

2023-2024 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Via Zoom
1:00PM – 3:00PM

I. Call to Order: Bethany Rader

The May meeting was called to order by President Bethany Rader.

II. Roll Call: Michael Hylin

Members Present: Amaka Anaza, Randall Auxier, Daniel Bronke, Lingguo Bu, Jon Davey, Michael Eichholz, Marissa Ellermann, Scott Gilbert, Michael Hylin, Ghassan Ishak, Elaine Jurkowski, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Sarah Lewison, Khalid Meksem, Amber Pond, Louis Premkumar, Bethany Rader, Jennifer Walker, Lichang Wang, Cherie Watson, Rachel Whaley, Geoffrey Young

Members Absent with Proxy: Stacey McKinney (Proxy Jane Nichols), Walter Ray (Proxy Mary Taylor, Lorelei Ritchie (Proxy Artie Berns)

Members Absent: Gary Apgar, Mehdi Ashayeri, Robert Broomfield, Ying Chen, Arash Komae, Jeffrey Punske, Seyed Yaser Samadi, Diana Sarko, Christopher Wienke

Guest: Rachel Frazier, Josh Frick, Austin Lane, Robert Morgan, Costas Tsatsoulis, Carroll Walker, Andrew Youpa

III. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2023

B. Rader reported the previous Faculty Senate members received the minutes to make any changes/corrections and one correction was made.

Motion: B. Rader

Second: Y. Lee

A vote commenced: 19 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; The minutes from 04/25/2023 Faculty Senate meeting, Sessions 1 and 2, were approved as amended.

IV. Remarks

A. President's Comments: Bethany Rader – B. Rader welcomed the newly elected Senators from the election extension, L. Wang, G. Apgar, K. Meksem, L. Bu, and S. Lewison. Rader thanked everyone for sending in their committee preference sheet. Those committees have been formed and B. Rader asked for the committees to meet and to elect a chair/co-chair before the executive committee meeting in July. Rader congratulated faculty on another semester successfully achieved and encouraged support for students at commencement. Rader asked for a volunteer to count votes for the CAM director tomorrow morning at 10am. A. Anaza volunteered. B. Rader reminded members of the July 18th Faculty Senate meeting.

V. Q and A Session with Chancellor and Provost

A. Chancellor Austin Lane additional comments – Chancellor Lane acknowledged the Faculty Excellence Awards winners; Punit Kohli, Leslie Duram, Tim Marlo, Sabrina Nilufar. Lane shared his screen to show the members of the Chancellor's LEAD Group for 2023-2024; Sandra Collins, Rachel Frazier, Carol Greenlee, Renada Greer, Quiana Jackson, Rita Medina, Khalid Meksem, Amanda Mulch, Dawn Null, Breanne Pleggenkuhle, Taylor Presley, Abby Razer, Terry Richardson, Jennifer Smith, Ning Weng. The Chancellor reported on a few new hires; Provost Sheryl Tucker will begin in June,

Nick Wortman is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Jeff Harmon is the new Executive Director of University Communications and Marketing, and David Shirley is the new director of Institutional Effectiveness Planning and Research. The Chancellor was in Springfield last week for the legislative session. They have put together a few models for the next fiscal year budget and this will be the last year to pay back the financial sustainability plan. Chancellor Lane shared his screen and gave an update on enrollment numbers 15 weeks out; applicants up 20.6%, admissions up 5.5%, and enrolled up 17.5% from last year. The Chancellor encouraged faculty to attend commencement and show their support. B. Rader asked if the enrollment information can be shared. Chancellor Lane will have Wendell Williams send that information to B. Rader to share. Y. Lee asked if the enrollment data includes online students. Lane said the enrollment information included traditional and nontraditional students. Y. Lee asked for an update on the faculty salary study. Chancellor Lane said they are waiting on data. M. Eichholz added they have a meeting scheduled next week with Marc Morris to review the final report draft. C. Tsatsoulis stated he is working on forming an ad hoc committee to progress toward an R1 ranking. K. Meksem suggested having SIU's active researchers involved with the committee.

- B. Co-Provost's Marc Morris and Robert Morgan additional comments – R. Morgan reported sending an email to all deans encouraging faculty attendance at commencement. Morgan announced that Provost Tucker will start on June 15. They have a system-wide initiative to create pathways to graduation by course sharing with SIUE. A few select online courses will begin pilot testing the program this summer. R. Morgan stated that enrollment is up 6% compared to LY and they are working on revising the probation suspension policy. Morgan thanked FS for their feedback on that revision and is looking to incorporate the information. They will then send the policy to FS UEPC for a resolution.

VI. Reports

- A. Executive Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader reported that not all standing committees have elected a chair/co-chair but will by the July meeting. Rader spoke about the discussion of hosting a meet and greet with all faculty and Provost Tucker this fall.
- B. Election Committee: Chair, Elaine Jurkowski – E. Jurkowski reported 5 new Senators were elected from the election extension and they will have one vacancy to fill this fall with a special election. Jurkowski attended the Graduate Council meeting last week and they elected Scott Collins as chair.
- C. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Amber Pond and Cherie Watson – C. Watson reported committee assignments were sent out to all Senate members. A. Pond mentioned everyone received either their first or second choice but if someone would like to change to contact her or C. Watson. Y. Lee suggested more members assigned to UEPC and CoC to help facilitate committees selecting chairs/co-chairs. A. Pond asked for volunteers of each committee to help organize the first meeting and selecting chair/co-chair. M. Eichholz volunteered for Budget Committee, K. Meksem volunteered for Governance Committee, Y. Lee volunteered for Faculty Status and Welfare Committee, B. Rader will reach out to Undergraduate Education Policy Committee.

Motion: A. Anaza

Second: M. Eichholz

A vote commenced: 21 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; The Faculty Senate standing committee assignments for 2023-2024 were approved as present.

- D. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang – No report.
- E. VC of Research: Costas Tsatsoulis – C. Tsatsoulis shared his screen and reviewed graduate admissions. Applications are up 12%, and both admitted and registered students have doubled compared to this time last year. Tsatsoulis reported an I-20 update on financial data and outreach to programs, they are working on a survey for students who decided no to join SIUC, and working on an overview of existing active international agreements. On May 4, they organized an LTR workshop focusing on funding opportunities for the arts and the humanities. On May 5, they organized an LTR workshop focusing on early career faculty awards. As of March 31, YTD proposal submissions is \$105.3M and research awards are \$58.7M. A. Anaza asked if a director for the Graduate School has been selected. C. Tsatsoulis said they should have an announcement later this week or early next. K. Meksem asked how many assistantships are available for graduate students. C. Tsatsoulis said it is a small percentage to the total number and an allocation committee came up with the formula to allocate certain percentages of funds. Meksem asked if this information can be shared. Tsatsoulis said the deans have this information and he has no problem sharing this. M. Eichholz asked about an increase in stipends for graduate students. C. Tsatsoulis said there is talk university-wide for increases, and if not possible more flexibility on spending stipends. K. Meksem suggested a review for how PhD students are compensated. Tsatsoulis said these agreements are through the unions but you're free to compensate students from external grants if the funding agency allows. Senate members encouraged this information be shared with OSPA.
- F. Graduate Council Representative – B. Rader will inquire who the newly elected representative is.
- G. Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Educational Quality: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Yueh-Ting Lee – Y. Lee reported meeting on April 18 and will share the meeting minutes. Three subcommittees presented their work; student success and financial support, academic reputation and relationship, faculty quality and compensation. E. Jurkowski added the importance of work the committee is doing aligns with the University's Strategic Plan. K. Meksem suggested university-wide involvement on this committee. Y. Lee stated several university-wide offices are involved along with students and they have to follow the resolution on how the committee is formed. E. Jurkowski gave explanation on items that contribute to the rankings and that is why the subcommittees were formed. Members discussed the importance of data and using this information to educate the university community. C. Tsatsoulis added that the ranking is only undergraduate.

VII. Old Business

B. Rader reported speaking with Chief of Staff Matt Baughman about the consensual relationship policy and is looking to meet with Deb Nelson from general counsel. This is in regards to the FS resolution to form an ad hoc committee to review this policy and what that committee's role will be.

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of the FS and FSEC meeting schedule for FY2024 – B. Rader reviewed the meeting schedules that were previous sent to Senate members.

Motion: M. Hylin

Second: C. Watson

A vote commenced: 19 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; The FS and FSEC meeting schedules for FY 2024 were approved as presented.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: R. Whaley

Second: C. Watson