculty Senate with whatever proposals come forward. Metz believes that public higher education is overly sluggish to survive the middle of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

3. Secretary – No candidates were nominated for FS Secretary. A Survey Monkey link was shared in the chat for voting by J. Frick.

**V. Election of Committee on Committees**

- A. The seven members of the Committee on Committees (CoC) shall be elected by and from the Faculty Senate. Members of the Committee on Committees shall serve a two-year term, with approximately half of the committee being elected each year (<https://policies.siu.edu/employees-handbook/chapter11/opffs.php>).
- B. Rader announced that A. Pangrazio and S. McKinney will continue on CoC with E. Jurkowski and S. Lee volunteering to continue, as well. B. Rader asked for more volunteers. L. Ritchie, L. Wang, K. Meksem, and M. Hylin volunteered to be on Committee on Committees. B. Rader asked for a motion to vote in confirming the members continuing and volunteering for Committee on Committees.  
Motion: G. Miller  
Second: M. Eichholz  
A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; A. Pangrazio, S. McKinney, E. Jurkowski, S. Lee, L. Ritchie, L. Wang, K. Meksem, and M. Hylin are on the 2022-23 Faculty Senate Committee on Committees.

**VI. Committee Preference Sheet (see attached)**

- A. Please complete and send to [joshfrick@siu.edu](mailto:joshfrick@siu.edu) if you have not already submitted one. B. Rader reminded members to submit their committee preference sheets.

**VII. New Business**

None

**VIII. Announcements**

B. Rader announced the winners of the 2022-23 Faculty Senate Officers Election. Yueh-Ting Lee is the 2022-23 Faculty Senate President and Bethany Rader is the 2022-23 Faculty Senate Vice President. Y. Lee thanked J. Sramek, welcomed the new Senators, and encouraged involvement in the standing committees.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion: J. Needham  
Second: L. Wang