

**MINUTES OF THE 2014-2015 FACULTY SENATE**  
**April 28, 2015**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members absent with Proxy:

Members absent without Proxy: Bruce DeVantier, Edward Gershburg, Sajal Lahiri, Rachel Whaley, Mingqing Xiao

Visitors and guests: James Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs), Provost Susan Ford (ex-officio), Mohammad Sayeh (Engineering), Caleb Hale (Alumni Services), Michelle Suarez (Alumni Services)

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting will be presented for approval at the May 12, 2015 meeting.

**REPORTS/REMARKS**

1. **Jim MacLean** presented a resolution in support of Bill H.R. 275, currently before the US Congress, to establish a Presidential Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics ([Attachment A](#)) After reading the resolution, MacLean asked for comments and discussion. A recommendation was made to take out the "Be it further resolved" since contacting Congress during University time and using University computers to do so is against the Ethic Policy. No other discussion. Vote was taken by show of hands. 29 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstain.

MacLean asked if there were any comments or discussion regarding the final report of the Faculty Senate President ([Attachment B](#)).

- 2a. **President Dunn**  
No Report
- 2b. **Provost Ford** reported that admissions for admissions are up and applications for MA and PhD are down. Ford went on to say that effective May 1, provisional students will not be admitted which may impact the bottom line of enrollment for the fall, but it is felt that this is best practice. Ford stated that she is working with President Dunn on an official charge for the joint effort of the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council to evaluate programs on campus. Ford reported that the Board of Trustees approved a 5% raise in tuition and an increase for the student health care fee.

**G. Whaley** asked Provost Ford to address the "No new contracts policy for GS's" and added that it is an awful policy and needs to be rescinded because it has created a situation where departments that were able to get contracts in by the arbitrary date have funded GA's and other departments have none.

**Provost Ford** responded by saying that there is no clear signal out of Springfield about the budget. This makes planning impossible. Ford added that there have been a lot of conversations about this concern and everyone is well aware that taking GA contracts will affect SIU students. Ford stated that those who wrote contracts will have contracts and

added that she supports President Dunn's decision to keep moving forward. SIU will be the first to show their hand. The consequence of budget cuts becoming visible may need to happen to get the attention of the governor.

**G. Whaley** stated that GA's are very implemental in the teaching of foundational core courses and because of this decision, there are departments in the foundational courses that do not have GA's to teach them.

**Provost Ford** replied that the Chairs of the affected areas have assurances in place if there are not GA's for these courses.

**A. Imre** commented that perhaps these decisions should be made public so that the impact of the proposed budget cuts can make the news. Imre added that she is concerned about the timing of the final decisions being made during the summer when a lot of faculty are not on campus and asked that people are kept informed during the summer.

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

Terry Clark reported that the FAC met at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, and he would give an update when the minutes from that meeting are published.

4. **Graduate Council**

No report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sajal Lahiri**

No report

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – Andrea Imre**

Final report ([Attachment C](#))

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Terry Clark**

Final report ([Attachment D](#))

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

Final report ([Attachment E](#))

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Gray Whaley**

Final report ([Attachment F](#))

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

Final report ([Attachment G](#))

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**INVITED GUESTS**

Caleb Hale and Michelle Suarez from Alumni Services spoke briefly to those present about what Alumni Services provides. More information can be found on their website.

(<http://sialumni.com/s/664/2012/start.aspx>)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Anton, Secretary  
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