

**MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL**  
**December, 10 2019**

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Kofi Akamani, Seung-Hee Lee, Jerry Becker, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Elaine Jurkowski, Ying Chen, Joseph Brown, Matt Gorzalski, Alejandro Caceres, Scott Comparato, Jacob Haubenreich, Dong Han, Derek Fisher, Jim Wall, Amber Pond, Robin Warne, Marissa Ellerman, Melissa Viernow, Jennifer Brobst, John Davey, April Teske, Doug Carlson

Members absent with Proxy: Chris McDowell (Rik Austin), Sandra Fark (Elizabeth Grounds), Joe Shapiro (Dave Johnson), Jon Bean (Joe Sramek), Jay Needham (Robert Spahr), Heeyoung Han (Boyung Suh)

Members absent without Proxy: Michelle Kibby (sudden urgent issue with no time to find someone to serve as proxy), Olusegun Ojewuyi (meeting with university donor), Marris Ellerman (last minute conflict)

Ex-Officios and guests: Meera Komarraju (Provost), Buffy Ellsworth (School of Medicine Faculty Council representative), Thomas Shaw (Graduate Council), Lizette Chevalier (APAP), John Dunn (Chancellor)

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS/REMARKS**

**1. Faculty Senate Vice President James Wall** – Brought meeting to order in the absence of President Ojewuyi; No updates were necessary; thus JW yielded time to Administration.

**2. Administration**

**A. Chancellor Dunn**

- Encouraged faculty to participate in graduation exercises
- Reported positive remarks about SIU from his trip to Chicago to meet with Alum of Agriculture Business
- Reported positive remarks from members of the Illinois legislature with whom he met also in Chicago
- 12-11 Going to Southwestern Illinois Community College to sign reverse agreement for transfer students
- 12-12 going to Pinckneyville, IL to meet with local school personnel about SIU activities
- Reported on Board of Trustees meeting on 12/5-6 where funding mechanism was discussed; outcome is that budget will be split 50/50 between SIUC and SIUE for the next three years
- Daniel F. Mahoney from Winthrop University in South Carolina has formally been appointed as the new SIU System President and will start March 1, 2020. He will spend first six months in Carbondale, then another 6 months in Edwardsville, but will settle permanently (home and office) in Springfield, IL.
- Chancellor Dunn suggested that the Faculty Senate compose a letter of welcome to Dr. Mahoney
- Mark Morris is Accounting Director
- Meera Komarraju is now permanent Provost and Vice Chancellor

- We have a new Athletic Director
- Dunn attended an SIU Alumnus event in Los Angeles, CA and reported there was a very nice turn out with great support for SIU
- Reports that CA schools are at/over capacity and he hopes to attract some of these students to SIU; thus he visited Riverside Community College in CA and met with their Chancellor; Dunn hopes to get articulation agreements (CA only does reverse agreements)

**Question Scott Comparato:** Are graduate student applications really down by 50%? Dunn deferred to Provost Komarraju who answered that there is a glitch in the current software that is not counting the applications properly, but she insists that the applications are not down by 50% and are, indeed, being processed.

**Question Melissa Viernow:** Does this apply only to graduate student applications? And Komarraju answered yes, that this situation does not apply to undergraduate students.

## B. Provost Komarraju

- Reported that she presented two reports to the Board of trustees at their most recent meeting: 1) Enrollment Update; and 2) Update on the reorganization process/progress
- Requested that all faculty please submit their students' grades in a timely manner
- Quick Updates
  1. Five candidates for the Dean of the Law School have been on campus
  2. Committees are being formed to search for a Dean of Engineering and a Dean of Education
  3. They are starting the process of selecting Directors of the 5 approved Schools
  4. Five academic advisors are to be hired for the students
  5. The higher Learning Commission is soon to visit
  6. The FS Resolution for changes to Admissions Standards is to be implemented. Although scholarship standards (as advertised for this next fall) are to remain as advertised
  7. Enrollment appears to be improving with 2855 applications for fall 2020 so far
  8. The admissions counsellors working in Chicago and St. Louis are in place and applications from these areas are improving, especially from St. Louis
  9. The FS Enrollment task Force Resolution submitted to the administration is yet to be considered
  10. Dunn interjected that the search for a permanent Chancellor is "on" and asked faculty to look for strong candidates

**Question Joe Sramek:** What does enrollment look like based upon applications? Is there a way to model this? Dunn answered that it is too soon to predict, but 2020 total enrollment is likely to be down based upon the lower numbers of current freshman and sophomores. Larger classes are graduating.

**Scott Comparato:** Confirmed that Dunn was referring to current students and not new ones. Dunn replied that retention rate is important to enrollment and that he would like to have 80% of freshman make it to the second semester.

### **C. Executive Committee – Jim Wall**

- JRB Slate –materials from 4 qualified candidates were distributed to faculty senate members. Motion was made to elect the slate of candidates: Father Joseph Brown, Shane Koch, Randall Auxier, and Jose Ruiz. The slate of candidates was voted onto the JRB unanimously.
- Reminder that Feb/Mar will start Faculty Senate election process as one third of Senate changes each year.

### **D. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Patricia Saleeby**

- She is attending the December IBHE FAC meeting at DePaul University.
- Sent in a written report: IBHE FAC has added some new working groups for the public universities working group
  1. Performance Based Funding – This new group will examine performance based funding practices, outcomes and proposals; and the need for a better definition of student success.
  2. Mental Health – This new group will consider the issue of rising student mental health concerns, broadly; and in relation to HB 2152 (which expects funding recommendations by December). PUC would like to see data collected regarding what resources are offered to students and what education/training is offered to faculty. Members discussed the national concern with student mental health, the interrelated matters of shifting demographics and societal changes, the lack of financial resources to address student mental health needs, and the imperative for a response from higher education.
  3. Competency-based Education – This new group will likely commence in the spring, and will consider the matters of defining and assessing competencies, as well as course length variations.
  4. Rebuilding public universities – Public universities are still hurting financially from the years of budget impasse and from declining appropriations. We recognize the need to rebuild our public universities, but need greater clarity on what to do and how to do it. Factors that have bearing include: an increase in the diversity of Illinois high-school graduates, an overall decline in the numbers of Illinois high-school graduates, and an increase in underprepared and first-generation college students. Statewide, the conversation has largely focused on the loss of students who migrate out-of-state for college. We also need to consider the intra-state migration of students.

### **E. Graduate Council – Thomas Shaw**

Meeting postponed, thus no report

**F. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee – Melissa Viernow**

Introduced a Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for Re-Establishment of Specializations for Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Resources in the School of Earth Systems and Sustainability. Motion to pass was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. Committee On Committees – Michelle Kibby, Scott Comparato**

No report

**H. Governance Committee – Mickey Latour**

- Survey had a large response (334 total) and the Town Hall event went well
- Discussed major issues highlighted by survey:
  - Enrollment – highest priority, enrollment task force resolution has been put forth by the FS; and this task force could be divided into numerous subcommittees as needs were identified
  - Salary –under the jurisdiction of the Faculty Association.
  - Communication – further ideas will be solicited.
  - Overall trust needs to be rebuilt among campus constituencies, especially faculty and administration

**I. Budget Committee – Marcus Odom**

No report

**J. Special Committee on Reorganization – Jon Bean**

1. Reported by Amber Pond: Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to Eliminate the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) in the College of Engineering and Create a School of Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering (CEIE). Motion to approve was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Reported by Konstadadinos Hatziaodoniu: Resolution to Approve the Proposed Rename of the College of Business and Administrative Reorganization to Move the School of Management and Marketing and the School of Analytics, Finance, and Economics. Motion to approve was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

**K. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee – Matt Gorzalski**

No report

**L. Old Business**

Need to get action on Enrollment Task Force.

**M. New Business**

- Lizette Chevalier, APAP: Dr. Chevalier met with Dr. Cheryl Murphy (Chair of the Higher Learning Commission, HLC), Chancellor, Provost and Chief of Staff about the upcoming 10 year review. It will be a comprehensive visit to take place February 16-19. Sunday, 2/16 – team will convene and go to dinner; Monday and Tuesday, 2/17-18 – The team will be on campus with a luncheon on Monday with 2-3 members of the BOT; the Team Chair will speak to the incoming System President; Team will discuss Compliance Report; One Team member (Mozier, MD) will visit the Medical School in Springfield on Monday.

- There are two required reports: 1) Extended Campus, and 2) School of Medicine Reporting Lines
- There will be three open forums to meet with reviewers (to be led by the reviewers and not the criterion chairs): 1) Mission Statement; 2) Student Learning; and 3) Finances.
- The Team “Home Base” will be the Heritage Room in Morris Library.

**Question Scott Comparato:** Are all documents public? Dr. Chevalier affirmed that they are and that drafts are available on the APAP website.

Chevalier concludes that after reviewing the evidence files she believes that SIU is amazing! Dr. Chevalier also requested a spot on the next Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda.

**N. Medical School Report – Buffy Ellsworth**

The School of Medicine is working on a strategic plan and has added a resident to the committee to help craft this document.

**O. Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Jim Wall.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

