

As requested by the president of Faculty Senate Dr. Stockdale, I submit a one-page report based on my experience serving in the Ad Hoc Textbook Committee during the 2008-2009 school year.

1. In spring 2009, we have met twice. The first meeting is on 3/24/09, and the second meeting is on 4/14/09.
2. The current committee chair is Carl Flowers.
3. We have made significant progress in the last two meetings. I expect the committee to complete the business by the end of this month.
4. I don't have any concerns right now. The committee is pretty knowledgeable on the textbook cost issues through either own experience (e.g. the author of a textbook) or studying and discussion etc. I expect the committee to come up with some good recommendations.

Thank you.

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**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Summary of Activities 2008-2009**

**Members:** Julia Spears, Jeletta Brant, Pam Hackbart-Dean, R. William Rowley, Sara Long Roth, Gargi Bhattacharya, John Boddie, Peter Gitau, William Novotny Lawrence, Kathleen Plesko, Cynthia Sims, Linda McCabe Smith (ex officio) and Phyllis Khaaliq (ex officio)

The Affirmative Action Advisory Committee met twice, December 8, 2008 and January 16, 2009. Kathleen Plesko is the current committee chair.

**Concerns of the Committee Members:**

- The committee reviewed the MWD report and felt it was important to raise awareness.
- The AAAC reviewed that the language of the Sexual Harassment Policy, as well as how sexual harassment and discrimination complaints are handled procedurally. A report was submitted to Dr. Bryson.
- The committee spent time on reviewing the role of this committee. This included reviewing the AAAC operating paper, as well as past minutes and reports of the committee. The question posed by the committee and by Linda McCabe Smith is “what is it we want to accomplish?”
- The committee thought it might prove beneficial to review the AAAC operating paper, which was last revised in September 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hackbart-Dean  
Faculty Senate representative

## **Faculty Senate Report- Computer Advisory Committee (CAC)**

### Basic Information:

Current Chair: Dean David Carlson  
Frequency of meeting: Once per semester  
Number of meetings since Fall 2009: 2

### Summary of Activities/ Discussion

#### *Fall 2008*

CAC members were invited in Fall 2008 to participate in a presentation by Google's representatives on their email system, 'Google mail'. This was facilitated by SIUC to give the relevant staff an opportunity to learn about the features and benefit of Google mail to educational institutions. SIUC at the time was considering the possibility of adopting Google mail to replace SIUC current email system.

#### *Spring 2009*

At the Spring 2009 meeting the committee was briefed about the current information technology issues and concerns. These include the following:

- i. The Blackboard system is currently being over utilized with respect to its current capacity, and as a result users are experiencing significant delays in accessing the system. Information technology representatives outlined the remedies that were contemplated. The best option, in light of budgetary constraints, was to implement a short term fix. The money for this fix has already been requested. However, in a year or two this problem may have to be revisited for a long term solution.
- ii. The Banner system is being implemented. Faculty would be required to submit grades via this system as of Fall 2009.
- iii. The Gmail system was adopted and will be implemented on May 29, 2009. Prior to adoption, several email systems were evaluated: Google, Microsoft Live@edu, CommuniGate, and Merit. Google comparative advantages include: free service, anti-spam software, assured privacy, large capacity, and high security. Adopting Gmail comes at basically no cost to SIUC, and result in a cost saving of approximately \$150, 000.

CAC requested that the Information Technology unit, in light of the new Gmail system's almost endless capacity, investigate the possibility of allowing students to retain SIUC email address after graduating. Currently, SIUC students lose access to their SIUC email after several weeks of graduating. However, this poses a problem for alumni to join SIUC network on social networking sites such as Facebook.

### Action Required

There are no issues that require the action of the Faculty Senate at this time.

Report submitted by: Garth V. Crosby, PhD  
Date: May 5, 2009

Report to the SIU Faculty Senate on the Library Affairs Advisory Committee  
Jeffrey Bennett, MD  
Submitted to Becky Armstrong

I have been able to attend two meetings of the Library Affairs Advisory Committee via teleconference.

- 1) The committee appears to meet regularly every 8 to 12 weeks
- 2) The current committee chair is David Carlson
- 3) The committee is an ongoing committee that addresses the various issues involved in the organization, acquisition, and maintenance of library educational materials and other resources; finances; and how best to serve the academic community and public as the nature of educational media and information technology evolves
- 4) Various Issues discussed by the committee include:
  - a. Financing the continued operations
  - b. Selection of journals
  - c. Opening of the new library site
  - d. Online publication of non-tenured faculty research articles and scholarly works on the SIUC website

**Report to Faculty Senate 2008 - 2009**  
**Parking & Traffic Appeals Board**

The Parking & Traffic Appeals Board hears appeals of tickets for violations of the bicycle and vehicle regulations, almost exclusively parking tickets. The Board has the authority to waive fines. The Board has one representative each from the faculty, civil service staff, administrative / professional staff, undergraduate students, and graduate students. Tom Furby, the administrative / professional representative, currently chairs the Board. The Board met approximately once a month during the fall and spring semesters. Currently there are no issues or concerns from the Parking & Traffic Appeals Board that require input or action from the Faculty Senate.

Submitted by Julie Arendt – Board Member

DATE: April 21, 2009  
TO: Becky Armstrong  
FROM: Rob Benford  
RE: Report Pertaining to Nonexistent Committee

Please share my report to the Faculty Senate. To my knowledge the Saluki Way Land Use Planning Committee has never existed. I recall being appointed to the committee several years ago only to be informed by the President's office a few days later that they decided against having such a committee. It seemed fairly obvious at the time, and events subsequently would seem to support, that SIU and SIUC administrations were/are not interested in soliciting input from the faculty regarding Saluki Way.

## Becky Armstrong

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**From:** Mohammad R. Sayeh [sayeh@siu.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** 'Becky Armstrong'  
**Cc:** 'Mohammad R. Sayeh'  
**Subject:** Report on Search Committee for Associate Chancellor for Diversity

Dear Becky,

This is regarding a report, as a Faculty Senate Rep, from Search Committee for Associate Chancellor for Diversity.

We met once on April 28, 2009. Next meeting will be sometime in mid June. The Chair of the committee is Harold Bardo. The committee may complete its business sometime in mid Fall 09. So far, no issues requiring input from the Faculty Senate.

Best regards,

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## **Student Center Advisory Board Report for the Faculty Senate**

The Student Center Advisory Board met twice: October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. Since no further business needed discussing in the spring semester, there were no further meetings.

The current committee chair is USG Representative, Jackie Selami, who will be graduating.

The major item on the Advisory Board's agenda was the discussion and vote regarding the fiscal year 2010 budget. The Student Center requested an \$11 increase in student fees to cover the increased cost of utilities, insurance (on the building & contents) and salaries. Since the Student Center is required to keep 8-10 % in reserve, escalating costs necessitated the request for a student fee increase.

Lori Stettler, Student Center Administrative Director, provided the committee with the projected increases in minimum wage (3%), salaries (3%), a possible 5% increase in maintenance, with potential utilities increasing as much as 12%-14% within the next two fiscal years. The budget also accounted for a potential decrease in enrollment of 1.5 %.

A vote on the FY 2010 budget passed unanimously November 17<sup>th</sup> via email vote.

Upcoming items that may be of interest to the Faculty Senate:

- McDonald's contract ends at the end of December, and this will go to bid.
- The book store contract will go to bid in spring of 2010.
- Students have requested that a branch banking facility be opened in the Student Center.

Lori Stettler also indicated that the Student Center will be fifty in 2011 and the utility and maintenance improvements, such as replacing elevators and escalator chains, are improvements that happen behind the scenes. The Student Center is in the second phase of completion with the heating, ventilating and air conditioning energy saving system. This is not paid with student fees, however, but through another account.

The budget seemed thoughtfully prepared, and adequate in its accounting for projected costs and future enrollment. According to the spreadsheets available from FY 06 onward, the \$11 student fee increase appeared reasonable. No further discussions were held.

Respectfully submitted,

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