

Academic Calendar Committee

- (1) The Academic Calendar Committee met two times during the 2006-2007 school year; one time on September 22, 2006 and the other time on October 17, 2006;
- (2) The Provost is the Committee chair;
- (3) The work of the Committee is never complete. During the last meeting (October 17, 2006), the Committee developed academic calendars for 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Chancellor approved those calendars. The Committee will probably meet again in October 2007 to develop a proposed calendar for 2011-2012; and
- (4) Before the next Committee meeting is held to develop a proposed calendar for 2011-2012, I suggest that the Faculty Senate representative on the Academic Calendar Committee be informed of any concerns about and/or expectations of the 2011-2012 calendar from the Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

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May 17, 2007

MEMO

TO: Prof. R. Viswanathan,
Faculty Senate President
Prof. D. Worrells,
Former Faculty Senate President

FROM: Prof. A. D. Migone,
Faculty Senate representative on the Honorary Degree
And Distinguished Service Award Committee

RE: Report for 2006-2007

There were two meetings of the Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee in the 2006-2007 academic year, both during the Fall (September 26 and November 8).

In the first meeting we were charged by then Chancellor Wendler with the duties of the committee and we selected as committee Chair Dean Gary Minish, who had previously chaired this same committee. The operating paper for the committee was distributed to its members.

At this meeting the issue of the confidentiality that this committee needs to maintain was explained. The reason for confidentiality, in this case, is to avoid creating any embarrassment for those persons that are nominated for either honor (honorary degree or distinguished service award) and are, subsequently, not selected.

Between the first and second meetings, all members of the committee received a complete copy of the nominations for both awards.

During the second meeting all nominations were discussed; careful attention was paid to the rules that applied to the committee in each case; and, votes were taken on each candidate to select the nominations that the committee made to the Chancellor for both awards.

There is, as far as I can tell, no issue involving this committee that necessitates any input from the Faculty Senate.

Ombudsman Advisory Committee

The Ombudsman's Advisory Committee, which usually meets twice per year, met once during the '06-'07 academic year, on 29 January 2007. The committee is chaired by the Graduate Council's representative, Professor Laura Kidd. The meeting followed its usual form in that Lynn Connley, the Director of the Ombudsman's Office, provided the committee with an overview of the activities, problems, and trends noted by the staff. Then, individual staff members identified and discussed specific issues related to student problems and the efforts of the Ombudsman's Office to address them.

The committee will probably meet again over the summer, as it did last summer. At this point, though, no further meetings are scheduled.

Submitted Respectfully,

Michael R. Molino
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Report from Emmanuel Nsofor to the Faculty Senate on the 2006-2007 Search for SIUC's Director of International Programs

First Meeting

The first meeting of the Search committee took place on Thursday July 27, 2006 at 9.00 a.m. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Larry Dietz gave the opening remarks and general guidelines for the search after which he requested the committee to elect the Chair. Dr. William Osborne, Dean, College of Engineering was unanimously selected as the chair. The committee thereafter deliberated on the criteria for reviewing the applications received. Based on the advertisement and the requirements of the International Programs and Services of the university, the following criteria were decided on by the committee:

1. Meeting the minimum requirements as required by the advertisement for the position.
2. Experience with international student enrollment.
3. Relevant administrative experience.
4. International programming experience.
5. Related grants attraction.

Copies of the dossiers of the applicants were distributed to each member for evaluation based on the above criteria.

Subsequent Meetings

The committee met a number of times between July and November 2006 to discuss and screen the candidates. The candidates for further consideration were eventually narrowed down to 7 from a total of 14 applications. The next step was to further screen the number to 3 or 4 to be invited for campus interview. To do this, the committee decided to interview the references of the 7 short-listed candidates after they have been informed and is also confirmed that they are still interested in the position.

The committee however made an important observation. The very low number of applications received was suspected to be due to insufficient requirements in the draft of the advertisement. This probably prevented some very good candidates from applying. The committee requested the chair, Dr. Osborne to discuss this with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs as he seeks permission for campus interview.

End of the Search

The committee members each received a letter dated December 12, 2006 from Dr. Dietz in which he stated that after meeting with Dr. Osborne he has decided to close the current search. He plans to redefine and clarify the needs, objectives, and requirements of the position with the hope of attracting a wider pool of qualified applicants. The letter concluded by thanking the search committee members for our services and requested us to be open to serve again when the next search is announced.



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26 June 2007

R. Viswanathan, President
Faculty Senate

Dear President Viswanathan:

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Search Committee for Director of Recreational Sports and Services.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs had previously developed a job description and advertised the position, so the committee's role began in the screening process with a meeting on March 8th. We had an excellent pool of about 35 applicants. After reviewing credentials, the committee ranked five top candidates.

Vice Chancellor Dietz determined that we would bring the top two candidates from that ranking to campus for interviews and to meet with constituency groups. Those visits occurred on April 23 and May 1.

After those interviews the committee voted to recommend to Dr. Dietz that William Ehling (University of Central Florida) be offered the job. Shortly afterward Dr. Dietz announced that Ehling had accepted the position and would begin in early July, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

I want to acknowledge the excellent leadership of Student Center Director Lori Lynn Stettler as chair of this committee. Her secretary Judy Wood was also instrumental in making this committee a pleasure to serve on.

Thank you to the Faculty Senate for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joey Helleny".

Joey Helleny, Lecturer
Department of Radio-Television

Faculty Senate Representative Report Search Committee Dean of the College of Science, 2006-2007

The initial meeting of the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Science was held on October 27, 2006. Dr. William Osborne and Dr. John Martinko continued their role as co-chairs. During the first meeting, the committee was informed of the timeline for the committee, as well as asked to review fourteen applications, as well as solicit nominations. When the committee met in November, each individual had been asked to rank each individual candidate's qualifications. These rankings were accumulated and a general level for each candidate was provided. Through this process, seven individuals were identified as semi-finalists. It was determined that reference checks on these individuals would be conducted, both written and follow-up phone interviews. Teams were identified to call the references, on and off-list. On December 8th, the teams reported on the reference calls. During this meeting, the committee recommended four candidates be brought to campus for interviews.

These interviews were held in February and March. The candidates included Charles Amlaner, Jay C. Means, John Biggs and Michael S. Jacobson.

As a member of the search committee, I attended each of the candidate's presentations, went to dinner with the group and met as a member of the search committee to interview the candidates. On March 7, 2007, the Search Committee convened to rank the candidates and forward a recommendation to Interim Chancellor John M. Dunn. On June 8, 2007, Don Rice announced that Dr. Jay Means accepted the position as Dean of the College of Science and will begin July 1, 2007. A successful search was completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hackbart-Dean
Library Affairs



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July 2, 2007

Dr. David Worrells, President
Faculty Senate

Dear David:

The past year has not seen much activity by the Computer Advisory Committee. Activity during the year was limited to brief discussions about updates and changes occurring at Information Technologies. Early this spring the retirement of the Information Technologies Director, Mr. Don Olson, was announced.

A University level search committee was formed by Mr. Kevin Bame, Executive Director of Finance, to review applicant's resumes submitted for the IT Director Position. Of the 46 applicant's resumes reviewed, the committee suggested to Mr. Bame that two of them met the criteria established for the position. During the interview of these two individuals Computer Advisory Committee members had opportunity to discuss the position with and ask questions of the candidates.

While the search committee did recommend one of the two candidates interviewed for the position, neither was selected by SIUC Administration. The reason Mr. Bame cited was "the two candidates' skills and talents do not closely fit with our overall needs for a Director". On a personal note, having met with the two candidates as the Faculty Senate's representative on the Computer Advisory Committee, and as an invited member of the University's IT Director Search Committee, I understand and agree with Mr. Bame's concern that neither candidate was ideal for the position. Mr. Bame has indicated that a new search will be conducted, likely beginning in the fall semester. Until that time Mr. Frank Scobby will serve as Interim Director of Information Technologies.

During the discussions with the two candidates interviewed for the director's position, a frequent statement was the need for an active and involved Computer Advisory Committee at the university level. It is my hope that the CAC will be more active in guiding those responsible for computing activities on this campus in future semesters.

Sincerely,

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July 9, 2007

Professor R. Viswanathan, President
Faculty Senate, and
Members of the Faculty Senate
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Dear Professor Viswanathan and Members of the Faculty Senate:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the College of Liberal Arts Dean Search Committee. In fact, I co-chaired (with Dr. Dennis Credit, Dean of the College of Business) that committee during the 2006-2007 academic year. Every committee member worked very hard and did their assigned work in a very professional way. We would not have been able to carry out our responsibilities without Ms. Tina Biggs and Ms. Monica Raines (staff from the Provost's Office). Both of them were well organized and were on top of things always. They have been very, very helpful in every possible way.

The process started by developing the "Position Description." Both co-chairs of the Committee met formally with "the Chairs and Directors in CoLA" to seek their input on the position description as well as on the outlets as to where we should advertise the position. We received 30 applications by the first week of January 2007. The Committee started meeting regularly and the first round vote was taken on January 26, 2007. The committee eliminated 15 candidates, which were not worth considering further, but 15 remained active for future rounds. In the second round, after going through the candidates' files, the committee took another vote on each candidate on February 2, 2007; six candidates were selected and the rest (nine) were eliminated. At this stage, we asked the candidates' permission to contact their listed and off-list references. When Ms. Tina Biggs started contacting candidates for their permission to contact their references, two candidates among the top four withdrew their names. So, we were left with only four candidates.

By the first/second week of March, the Committee got the letters and also contacted 3 to 4 off-list references for each candidate. These off-list references were selected by the Committee. The Committee was divided into four groups to call the off-list references. After this, the Committee as a whole had a phone interview with all four candidates.

On March 26, 2007, the Committee finally voted to invite these candidates for a campus visit. After the campus interview dates were decided for all of these four, one candidate withdrew his name. Thus, we had only three candidates for campus visits.

After all the three candidates' campus visits, on May 11, 2007 the full committee met to discuss the candidates first and then on the same day the Committee as a whole also met with Acting Provost Dr. Don Rice to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates. With this last meeting we concluded our search process.

Acting Provost Dr. Don Rice will soon announce who will be the next Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

In case the Faculty Senate wants to meet with me, I would be happy to come and meet them in any meeting. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve on the CoLA Dean Search Committee.

Sincerely,



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Professor of Economics and
Director of Graduate Studies

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July 6, 2007

David Worrells, President
Faculty Senate

RE: Report from the Student Center

Dear Mr. Worrells;

This is a report from the Student Center, based on your inquiries.

- 1) How often the committee meets? Twice per semester
- 2) The current Committee Chair: 06-07 Chair was Dustin Davis
07-08 Chair is Alexis Allen
The Chair is always a student.
- 3) Ad hoc committee: There are three ad hoc committees.
 - a. Policy and Space-Makes recommendation building requests outside of the “norm”,
 - b. Building services and Promotion-reviews Makes recommendations on requests from outside vendors,
 - c. Parking and Traffic. The Student Center provides a representative to this campus wide board based on the proximity of the parking lot across the street.
- 4) Issues/questions: Not at this time.

Sincerely,

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University Joint Benefits Committee (UJBC) 2006-2007 Activities Report

The University Joint Benefits Committee was formed approximately 20 years ago to be advisory to the Chancellor. The Committee has broad representation, with several ex officio members, and evaluates issues related to insurance, retirement, and leave policies.

The membership for the academic year 2006-07 consisted of the following persons: Bruce Appleby (Emeritus Association), Jake Baggott (ex officio- SURSMAC Representative), Kevin Bame (Chancellor's Representative), Jeff Beaulieu (Faculty Association), Vicki Benson (ex officio- Human Resources), Jay Brooks (ex officio- SURSMAC Representative), Paulette Curkin (A/P Staff Council), Carolin Harvey (Civil Service Council), Karen Jennings (Civil Service Council), Steve Kraft (Graduate Council), Don Mullison (A/P Staff Council), James Musumeci (ex officio- SURSMAC Rep.), Mary Nippe (ex officio – Human Resources), Don Rice (Chancellor's Representative), Paul Sarvela (Dean's Council), and David White (Faculty Senate).

As he has done for the previous three years, Steve Kraft served as the 2006-07 chair of the UJBC. Committee officers for 2007-08 will be elected at the committee's September 2007 meeting.

Although the entire committee works in tangent to address issues related to SIUC employee benefits, the following two subcommittees are in place to more effectively tackle issues related to their specific areas: the Subcommittee on Health Benefits, and the Subcommittee on Retirement Benefits and Annuities. The entire UJBC met 6 times over the past year, with each subcommittee meeting 3 to 6 additional times during the same period.

Concerns and issues surrounding health benefit changes and the under-funding of state employee pension system continued to dominate the committee's agenda, activities, and accomplishments over the past year.

In addition to the informational flyers developed during the 2005-2006 academic year ("*What's Happening with Your Pension? Parts I & II*"), the committee worked diligently in creating a question and answer flyer designed to inform university employees of the state's health care crisis and what effects this may have on health care benefits for both current as well as retired personnel. Despite numerous attempts to get all three documents distributed to ALL university employees via various university internet listservs, the committee was disappointed to learn that many still did not receive these materials. Circulation of said information sheets was, unfortunately, left up in the air as the committee concluded the term. The last action of the committee consisted of a request to the Office of the Chancellor that it take charge of getting these documents distributed.

On the agenda for the 2007-08 academic year are continued discussions regarding political issues and financial realities that may impact employee health care and retirement benefits.

The faculty senate is strongly encouraged to continue dialogue with their constituents regarding these and related developing issues. Furthermore, the UJBC urges members of the faculty senate to keep abreast and up-to-date on any new and proposed legislative developments regarding state employee benefits by subscribing to the listserv set up by John Terwilliger at <http://lists.eiu.edu/mailman/listinfo/suaatalk>. Minutes of all UJBC meetings can be accessed in full on the University Joint Benefits Committee website at <http://www.siu.edu/~facsenat/ujbc.html>.

Respectfully submitted by David J. White,
Faculty Senate Representative on the SIUC-UJBC
July 2, 2007

Faculty Senate Committee Report
July 10, 2007

The Financial Aid Advisory Committee, chaired by Billie Jo Hamilton, did not meet. The Chair, in a telephone conversation with me, said she has, at times, called a committee meeting if a financial aid grievance had been filed. Apparently there are no written duties, mission, or function of the committee.

Melinda La Garce