

**MINUTES OF THE 2015-2016 FACULTY SENATE**  
**May 12, 2015**

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Philip Anton, Jason Bond, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Sandra Collins, Jon Davey, Judith Davie, Mike Eichholz, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, Jordan Forbes, David Gilbert, Laura Halliday, Bobbi Knapp, James MacLean, James Mathias, John McSorley, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, John Reeve, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Stacey Sloboda, Robert Spahr, Rachel Stocking, Saikat Talapatra, Melissa Viernow, Gray Whaley, Wendi Zea

Members absent with Proxy: Qiang (Shawn) Cheng (proxy Jane Geisler-Lee), Lucian Dervan (proxy Bill Drennan), Andrea Imre (proxy Gray Whaley), Sajal Lahiri (Mahbub Morshed)

Members absent without Proxy: Terry Clark, Tobin Grant, Benjamin Rodriguez, Shelley Tischkau

Visitors and guests: James Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs), Randy Dunn (SIU President/Acting Chancellor), Provost Susan Ford (ex-officio)

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. J. Bond moved to approve the minutes as presented. L. Halliday seconded. 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Minutes approved as presented.

Minutes of the regular meeting on April 28, 2015 were presented for approval. J. Bond moved to approve the minutes as presented. P. Anton seconded. 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Minutes approved as presented.

Minutes of the organizational meeting on April 28, 2015 were presented for approval. R. Netzley moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Forbes seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved as presented.

**REPORTS/REMARKS**

1. **Gray Whaley** presented a brief report for the Faculty President. Whaley stated that the Executive Council will be discussing the proposed program review/evaluation and presenting it to the full Senate once it has received more information from the President/Acting Chancellor. Whaley concluded by noting an article in the New York Times about Rutgers University Faculty evaluating Athletics and encouraged those present to read it. (<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/12/opinion/joe-nocera-at-rutgers-its-books-vs-ballgames.html?ref=topics>)
- 2a. **President Dunn** started by thanking the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council for their hard work preparing and issuing a report to the Board of Trustees regarding the potential reporting line change for the first professional schools. Dunn continued by saying that the Executive Planning and Budget Council (EPBC) will be continuing its work throughout the summer. Dunn explained that the EPBC is working on lists of priorities to be referenced depending on what the state budget is; allowing the campus to make decisions quickly in order to deal with whatever the cut may be. Dunn continued by talking about the decision not to issue contracts for Non-Tenure Track Faculty and Graduate Assistants and explained that this decision was made at this time because of contractual bargaining agreements which require a yes, no, or maybe letter before May 1. The majority of both the NTTs and GAs were issued maybe letters.
- 2b. **Provost Ford** started by giving an update on registration by saying that there is a small increase for admissions of new students and a small decrease of transfer students. Ford

stated that New Student Orientations have been restructured this year. They started later, they are smaller in size, there will be more of them with four or five every week over the summer, and each day will target a different college. Ford continued by giving updates on Dean and hiring positions; Meera Komarraju starts as Dean of COLA on July 1; searches for the Dean of the College of Business, Library, and COEHS will all start in the fall; the Chief Information Officer, Director of Extended Campus, and Dean of University College will start in the fall as well.

**S. Sloboda** asked President Dunn to explain the process of how administrative positions will be evaluated.

**President Dunn** replied by saying that a list of 155-160 individuals sorted by title and position has been given to the EPBC to evaluate and discuss. The EPBC will be used as a steering committee to review everything. Dunn stated that there will not be a report issued by the EPBC and explained that this Council's exploratory work will generate lists that will be referenced once the state budget is known. Dunn stated that he would use the information generated from the EPBC as a basis to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees; that recommendation would be made public.

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

No Report

4. **Graduate Council** Mike Eichholz updated the Senate on multiple resolutions passed at the last Graduate Council meeting; the Addition of an MS/MBA and the Elimination of the MA/MBA in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts and Business; a New Unit of Instruction for the addition of a Master of Health Administration; the Addition of an Agribusiness Economics Concentration to the online MBA; the Addition of an Industrial and Quality Engineering Concentration to the PhD in Engineering Sciences; the Addition of a Master of Health Informatics in the School of Allied Health in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Eichholz added that a Resolution to Create a New Unit of Instruction for the Addition of an Interdisciplinary PhD in Applied Sciences and Arts was presented and was NOT approved. Eichholz added the Resolution in Support of Increasing the Graduate Application Fee by \$15 to the list of multiple resolutions that were passed. Eichholz concluded by stating that he was appointed Chair of the Graduate Council and Boyd Goodson was appointed as Vice Chair.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Gray Whaley**

No report

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – Joe Cheatwood**

No Report

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Phil Anton / Jordan Forbes**

Phil Anton reported that the Chairs and Co-Chairs have been chosen and made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Standing Committee Assignments ([Attachment A](#)), seconded by Ryan Netzley. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**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

**FACULTY SENATE/GRADUATE COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON FIRST PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS REPORTING**  
James MacLean provided a final report ([Attachment B](#)).

**OLD BUSINESS**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS**  
None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Motyl, Secretary  
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