

Faculty Senate (FS)-- For Your Information and Updates

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I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

1. The FS met on September 13. All meeting information, including the approved minutes from the July 12th meeting, is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>).
2. At the meeting on September 13, the FS voted for recognition to establish Asian Faculty and Staff Council (AFSC) via their bylaws or constitution. If the Chancellor's office approves, AFSC will be a new cultural constituency similar to other cultural constituencies on campus including the Black Staff and Faculty Council (<https://diversity.siu.edu/diversity-resources/black-council.php>) and Hispanic/Latino Staff and Faculty Council (<https://diversity.siu.edu/diversity-resources/hispanic-council.php>).
3. Our next FS meeting is on October 11. If you have an important matter that you would like discussed at our October meeting, please let us know by the end of this month via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

II. FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

For various reasons, Professors Jennifer Sherry (CHHS), Rolando Gonzalez Torres (CAM), Walter Metz (CAM), Jay Needham (CAM) could not continue to serve on the FS. We appreciate them for their service to the FS and the SIU Faculty. Three new faculty senators were elected to serve on the FS. They are Sylvia Thoms (CBA), Walter Ray (Library Affairs), and Rachel Whaley (CoLA). We welcome them to the FS. For more information about the FS membership, please see the website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/2022-23-fs-roster1.pdf>).

III. PROVOST SEARCH UPDATE FROM YUEH-TING LEE

Serving as the FS President and Chair of the Provost Search Committee, I am happy to give our faculty members a brief update on the Provost Search. The Provost Search Committee has 28 members representing various constituencies on campus. The search committee has been working very closely with the Witt Kieffer Search Firm since summer 2022, meeting in July and in Sept, with several more scheduled in October and November. As part of shared governance and transparency, we will keep our faculty members and the campus community informed as time goes on.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

September 20, 2022

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

FALL 2022 - recap

- New first-time, full-time college student (“freshman class”) was the largest in 6 years with 1,518 students enrolled for the fall 2022 semester as of the 10th class day.
 - This is a 6.8% increase over fall 2021.
 - Retention fall 2021 to fall 2022 was slightly more than 70%.
- Southern Illinois area first-time, full-time college students are up 2.5%.
- About 36% of the student body identify as a minority.
- On-campus housing contracts are up 4.6% overall.
- Overall enrollment is 11,107, down 1.4% or 159 students.
- More [here](#) (or see <https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/090622-SIU-Carbondale-enrolls-largest-freshman-class-in-6-years.html>).

Fall 2023 - preview

- Applications for first-time, full-time new undergraduates are ahead of fall 2022 at this point last year. But it’s early!
- Chicago Take Over events (Sept. 15-17) included more than a dozen visits to high school and community colleges in the Chicagoland area, including celebrating new Saluki Step Ahead program signings.
 - <https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091622-SIU-Carbondale-inks-agreements-to-improve-access-for-Prairie-State,-College-of-DuPage-students.php>
- The University hosted high school superintendents and principals from the southern Illinois region on Sept. 21 to build upon the last three years of tremendous growth in new students coming to SIU Carbondale directly from area high schools.
- SIU Day was held on September 14: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091222-700+-students-coming-SIU-on-Wednesday-to-see-academics-in-action.php>

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- The Fall 2022 semester welcomed 23 new tenure-track faculty members to the Saluki family.
- For the first time, faculty members were asked to submit “no-show/in progress” grade for students during the first two weeks of the fall 2022 semester. This is a critical process that will continue to be refined in future semesters to ensure the university is compliant with federal requirements.
- For the first time, faculty are required to submit “faculty timesheet,” starting this fall. This is to ensure the university is in compliance with state law.
 - There is a webpage with a list of FAQs is here: <https://pvcaa.siu.edu/academic-administration/faculty-time-reporting-faq.php>

- New partnership with United Airlines a huge success:
<https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091422-SIU-Aviation-United-Airlines-partnership-provides-most-secure-career-path-to-the-United-flight-deck.php>

GENERAL UPDATES

- Costas Tsatsoulis, the new SIU Carbondale vice chancellor for research and graduate school dean, was approved by the SIU Board of Trustees at its September 15, 2022, meeting in Alton.
- The new vice chancellor for administration and finance will be announced this month.
- The new athletic director, Tim Leonard, was hired in August.
- Interviews are ongoing for the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, chief information officer, director of human resources and director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Research (previously the Office of Institutional Research and Studies).
- Saluki Takeover Tour Chicago was on Sept. 15-17. A short video recap of the events is here: <https://vimeo.com/751502082/42a50b9fb5>
 - Salukis upset Northwestern University:
<https://siousalukis.com/news/2022/9/17/football-upsets-northwestern-31-24.aspx>
- SIU hosts Fresh Check Day to support students' mental health:
<https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091922-SIU-hosts-Fresh-Check-Day-to-support-students-mental-health.php>
 - Help inform students of on-campus counseling services:
<https://news.siu.edu/2022/08/082922-Help-inform-students-of-on-campus-counseling-services.php>
- Registration Open for the SIU System's Illinois Higher Education Equity Symposium on Oct. 3-4, 2022: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091322-Register-now-for-SIU-Systems-Illinois-Higher-Education-Equity-Symposium-on-Oct.-3-4.php>
- Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month activities: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/09/091522-SIU-recognizing-HispanicLatinx-Heritage-with-many-special-activities-this-fall.php>
- SIU School of Law expands to Metro East area: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/08/081722-SIU-School-of-Law-expands-footprint-to-the-Metro-East.php>

COVID-19

- N95/KN95 masks continue to be available on an as-needed basis for all employees and students.
- Latest update to campus was on August 15 can be found [here](https://siu.edu/coronavirus/campus-messages.php) (or see <https://siu.edu/coronavirus/campus-messages.php>).

We wish you a great Fall semester. Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!