

MINUTES OF THE 2015-2016 FACULTY SENATE November 10, 2015

ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Philip Anton, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Terry Clark, Sandra Collins, Jon Davey, Judith Davie, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Laura Halliday, Andrea Imre, Bobbi Knapp, Sajal Lahiri, James Mathias, John McSorley, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, John Reeve, Benjamin Rodriguez, Stacey Sloboda, Robert Spahr, Rachel Stocking, Saikat Talapatra, Melissa Viernow, Gray Whaley, Wendi Zea

Members absent with Proxy: Jason Bond (Rachel Cook proxy), Shawn Cheng (Jane Geisler-Lee proxy) Lucian Dervan (Bill Drennan proxy), Ruth Anne Rehfeldt (Jane Nichols proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Jim MacLean, Rachel Stocking, Shelley Tischkau

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); Randy Burnside (Political Science); Ruth O'Rourke (OPVCAA); Penny Moon (Office of the President)

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. G. Whaley noted a change under the Executive Council comments. Minutes unanimously approved with corrections by show of hands.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Andrea Imre** reported that after the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council passed their Academic Program Prioritization Task Force resolutions, there were a couple of details to be lined out; A. Imre and M. Eichholz, Graduate Council Chair, have had two meetings in order to finalize the charge of the task force, one with the Chancellor, the other meeting was with the Chancellor, Provost, and John Evans, Director of Institutional Research and Studies; there was discussion about whether or not the Law School and School of Medicine is included in the program prioritization.
- 2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** started by saying that recruitment of quality students is top priority; the Interim Chancellor and Provost will be meeting with community colleges to promote transfer students; advancement and fundraising efforts are underway; these are the part of the budget that can be controlled; a contribution from AT&T was received last week; the contribution will provide support for two SIU programs this year – Rising Scholars and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's East St. Louis Metropolitan Leadership Weekend; Colwell concluded by reminding everyone to be careful and conservative with expenses until there is a final budget.
- 2b. **Provost Ford** provided an update on admissions; applications are down, admissions are up slightly and close to being equivalent to where we were last year at this time; spring registration is currently down by almost 2000 students as compared to last year; down in all colleges and categories; the decrease in spring enrollment may be related to the funding of MAP grants; ethics training deadline was November 6, 2015; as of that date there were 500 who had not yet completed the training; VAWA, Title IX, Clearing Act training must be completed before January 1, 2016; searched for Deans are ongoing, currently no updates; the Deans will be reaching out to the colleges about the Advisory Council for Academic Advisement; the Council is chaired by two major advisors; the Council plans training and upgrade activities for advisors across campus; faculty advisement on the Council is critical.

S. Sloboda asked Provost Ford if the gap in enrollment is related to the change in the amount that students can have on their bursar bills before they can register for classes.

Provost Ford replied by saying that she does not know if that is a factor or not; the decision to change the bursar bill limit was made after one and a half years of discussion and is not taken lightly.

T. Clark asked if the University can write off the debt.

Provost Ford replied by saying that we hope that all debt is collected and the financial aid department works closely with students to help them pay off their balances and offers many ways to do that.

A. Imre asked if the campus safety training is legally mandated.

Provost Ford replied by saying that the mandate under the federal VAWA law is that every employee of every institution that receives federal funding must do annual training; what is not mandated is the specific nature of that training.

B. Rodriguez asked if the people that chose the training knew that it was three hours and added that it is a very expensive use of time.

M. Eichholz commented that colleagues at other campuses had the same training and it was only 20 to 30 minutes.

A. Imre read a comment from G. Whaley who had to leave the meeting to teach a class which was "we cannot proceed with a meaningful program review without revision or some long term plan".

Chancellor Colwell responded by saying that the University has a strategic plan and the operational component evolves. It needs to be clearly articulated if every position is going to be monitored and that kind of thing. That is what needs to be clearly articulate. Colwell added that as far as it needs to be operationalized, he needs to give a clear voice.

3. **Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE**

T. Clark reported that the next meeting is at Triton College and is not able to attend; he asked if anyone is interested in going to please contact him.

4. **Graduate Council**

M. Eichholz reported that the Council met on November 5, 2015 and passed a resolution requesting that administration reconsider the 10% budget cut to the Vice Chancellor of Research Office and none of those cuts to be recurring; another resolution was passed which makes changes in the accreditation review process.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Joe Cheatwood

J. Cheatwood reported that even if when a state budget is passed, it may be months before any of that money makes it to the campus; Judy Marshall's office is preparing for that and protecting funds to carry the campus as far as it can before the budget is finalized.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Phil Anton / Ben Rodriguez

P. Anton reported that the CoC met last week and made preliminary selections for the Academic Prioritization Task Force and will have a final list of members very shortly The NTT special election to fill two vacant Senate seats was put on hold due to inaccurate information and will start up within the next

couple weeks. The new NTT Senators will be at the December 8, 2015 meeting. Anton circulated a list of committee vacancies and asked for those who are interested to please contact him.

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Ahmad Fakhoury

No Report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Deborah Burris / Sajal Lahiri

No Report

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt / Stacey Sloboda

No Report

INVITED GUEST

Jim Allen, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs gave a presentation on the Annual IBHE Program Review and provided those present with program review resources ([Attachment A](#)).

Time did not allow for Daniel Nickrent, Professor Emeritus, Department of Plant Biology to give his presentation about the campus lake. His presentation was rescheduled for the next meeting on December 8, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Motyl, Secretary
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