

## MINUTES OF THE 2015-2016 FACULTY SENATE December 8, 2015

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Philip Anton, Jason Bond, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Shawn Cheng, Terry Clark, Jon Davey, Judith Davie, Ahmad Fakhoury, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Laura Halliday, Andrea Imre, Bobbi Knapp, James Mathias, Jim MacLean, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, John Reeve, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Benjamin Rodriguez, Stacey Sloboda, Robert Spahr, Rachel Stocking, Saikat Talapatra, Shelley Tischkau, Melissa Viernow, Gray Whaley, Wendi Zea

Members absent with Proxy: Lucian Dervan (Bill Drennan proxy), Sajal Lahiri (AKM Mahbub Morshed proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Sandra Collins, Sandy Fark, John McSorley

Ex-Officios and guests: Brad Colwell (Interim Chancellor, ex-officio); Provost Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio); Mike Eichholz (Graduate Council, ex-officio); James Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs); Daniel Nickrent (Department of Plant Biology); Kevin Bame (Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance), Phil Gatton (Director, Plant and Service Operations), Brad Dillard (Associate Director, Plant and Service Operations), Michael Mosler (Physical Plant, Architectural Draftsman), Scott Weber (Physical Plant, Supervising Architect/Engineer), Marjorie Brooks (Associate Professor, Zoology), Gary Kistner (Senior Lecturer, CASA, Off-Campus Academic Programs), Pamela Smoot (Director, COLA), Phil Howze (Professor, Library Affairs)

### MINUTES

Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. R. Netzley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by J. Mathias. Minutes unanimously approved as presented by show of hands.

### REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Andrea Imre** reported that the special election to fill two vacant NTT Senate seats has concluded and welcomed the new members; Ann Garrett (Curriculum and Instruction) term ending 2016 and James Wall (Radio, Television, and Digital Media) term ending 2017. Imre pointed out that the NTT election process was conducted as in the past and found out there were many discrepancies with information provided by Human Resources; these issues will be addressed prior to the start of the regular spring 2016 election. The Joint Task Force for Academic Prioritization met on Wednesday, December 2, 2015; the task force asked for clarification as to whether they could have multiple programs to test the criteria; the task force would like to have unbiased criteria; having multiple programs to test the criteria would help with the evaluation and show no preferential treatment to those who are on the task force; the Faculty Senate Executive Council recommended that the task force stays with a smaller range of programs of different types.
- 2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** stated that he has been visiting community colleges (Rend Lake College in Ina, Wabash College in Mt. Carmel, and Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg) to get feedback regarding the perception of SIU, customer service, and ease of transfer; a new transfer scholarship was introduced; \$500 per semester for students who achieve a GPA between 3.0 – 3.9; the Provost and Chancellor have been meeting with the leadership of the individual colleges on campus; the Board of Trustees meeting is tomorrow, they will be discussing tuition so that it can be announced earlier so parents and students can make their decisions sooner.

- 2b. **Provost Ford** gave an update on Dean's searches: Business will be providing a short list before winter break, COEHS has turned in a short list, both Business and COEHS interviews will be very early next semester, the Library search was closed because there were no candidates that met minimum qualifications, the Library search advertisement will be reconsidered, revised and restarted next fall. The External Campus Executive Director search has moved forward, those candidates are on campus this week. The Center for International Education Director search is open and there are at least 20 applicants from across the country; the search closes on December 18, 2015. Enrollment updates: fall 2016 applications down 750; fall 2016 admissions down 300; bordering state colleges are actively recruiting in Illinois and assuring potential students that programs will be available, which is not the case for Illinois colleges due to the uncertainty at the state level in Springfield. Spring 2016 enrollment is down 1000 students. There are three main holds that have an impact on enrollment: 1) Medical hold: immunizations, mostly impacts new students, there are 400 students with this hold; 2) Consent and respect training, 500 students with this hold; 3) Bursars hold: a Bursars bills greater than \$200 will prevent a student from registering, approximately 400 students still owe between \$200 -\$1000. Some students have more than one kind of hold. Library Journals update: Earlier in the fiscal year, President Dunn asked the acquisitions librarians to hold off on the major acquisitions as long as possible while we waited for the state to get the budget settled. The decision to purchase the journal packages has to be made before the end of December. Two of the largest publishers have allowed SIU to make the payment in two parts. Library access: Several students have asked the Chancellor for longer access to the Library; starting in spring 2016, the first floor of the Library will be open until 2:00 a.m.; it will be staffed by student employees.
3. **Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE**  
T. Clark reported that the next meeting is in Springfield with IBHE staff.
4. **Graduate Council**  
M. Eichholz reported that the Council met on December 3, 2015 and passed three resolutions: Resolution in support of the Addition of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in College Teaching, Resolution in support of the Addition of a Masters of Arts in Pharmacology and Neuroscience, and Resolution in support of Renaming the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Addiction Studies in the Rehabilitation Institute.
5. **Judicial Review Board**  
J. Bean submitted and reviewed the 2015 JRB Annual Report ([attachment A](#)). Bean pointed out that the operating paper of the JRB states that the JRB "chair should encourage the grievant to consult with the Faculty/Staff Ombudsman if this has not already happened." The Ombudsman position was eliminated a few years ago for budgetary reasons. There currently is no Ombudsman. Consequently, the Chair of the JRB fielded questions from several potential and actual grievants concerning policies and procedures. Bean noted that he served as a neutral party explaining the meaning of our Grievance Procedure for Faculty and related policies and procedures and did not provide any advice as to course of action. A. Imre thanked the JRB and the JRB Chair for all of their work and added that it is very important. Imre followed up regarding the Ombudsman and pointed out that the Ombudsman appears in several policies; either the policies need to be updated or the position needs to be reinstated.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl**

No Report

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt / Stacey Sloboda**

S. Sloboda presented the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Management in the School of Architecture, College of Applied Sciences and Arts ([attachment B](#)). A. Imre opened the floor for discussion; none voiced; vote was taken; resolutions passed unanimously by show of hands.

**FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Ahmad Fakhoury**

A. Fakhoury presented the proposed policy/definition to grant emeritus rank to retired SIU personnel. (attachment C).

**A. Imre** pointed out that there is not a current policy regarding the definition of emeritus rank and that is why the Provost’s office asked both the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council to develop language to define what emeritus is. Imre also suggested that the committee check into who will be managing the emeritus designation as it relates to access to Library resources; will it be Human Resources or IT.

**Provost Ford** stated that IT is already talking about changing some aspects of access and she has already raised that question and concern with them.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – Joe Cheatwood**

J. Cheatwood reported that there is still no budget. There is obvious concern with decreased enrollment; 100 students is equal to \$1 million dollars for the fiscal year.

**A. Imre** stated that the Executive Planning and Budget Committee (EPBC) is meeting next Monday, December 14; Judy Marshall has said that the state is monitoring all accounts for cash flow balances; hopefully the state will step in before the balance reaches zero.

**Chancellor Colwell** stated that SIUC is okay for this year; we have reserves; once we deplete those reserves, we will truly be month to month; SIUC will still be open; there is just not a lot of room for error.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Phil Anton / Ben Rodriguez**

A. Imre announced that the CoC Co-Chairs are both teaching at this moment; the CoC report will be given after the presentations.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Deborah Burris / Sajal Lahiri**

No Report

**INVITED GUEST**

Phil Gatton presented information about Campus Lake “Inflow and Infiltration Investigation”. [Click here](#) for presentation.

Daniel Nickrent gave his presentation “Come Clean with Campus Lake”. [Click here](#) for presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Motyl, Secretary  
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