

MINUTES OF THE 2015-2016 FACULTY SENATE **February 9, 2016**

ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Jason Bond, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Shawn Cheng, Terry Clark, Sandra Collins, Jon Davey, Judith Davie, Lucian Dervan, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Laura Halliday, Andrea Imre, Bobbi Knapp, James Mathias, Jim MacLean, John McSorley, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, John Reeve, Benjamin Rodriguez, Stacey Sloboda, Robert Spahr, Rachel Stocking, Saikat Talapatra, Shelley Tischkau, Melissa Viernow, Gray Whaley, Wendi Zea

Members absent with Proxy: Philip Anton (Jarod Porter proxy), Ruth Anne Rehfeldt (Ryan Redner proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Ann Garrett, Tobin Grant, John Reeve

Ex-Officios and guests: Brad Colwell (Interim Chancellor, ex-officio); Provost Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio); Mike Eichholz (Graduate Council, ex-officio); James Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs)

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Minutes unanimously approved as presented by show of hands.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Andrea Imre** reported that the Bot met on Dec 9, approval of reporting line changes for the first professional school; SoM will have a dual reporting line with both the President and Chancellor; details were not made available on how those reporting lines will be implemented; School of Law will report to the Chancellor; these changes took effect on January 1, 2016; if there are any issues on the promotion and tenure policies or any issues that affect faculty well-being, please bring those to the attention of the Senate.

G. Whaley noted that the Faculty Senate voted unanimously against the change in reporting lines as well as the Graduate Council.

- 2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** reported that there was a press conference at Stone Center was this morning; topic of discussion was to make a plea for MAP grants and state funding for higher education; all area legislatures were invited to attend; Senator Forby and Representative Bradley attended; SIU is not closing; continue to tell students and GA's that SIU is not closing; this past weekend was Chancellor's Scholars weekend with almost 300 students; emails with positive feedback are still coming in; keep promoting summer school; some of SIU's sister schools may not be having summer school; the Non-Academic Prioritization Committee met for the first time on February 4; this committee will be reviewing efficiencies and non-instructional areas and is chaired by Judy Marshall (Executive Director for Finance) and Rae Goldsmith (Executive Director of Marketing and Communications).

B. Rodriguez asked when a decision will be made about funding Graduate Students for next year.

Provost Ford responded by saying that even though there is still no budget and we still don't know what kind of money will be available, we will not delay offering GA contracts as was done for the past two semesters; the uncertainty of the availability of GA contracts is very damaging to SIU's ability to attract and retain graduate students. 75% of the GA budget will

be released immediately for academic areas. Academic and Non-academic areas have complete freedom to go ahead and write contracts for GA's as they see fit.

L. Halliday asked if the deans were told tell colleges what their budget would be and if they can use that information right away for publicity.

- 2b. **Provost Ford** continued to talk about summer school and the inconsistency of the contracts for teaching summer school for the past two years. A draft model on how summer contracts are to be written was presented to the Deans which will be used for all colleges. It is still in the draft stage and will be released when it is finalized. An Enrollment Summit took place two weeks ago; segments of the presentation will be presented at the end of this meeting. The COEHS Dean interviews are complete, College of Business Dean search has presented a short list; interviews are being scheduled. Library Dean search was closed and will reconvene after the ad has been revised. Dr. Andrew Carver from the College of Agriculture will now serve in an interim role in leading the Center for International Education; a search is underway to fill this position permanently. The search for Executive Director of Extended Campus is complete. The position was offered to Dr. Mandara Savage and became effective January 1, 2016.

B. Rodriguez asked if there is there have been delays with searches being approved. In December, the Psychology department requested an internal search for a permanent Chair and has not had a response. Chancellor Colwell said that he will look into that and have a response as soon as possible.

A. Imre asked Chancellor Colwell if he would talk briefly about the request from the Higher Learning Commission. Colwell responded by saying that the HLC (Higher Learning Commission) requested information from all public universities to make sure that financial issues are not impacting the quality of education that is being offered to students. SIU will respond accordingly by February 18, 2016.

S. Sloboda asked if the response to the HLC will be made public. Chancellor Colwell said yes it will be.

J. Cheatwood asked to clarify some details that were mentioned earlier about the press conference that took place at Stone Center this morning. Cheatwood asked if he heard correctly that the Chancellor did not say that Representative Bryant and Senator Luechtefeld were at the press conference today. Cheatwood also asked if they were invited. Chancellor Colwell replied by saying that they were invited and did not attend and added that there will be another press conference at SIUE later today. Cheatwood added that theoretically, it is possible that the legislatures who represent SIU might possibly attend the press conference in Edwardsville.

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

T. Clark reported that IBHE FAC met on January 15, 2016 at Northwestern University's medical school. Clark added that during the meeting everyone separated in to different caucuses. The most interesting thing that took place in the public universities caucus was that everyone around the table gave an assessment report for each of their universities. Chicago State University stated that is in dire shape; Northern Illinois stated that they are in fairly good shape and are subsidizing their MAP grants; Illinois University stated they are in fairly good shape and are subsidizing their MAP grants as well; Governor State said "so far so good but storm clouds"; Western Illinois stated that they have enough to get through the semester but everything will be drained; Illinois State University stated that they are in reasonably good shape given the situation and are covering their MAP grants; Eastern Illinois stated that rumors are floating across campus that they are going to close and have no reserves. The next meeting is February 19, 2016.

J. Cheatwood stated that Eastern Illinois is announcing today that they will be laying off 198 Civil Service employees and all AP Staff will have 24 furlough days.

4. **Graduate Council**

M. Eichholz reported that the Council met on February 4, 2016 and passed three resolutions: Resolution in support of Renaming the Master of Science in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management, Resolution Recommending Approval of the Program Review Process described in the Revised Program Review Overview Document, Resolution to Rescind the Previous Post-Doctoral Resolution.

5. **Academic program prioritization committee**

J. Davie reported that the committee met and defined the chair, co-chair, and three sub committees; quantitative measures, qualitative measures, and one to explore the unique attributes of SIUC. The three sub committees are meeting independently and the full committee is meeting monthly. The mission of the entire committee is to define the metric that will be used for prioritization, not to make recommendations. The final date for the report is this May.

A. Imre asked if there is a method of feedback for faculty. Davie replied that it is challenging because of the time-frame.

M. Eichholz stated that the committee would likely make the list of metrics available to faculty via email; asking for their input.

A. Imre added that the Faculty Senate Executive Council discussed that it would be important for faculty to have a chance to provide input in this process even if it would be overwhelming.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl

No Report

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt / Stacey Sloboda

S. Sloboda read all three RMEs followed by an omnibus vote: RME to Eliminate Piano Pedagogy Specialization ([Attachment A](#)), RME to Add a Minor in Neuroscience ([Attachment B](#)), RME to Rename Army Military Science Minor ([Attachment C](#)). A. Imre called for an omnibus vote on all three resolutions which were passed unanimously by show of hands.

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Ahmad Fakhoury

A. Fakhoury presented the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Policy and Definition to Grant Emeritus Status to Retired SIUC Faculty and Administrators.

S. Ahmed suggested that the rank of chair emeritus be added.

A brief discussion followed which outlined the language of the revision to reflect chair emeritus; the first sentence of the third paragraph would now read "University administrators, in order to be eligible for emeritus status, must hold a rank of chair/director level or higher and have a proven record of distinguished service."

A. Imre called for a vote to approve the amendment suggested by S. Ahmed; 24 in favor, 5 against.

A. Imre asked if there were any additional comments or suggestions regarding the rest of the policy. L. Dervan suggested an amendment to the last sentence which would be to change it to "This policy does not limit a unit's ability to offer these or additional privileges to retired faculty, with or without the emeritus/emerita designation."

A. Imre called for a vote to approve the amendment suggested by L. Dervan; 24 in favor, 2 against.

A. Imre called for a vote on the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Policy and Definition to Grant Emeritus Status to Retired SIUC Faculty and Administrators as amended; 24 in favor, 2 against. Resolutions approved as amended. ([Attachment D](#))

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Joe Cheatwood

J. Cheatwood reported that there is no state budget in sight. A bill was passed by both the house and senate that would fund MAP grants; the governor’s office has stated that it would be vetoed. Republicans have forwarded a bill that would be a 20% cut with a “poison pill” attached to it that states that if this bill goes into effect, the Governor would have the ability to move fund between lines as he sees fit; giving him full fiscal power. This will more than likely fail.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Ben Rodriguez

B. Rodriguez presented the lists of appointees to various university committees. ([Attachment E](#)) ([Attachment F](#)) A. Imre called for a vote for the approval of the committee appointments; appointments approved unanimously by show of hands.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Deborah Burris / Sajal Lahiri

No Report

INVITED GUEST

Interim Provost Susan Ford – [Enrollment and Recruitment](#)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Motyl, Secretary
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