

**MINUTES OF THE 2014-2015 FACULTY SENATE**  
**April 14, 2015**

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Philip Anton, Joe Cheatwood, Terry Clark, Judith Davie, Lucian Dervan, Bruce DeVantier, Mark Dolan, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, Jordan Forbes, David Gilbert, Edward Heist, Eric Holzmuller, Holly Hurlburt, Andrea Imre, Carolyn Kingcade, James MacLean, John McSorley, Nancy Martin, Howard Motyl, James Phegley, John Reeve, Benjamin Rodriguez, Stacey Sloboda, Rachel Stocking Gray Whaley, Lyle White, Mingqing Xiao

Members absent with Proxy: George Boulukos (Yasuko Taoka proxy), Sajal Lahiri (AKM Mahbub Morshed proxy), Ruth Anne Rehfeldt (Stacy Thompson proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Anthony Fleege, Edward Gershburg, Laura Halliday, Rachel Whaley

Visitors and guests: James Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs), Provost Susan Ford (ex-officio)

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting were presented. H. Hurlburt moved to approve the minutes as presented. A. Imre seconded. 30 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstain. Minutes approved as presented.

**REPORTS/REMARKS**

1. **Jim MacLean** reported that the Executive Council had a lot of discussion about the Credit Hour Policy and Program Prioritization request. MacLean noted that the Credit Hour Policy will probably be handled by the UEPC. MacLean also noted that because of the unclear nature of what the Senate is being asked to do in regards to the Program Prioritization; the Executive Council has asked the President to present the Senate with a white paper stating specifically task to be completed.

**H. Hurlburt** recommended that the word "prioritization" not be used because it suggests hierarchy and suggested the word "assessment".

- 2a. **President Dunn**  
No Report
- 2b. **Provost Ford** started by talking about the budget; the State has not asked for a considerable amount of funds to be returned; it has asked for 2.5% which will come out of the contingency fund and will have minimal impact for FY15 operations. Ford added that cuts to State agencies impact the University as well as the Governor's cuts; Coal Research Center and Autism Center grants. Ford continued by saying that FY16 will be what legislature says and that the final budget may be as late as mid-June. Ford stated that President Dunn is working aggressively with the Executive Planning and Budget Committee (EPBC) to prepare to respond when budget cuts are announced.

**H. Hurlburt** voiced concern about Governor Rauner's invitation to speak at graduation and stated that this is obvious a question for the President, but feels it is important for this body to hear. Hurlburt continued by saying that because of the discontinued grants for the Coal Research Center and Autism Center, it raises the question of the appropriateness of the Governor's attendance at graduation.

**Provost Ford** responded by saying that she and President Dunn had a discussion about this. Ford stated that President Dunn explained that the invitation was extended prior to the

announcement of the budget; rescinding the invitation is not an option; and this should be viewed as an opportunity for Governor Rauner to be on the campus of SIUC and see what it is we do.

**P. Anton** voiced concern that graduation day is about the students and their accomplishments and that perhaps the governor should be invited to SIU another day.

**J. MacLean** voiced concern about the number of students who will not participate in the graduation ceremony if the governor attends.

**H. Hurlburt** stated that students should have the right to protest the governor's attendance without it being "sanitized".

**Provost Ford** replied that to her knowledge, no one on campus has said anything negative about the petitions that have been started and that the focus is on keeping everybody safe; allowing for freedom of expression.

**H. Hurlburt** asked if there is an administrative layer in the proposed budget cut model.

**Provost Ford** responded by saying that she believes that the administrative layers are included within the proposed cuts in each area.

**T. Clark** restated the Holly's question and clarified that the administrative layer she is referring to is higher administration, not at the college level.

**Provost Ford** replied by reviewing the number of Provosts at SIU.

**R. Stocking** suggested that a reduction in upper administrative salaries may be an option.

**Provost Ford** replied by noting that upper administrative salaries at SIU are already lower as compared to peers in the industry, but lowering salaries is certainly an option.

**R. Stocking** voiced concern about the process of determining where departments are placed in the proposed budget cuts model. Stocking made the point that when talking about prioritization/assessing of programs/units, the same principle and the same participants should be part of the process as it is applied to not only the units and administrative levels, but to the upper administrative levels as well.

**Provost Ford** responded by saying that at the last EPBC meeting, President Dunn raised that same concern and there was conversation that the metrics of evaluating an individual would be different.

**A. Imre** commented that President Dunn has already asked Human Resources for a list of administrative personnel and that a committee consisting of Faculty, AP Staff, Civil Service, Administration and Students will be developed. Imre added it is her understanding that legislatures have asked for information as well.

**Provost Ford** added that the legislatures asked for a list of how many faculty are at SIUC and what their teaching/course loads are. They asked about research centers; how much money they generate and how many NTT they have. They asked how many administrators and administrative offices SIU has. Ford stated that SIU is being looked at externally as well as internally.

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

Terry Clark reported that he was not able to attend the most recent meeting at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, and would give an update when the minutes from that meeting are published.

4. **Graduate Council**

Judy Davie reported that the Graduate Council/Faculty Senate joint task force is moving forward with gathering information regarding the potential change in reporting lines for the SIU professional schools. Davie also reported that the Graduate Council will also be working jointly with the Senate regarding the Assessment of Programs and Credit Hour Definition Policy.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sajal Lahiri**

No report

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – Andrea Imre**

A. Imre reported that the EPBC is meeting every two weeks. Units represented on the outside layer of the circular budget cuts model that have outside funding and receive State funding have been asked to provide the committee with impact statements reflecting a 50% reduction in funding. Units represented in the second layer are units that receive close to 100% State funding and are not academic units; these units have been asked to provide an impact statement reflecting a 15% reduction in funding.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Terry Clark**

No Report

**FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Holly Hurlburt / Anthony Fleege**

H. Hurlburt reported that a draft of an Exit Survey has been presented to the Deans for their review.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Gray Whaley**

No Report

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Bruce DeVantier / Rachel Whaley.**

B. DeVantier read the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Reallocation of the Professional Construction Management Specialization in the Technical Resource Management Program to the Architectural Studies Program in the School of Architecture, College of Applied Sciences and Arts with name change to Construction Management and Operations Specialization.

J. MacLean asked for comment or discussion. H. Hurlburt recommended a friendly amendment to take out the work "nearly" in the second "whereas". There was no further discussion. MacLean called for a vote on the resolution with the friendly amendment. Vote was taken by show of hands. Resolution passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Anton, Secretary  
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