

Report to the Faculty Senate re: Chancellor/Mayoral Sexual Assault Response Committee (prepared by Jennifer Dunn, faculty representative, July 7, 2009):

This committee meets monthly except for May, June, and December (the 2009 meetings are scheduled for January, February, March, April, July, August, September, October, and November). The current chairs are Christy Hamilton from the SIUC Student Health Center and Megan Jones, the Rape Crisis Coordinator from The Women's Center. We are a committee that was put in place according to the Higher Education Campus Security Act Public Act 88-629. This committee is an ongoing committee without subcommittees and is expected to continue indefinitely as there remains the pressing need to coordinate efforts in the community and the University to address the problem of sexual assault on campus and off.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, SARC focused on education and prevention, creating laminated flyers listing sexual assault response resources that were placed in all campus restrooms and numerous public restrooms in the Carbondale community. A bookmark with important phone numbers was distributed, including to the Faculty Senate, and on the SHC website. The bookmarks will also be included in the Dawg Book for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

SARC is strongly committed to enhancing SIUC's compliance with the Sexual Assault Awareness Act of 2008, which mandates sexual assault education in educational settings. Toward that end, SARC members are developing materials, presentations, and training we hope will be incorporated into the First Year Experience (FYE) beginning with the first FYE cohort (a significant number of assaults occur early in the academic year and among new students). We presented suggestions at a meeting attended by Mayor Brad Cole, Chancellor Sam Goldman, and Dr. Mark Amos, after which SARC representatives met with Dr. Larry Dietz. In addition to the support of the Mayor and the Chancellor, Dr. Dietz offered administrative support for the idea of providing workshops for incoming freshmen and for future work and involvement in the FYE curriculum that is likely to be implemented in Fall 2010. The SARC would like the support of the Faculty Senate in addition to the other constituents mentioned.

Finally, the SARC wants to remind the Senate of the ongoing prevention, education, and counseling work of the Student Health Center ~Wellness and The Women's Center. Christy and Megan are always available for questions, resources, or consultation. The Women's Center would love to do more training with faculty. Last year, the committee inquired of the Senate about particular needs and the outcome was that first-year medical students at the School of Medicine in Springfield would benefit from some sexual assault training. Dr. Gary Horowitz, who made the suggestion, is now a member of the SARC, so that line of communication with The Women's Center is available should we wish to pursue it further.

To: Faculty Senate

From: Nazeih Botros, Co-Chair & Judith Green, Co-Chair
Chancellor's Advisory Review Board

Date: July 2, 2009

Subject: Annual Report - Chancellor's Advisory Review Board

The Chancellor's Advisory Review Board is composed of eight voting members. Of the members appointed for the 2008-2009 academic year, the following provided service: Lori Stettler, administrative/ professional staff representative; Karen Waldron, civil service representative; Nazeih Botros and Judith Green, faculty representatives; and LaCharles Ward, undergraduate student representative. Jo Beth Weber, Associate General Counsel, was also appointed by the Chancellor to serve as advisor to the Board. All appointees attended, participated in, and completed the required training prior to becoming voting members. Nazeih Botros and Judith Green served as co-chairs and appointed Lori Stettler as secretary at the first meeting of the Board's Executive Committee.

The Chancellor's Advisory Review Board convenes when it has appeals to review, but, consistent with Section V.C. of the Board's operating paper, "no earlier than two weeks after the beginning of each academic semester, and no later than two weeks prior to the end of each academic semester." An Executive Committee of the Board determines whether an appeal merits an appeal hearing. An Executive Committee met five (5) times during the 2008-2009 academic year and reviewed a total of 17 cases: November 20, 2008 (6 cases), January 27, 2009 (2 cases), February 5, 2009 (1 case), February 20, 2009 (2 cases), and April 7, 2009 (6 cases). The Executive Committee did not deem any of the cases to warrant a hearing; however, in three of the cases, the Student Judicial Affairs' sanctions were considered excessively severe and reduced. One (1) appeal is currently awaiting Executive Committee review.

Chancellor Advisory Review Board members Judith Green and Lori Stettler represented the Board at a May 1, 2009 Judicial Affairs Symposium held at SIUC in the Student Center. The purpose of the symposium was to solicit ideas and suggestions for improving the university's current student judicial system, being proactive, assisting students in avoiding violations, and improving their experiences once they are found in violation.

Becky Armstrong

From: Michael Young [meyoung@siu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 10:54 AM
To: bmolina@siu.edu
Subject: Rep on Classroom Upgrade Committee report

The Committee has not met since my last report and, to the best of my knowledge, is no longer active.

Cheers,
Mike

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RE: Dining Services Advisory Committee

Dear Peggy Stockdale and Faculty Senate:

This letter is in reference to your request for a written annual report regarding my 2008-2009 representation on the Dining Services Advisory Committee. The Committee did not meet during this school year nor did I receive any communication regarding this committee's meeting.

If you require any other information, please contact me at tamarad@siu.edu.

Have a nice summer,

Tamara Yakaboski

MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2009

TO: Peggy Stockdale, President, Faculty Senate
FROM: Peter Chametzky, Faculty Senate IAAC Representative
C: John Nicklow
RE: 2008-9 IAAC Report

The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee met once a month for approximately two hours.

The current committee chair is John Nicklow.

Every meeting included reports from Athletics Directory Mario Moccia, Associate Athletics Director Kathy Jones, and Faculty Athletic Representative Harold Bardo. The committee heard detailed reports and had productive discussions regarding such issues as student athlete graduation rates, academic support and progress, compliance with NCAA regulations, Title IX compliance, recruitment and hiring of women and minorities, facilities enhancement, and other issues relevant to Intercollegiate Athletics and its role within the university.

Date: May 15, 2009

From: Elizabeth Klaver (s/s)
Professor of English

To: Faculty Senate

Re: Outstanding Scholar Committee, 2009

1. I attended the Outstanding Scholar Committee, 2009, as the Faculty Senate representative. We met twice, once in December to outline our work, and once in early January to discuss the candidates and choose the award recipient.
2. The chair was John Downing, Radio and Television.
3. The committee has concluded its business and has been dissolved.
4. There are no issues or concerns. The work of the committee went smoothly and we were pleased with our decision.



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DATE: July 14, 2009
TO: Becky Armstrong
FROM: Matt Schlesinger
RE: Report for Recreation and Sports Services Advisory Board

The RSS Advisory Board is a standing committee that meets approximately once per month, and is widely represented by a variety of campus constituencies, including students, faculty, and staff. For the 2008-2009 AY, the committee was chaired by Michael Opels, who represented SIUC sports clubs. The primary function of the board is to debate and consider proposals submitted to the board, and to provide recommendations on those proposals to the RSS director, Willie Ehling.

The most important matter considered by the board during its last series of meetings concerned **increases to student fees** for use of RSS resources and facilities. Mr. Ehling was very open and receptive to input from the board, and encouraged all members to express their views. He also provided transparent access to all fiscal information, and included tours of relevant facilities as discussions took place. After student fee increases were discussed and approved, subsequent board matters included: (1) review and approval of architectural **bids for major upgrades** to the Rec Center facilities, (2) reduction of **fees for student families**, especially single-parent families, and (3) a **recognition program for faculty** who have received campus leadership awards.

Looking forward to the 2009-2010 AY—and most relevant to the Faculty Senate—there is interest in increasing faculty membership and participation at the Rec Center (current membership is approximately 100 faculty). Potential programs (that may also be of interest to staff) include on-site departmental mini-sessions (e.g., stretching, yoga, light aerobics, etc.), alternative payment options, and incentives for purchasing family memberships.

In closing, I would like to note that morale on the board is very high—despite ongoing statewide budget crises—and it has been a pleasure for me to serve in the interests of the Faculty Senate. I am happy to receive any ideas, comments, or suggestions, either from current Rec members who wish to share a particular experience, or from prospective members who are interested in joining.

Sincerely,

Matthew Schlesinger
Associate Professor of Psychology
Faculty Senate Representative

**Report:
Faculty Senate Representative to the
Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts**

Dr. Stephen Ebbs
June 10, 2009

This search committee has met on three occasions. The first meeting was run by Dr. Minnish from the College of Agricultural Sciences. During that first meeting, the mandatory video was viewed and the specific charge to the committee was presented and discussed. Samples of previous search advertisements and position descriptions were distributed so that the members could begin crafting appropriate language for this position. The chair of the search committee, Dr. Dave NewMeyer, was selected to before adjourning.

During the latter two meetings, the search committee reviewed and discussed the content and language of the search advertisement. In particular, the minimum qualifications for applicants were discussed. The committee debated whether a doctoral degree was required and ultimately decided that it was. There was also discussion as to whether a candidate must have a Ph.D. in a discipline from within the college. After lengthy discussion, the committee agreed that applicants should have at least one degree in a discipline within the college, but that need not be the discipline of the candidate's Ph.D. Other qualifications for applicants that were discussed were evidence of grantsmanship, fund raising, fiscal management, and so forth. The materials to be submitted by applicants were next discussed. By the end of the third meeting, the committee reached a consensus on the content and language of the advertisement. This advertisement was put forward for approval and release. In addition, an informal checklist page was adopted for use when applicant files are reviewed.

Based upon the projected release date for the advertisement and the anticipated closing date, the committee adjourned for the summer with a plan to reconvene in August to begin screening applications to separate complete from incomplete applications. During the Fall 2009 semester, the search committee expects to begin the process of narrowing the field of potential candidates.

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SURS Members Advisory Committee

The SURS Members Advisory Committee generally meets twice a year, in spring and fall, for about a half day at the office in Champaign-Urbana. The morning consists of an update from the SURS officers and staff on all aspects of the organization's performance as well as pending and pressing legislative matters. Many universities as well as annuitants are represented at the meeting. The afternoon consists of open discussions as well as a legislative subcommittee and a benefits subcommittee meeting, of which the results are discussed with the entire group. The past chair was from Illinois State University, and served well, and the newly elected chair is our own Jake Baggott from the Carbondale campus. Mr. Baggott will be a good person to be in this role in light of all of the legislative changes to SURS that are being discussed. As many of you know, the election of new board members has just occurred and this advisory committee had some oversight on the process, but the mandated turnaround was very short. The election results are now posted on the SURS website. As issues arise that will affect SURS, both the participants and the annuitants need to get involved and talk to their legislators and try to stop some of the misinformation that is being spread by opponents to our retirement system. We have one of the best retirement systems around, and clearly not excessive benefits, and we need to watch after it. We have certainly lost some money in our retirement system as the economy has taken its toll, but SURS is handling the situation well and its allocation has performed admirably. However, our funding liability keeps shrinking, and one of these years the legislature will have to start putting back the "required" SURS payments that have been used for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted

Steven J Verhulst, Ph.D.
SIU School of Medicine
June 2009

**Report of the Faculty Senate Representatives on the
Undergraduate Student Assistantship Committee for 2008-2009**

The Undergraduate Student Assistantship (UGA) Committee met on March 31 and April 1, 2009. Terri Harfst, Academic Scholarship Coordinator in the Financial Aid Office, chairs the committee and processes the applications. This year there were 241 applications for assistantships submitted and the committee had approximately \$650,000 to distribute in the form of UGAs.

During the first week of March 2009, an e-mail was circulated to committee members by Terri Harfst that outlined the process of reviewing and scoring the applications for UGAs that were submitted. The committee was divided into two groups and each group scored half of the applications. Copies of all applications were sent to each committee member by campus courier. Committee members had two weeks to review approximately 120 applications and enter their scores on a spreadsheet that was sent to Terri Harfst for collating. Prior to the first committee meeting, all scores were tallied and applications rank ordered for committee review.

During the two meetings, the committee discussed merits of the applications, the number of assistantships requested in each application, the number of hours requested for the assistantships, the ratings received from the committee, and the amount of money available. Through candid deliberations, it was decided which assistantships would be granted, how many (where multiple positions were requested), and for how many hours per week. The committee was mindful of the number of requests from individual applicants and each college or department and the number of students enrolled in majors listed in applications when awarding UGAs to ensure distribution of positions across campus. The committee also took into account the potential for differences in scoring between the two groups within the committee, although no major differences in the distribution of application ratings between groups were noted. This year, the committee approved 120 UGA applications (149 positions) in 18 colleges or administrative units, totaling \$650,406.11

Issues and concerns raised in committee discussions included the substantial number of applications required to be reviewed by individual committee members and the increasing difficulty in differentiating and scoring applications given improving application quality since the inception of the UGA program. Potential solutions for these issues might include appointing additional committee members and/or requesting that colleges or administrative units rank their applications prior to submission.

There is a continuing concern that increases in the minimum wage are reducing the attractiveness of UGA positions relative to undergraduate student worker positions on campus as well as off-campus job opportunities. UGAs currently earn \$10.00 per hour. In past years, this was significantly higher than other undergraduate student positions on campus. If the desire is to restore that premium by raising the amount paid to UGAs, it will be necessary to infuse the program with more money or reduce the number of assistantships that can be granted. Faculty Senate input into that decision process may be warranted.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Whitledge, Faculty Senate Representative
Loretta Battaglia, Faculty Senate Representative