

MINUTES OF THE 2015-2016 FACULTY SENATE
May 10, 2016

ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Jason Bond, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Shawn Cheng, Kathleen Chwalisz, Elizabeth Cox, Jon Davey, Judy Davie, Sandra Ettema, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Michael Hoane, Michael Koehler, James Mathias, Grant Miller, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, Kyle Plunkett, John Reeve, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Benjamin Rodriguez, Robert Spahr, Saikat Talapatra, Melissa Viernow, James Wall, Cherie Watson, Gray Whaley, Wendi Zea

Members absent with Proxy: Bobbi Knapp (Julie Partridge proxy), Kay Zivkovich (Stacey Sloboda proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Terry Clark, Sandra Collins, Shelley Tischkau, Peggy Wilken

Ex-Officios and guests: Brad Colwell (Interim Chancellor, ex-officio); Provost Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio); Jim Allen (Associate Provost for Academic Programs); Tomas Velasco (Graduate Council, ex-officio); Andrea Imre (Associate Professor, Library Affairs), Judy Marshall (Executive Director for Finance), Yueh-Ting Lee (Graduate School Dean)

MINUTES

The minutes from April 12, 2016; April 26, 2016 first meeting; April 26, 2016 second meeting were presented for approval. All minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Judy Davie** commented about Governor Rauner's controversial appointment to the IBHE that was discussed at the April meeting; it has become clear that the legislature will not vote on this appointment before September; it has been strongly suggested that universities no make statements of opposition at this time; the discussion of a resolution of opposition is tabled at this time and will be discussed in the fall; in regards to a discussion at the March meeting about the difficulties of faculty members giving written exams on Friday with grades due Monday; it has been noted that the Faculty Senate passed a resolution in 2004 asking for consideration to somehow grant faculty a little more leeway when grading written exams that were given on Friday; the resolution was shared with the Provost and she has offered to add a Faculty Senate and Graduate Council representative to the committee that works with the registrar on the exam schedule.
- 2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** started by saying that there will be four commencement ceremonies with 2900 graduates coming up this Friday and Saturday; speakers will be former astronaut and alumna Joan E. Higginbotham and former SIU Carbondale Chancellor Donald L. Beggs; the Board of Trustees meeting was on May 5; the majority of BOT business was land easements; the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services was also approved; promotion and tenure were also approved.

Colwell asked Judy Marshall, Executive Director for Finance, to join the Senate's meeting because of questions that were asked and left unanswered at the Graduate Council meeting; one of the questions/concerns raised at the Graduate Council meeting was from a faculty member who had tried to access grant funds that were temporarily unavailable; because Chancellor Colwell was not there to answer the question, it led to speculation that the funds had been swept; no funds have been swept; Colwell stated that the point of Judy Marshall being at the Senate meeting today is for all questions to be asked now so that there can be an immediate answer.

A question was asked about startup funds that were swept and aren't currently available and if those funds are coming back. J. Marshall replied by saying that no funds have been swept; the only "sweeping" that was done was at the end of March open salary lines were centralized so that it was known how much was available; as position request forms are being approved, that money is being returned; J. Marshall stated that the startup funds, according to her discussion with Dr. Garvey, were over-committed; Provost Ford acknowledged that those funds were over-committed but are considered firm commitments; new startup funds have been held back so that startup funds for those coming in now can be honored; the current cash flow problem is serious; cash is being borrowed from Springfield and Edwardsville; Ford stated that there is nothing more precious to the future of this institution than junior faculty; those commitments are real; they will be honored; if they can be held off until the fall, that is very helpful; if it cannot be held off, commitments will be honored.

B. Rodriguez asked how many years out has the VCR committed for startup funds. J. Marshall replied by saying that there are two sources of funding for startup funds: state money and overhead. Provost Ford added that startup commitments are generally up to three years; commitments are made on the full expectation that the money should be there; there has been no state money this year; even with overhead, there is more than a million dollars that needed cover startup funds from commitments two or three years ago.

G. Whaley asked what the current word is for hiring non-continuing NTTs. Chancellor Colwell responded by saying that Provost has received plans from the Deans and the Provost's plans are due by May 15; a discussion will take place at that time. J. Marshall added that it is difficult to position ourselves to make decisions because of the state budget. Provost Ford added that we do have to have plans to plans for teaching in the fall.

Chancellor Colwell asked J. Marshall to explain what has been done in the past in regards to timeline versus timeframe. J. Marshall explained that in the past, they would wait until after the 10th day fall enrollment to give a sense of tuition revenue; in the past the state appropriations number was available by then as well; by late September early October the campus would be informed of reduction amounts; this year we are trying to plan earlier with a pretty good idea of what tuition revenue is going to be but knowing the state appropriations number is anyone's guess.

2b. **Provost Ford**

Provost Ford stated that Fall admissions are currently down 18-19%; there are concerns from border state students and families that are hesitant to come to Illinois for college because of the instability of the State budget; in-state students are also expressing the same concerns; data for Fall does not include returning students; housing starts are down; Summer is down about 4% in total enrollment.

G. Miller asked about the model for extended campus and distance education. Ford responded by saying that the model for distance education and extended campus that are not summer is 65% returns to the college; instructional costs are paid from that 65%; for the time being, the summer model is 70% going back to the college because it increases the likelihood that the colleges will at least break even or make money; once the money comes back to the college, it is up to the college where that money goes; the college's dean's office must first and foremost make sure that all instructional cost is paid.

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

No Report

4. **Graduate Council**

T. Velasco reported that the Council met on May 5, 2016 and passed three resolutions: Resolution on Budgetary Planning; Resolution on Graduate Student Academic Grievance

Procedures; Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Policy and Definition to Grant Emeritus Status to Retired SIUC Faculty and Administration.

5. **Academic program prioritization committee**

J. Davie reported that the committee is still meeting and working hard on meeting the May 15, 2016 deadline.

Provost Ford stated that she appreciates the draft report that was presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting and added that the quantitative committee had been working with Jon Evans; Evans had agreed to acquire the requested data prior to leaving the University and did not do that; personnel in Institutional Research were able to construct a report with a lot of the data that the quantitative committee had asked for; Ford added that faculty information is not required to be entered in to Activity Insight by May 15, 2016; it is important that this information gets entered as soon as possible; this information will be used in the way that the qualitative committee is recommending.

J. Davie added that it is very important to note that when this charge was received, there was quite a discussion about what the charge was; it involved the development of a metric or model and the testing of that; the scope of the testing was different between the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate; it is very important to note that what will be provided to the Provost on May 15, 2016 has absolutely no testing; it will be a completely untested model; it was decided that that would be acceptable because of the very short time frame.

G. Whaley commented that the data that the Provost's office will have access to is essentially the same data that was available last year which is from the Office of Institutional Research; basically IBHE data. Provost Ford responded by saying that she has asked for more data; the data that the quantitative committee has put together is not data that is routinely in the fact book. Provost Ford stated that she does recognize that what is presented on May 15 is an untested model; once the data is applied the information will be brought back for the faculty to look at; there is always room to rethink and work forward.

G. Whaley stated that CVs are turned in every year; most faculty are entering their own information in to Activity Insight; Whaley added that Activity Insight does not lead to unearthing books and journals being published; it leads to a very tight tracking system; is there over-sight or control on how this is being used. Provost Ford responded by saying that it leads to a way of compiling; there is not a central mechanism to get a central single list of all books, journals, and international presentations; Activity Insight compiles this information. Provost Ford added that she has been told that once the information is in Activity Insight, updating it annually is just adding the newest information.

R. Netzley asked how much Activity Insight costs. S. Talapatra replied \$50,000/year for a three year contract.

J. Cheatwood added that the School of Medicine will have their own system and will not be included in Activity Insight.

G. Whaley added that there is no way to obtain data for the entire system.

B. Rodriguez asked who to contact when there are complications with adding information to Activity Insight. Provost Ford replied Wayne Glass.

G. Whaley asked if President Dunn is aware of the complications with Activity Insight and that it is not system wide. Provost Ford replied that she does not know if President Dunn is aware of the complications.

6. Non-Academic Program Review Committee

A. Imre reported that the committee has been meeting weekly; reviewing input from the campus community, staff, and faculty members; there are themes that are occurring; based on those themes, units have been invited to talk and share suggestions with the committee; information about accounts that are in the negative are being discussed; directors have been invited to report on insufficiencies.

H. Motyl stated that a question from a graduate student was raised during the Graduate Council meeting regarding the charge of the committee and that it is an impossible task for this committee because there are so many units and not enough people on the committee. Before responding A. Imre asked J. Marshall to please add to or correct any comments that she is making. Imre stated that the committee is looking at non-academic units; they have received a list of accounts and are focusing on deficits; the committee is also focusing on ideas that will resolve insufficiencies; the committee is not talking about personnel.

J. Marshall added that there has been three groups in the last 10-12 years that have taken on this issue; the current committee is using what these past committees have done to help with the current issue.

B. Rodriguez asked what other things are being considering beyond the budget. A. Imre replied that the committee is looking at efficiencies that will result in budget savings. Rodriguez followed up by saying that some things that are classified as non-academic programs are actually key things for some of the instructional programs and added that that should be a factor that should be considered. Imre responded by saying that the Executive Planning and Budget Committee is the body that will be talking about how to prioritize larger criteria when it comes to across campus academic and non-academic units; the non-academic program review committee is not addressing budget cuts.

Chancellor Colwell added that both the academic and non-academic committees are shedding light on deficits and starting dialog about how the deficits happened and what can be done to change that and start living within the budgets.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl

No Report

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Ryan Netzley, Chair

No Report

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt/Shaiikh Ahmed, Co-Chairs

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Gray Whaley/Kathleen Chwalisz-Rigney, Co-Chairs

G. Whaley updated those present on the role of the budget committee and their participation on the Executive Planning and Budget Committee (EPBC) and pointed out that the EPBC is only an advisory committee. Whaley encouraged those present to submit budget questions and concerns to either of the co-chairs so that they can be asked at the meetings.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Ahmad Fakhoury, Chair

A. Fakhoury presented the Standing Committee Appointments for approval ([Attachment A](#)). No discussion. Appointments approved unanimously by voice vote.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Deborah Burris, Chair

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. Davie announced that the Senate does not meet until July and added to please secure a proxy so that there will be a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Rodrigues, Secretary
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