

## MINUTES OF THE 2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE October 18, 2016

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Jason Bond, Deborah Burris, Joe Cheatwood, Shawn Cheng, Kathleen Chwalisz, Jon Davey, Judy Davie, Sandra Ettema, Ahmad Fakhoury, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Bobbi Knapp, Michael Koehler, James Mathias, Grant Miller, Howard Motyl, Ryan Netzley, Kyle Plunkett John Reeve, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Robert Spahr, Melissa Viernow, James Wall, Cherie Watson, Gray Whaley, Peggy Wilken, Wendi Zea, Kay Zivkovich

Members absent with Proxy: Shelley Tischkau (Amber Pond proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Terry Clark, Sandra Collins, Elizabeth Cox, Sandy Fark, Michael Hoane, Benjamin Rodriguez, Saikat Talapatra

Ex-Officios and guests: Brad Colwell (Interim Chancellor, ex-officio), Provost Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio); Julie Partridge (Graduate Council representative); Andrea Imre (Associate Professor, Library Affairs), Mike Eichholz (Academic Program Prioritization Task Force); Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee (Graduate School Dean)

### MINUTES

The minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting will be approved at the December meeting.

### REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Judy Davie** commented about some confusion regarding the triennial evaluations for the President; Davie sent an email asking for comments to a written survey; that was followed very quickly by a message from the Board of Trustees asking to fill out an online survey. Davie has been asked to present the faculty response to the Board of Trustees on October 19. The online survey went out to everyone associated with SIU; those results will be tabulated and reviewed by the Board of Trustees.
- 2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** mentioned the Wall Street Journal ranking that came out the end of September; SIUC was ranked 315 out of 1061 public and private universities in the country; SIUC was the highest ranked public university in the Missouri Valley Conference; SIUC was the 13<sup>th</sup> ranked public university in the mid-west region. Colwell noted that this coming weekend is Homecoming; a large number of alumni are expected; the parade and football game have been moved back to the historic original time; a family friendly movie will be shown at the Saluki Stadium in the evening, following the football game. Colwell noted that this past weekend was the "unofficial" Halloween; other than a few underage drinking violation, it went reasonably well. Colwell reported that a generous \$10,000 gift was given to the SIU food pantry; work on Campus Lake is moving forward; as far as the budget goes, SIU is still in a holding pattern.
- 2b. **Provost Ford** Jim Allen reported on behalf of Provost Ford. Currently, there are about 500 fewer students admitted as compared to this time last year. Allen highlighted President Dunn's [State of the System Address](#) which took place on October 17; framework on how individual campuses can approach prioritizing; finding ways to be more efficient in operations; building on the identity and reputation of the institution. Allen commented on current searches on campus; Director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute; MCMA Dean; Library Affairs Dean; SIUC Chancellor. Allen commented the reaccreditation efforts with the higher learning commission; Ruth Anne Rehfeldt will be the coordinator of this effort for the next three years; there will be a site visit in academic year 2019-2020; a steering

committee is being formed as well as subcommittee chairs. Allen added that the catalog is going to be digital in 2018.

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

No report. The new representative will be Matt McCarroll with Ruth Anne Rehfeldt as alternate.

4. **Graduate Council**

H. Motyl attended the Graduate Council meeting and stated that Mike Eichholz presented the report from the Academic Prioritization Committee and added that the Graduate Professional Student Council presented a resolution on the importance of student involvement in diversity policy.

5. **Academic program prioritization committee**

Mike Eichholz presented the final version of the committees report. This report was reviewed, approved, and voted on by the committee. ([Attachment A](#)) Eichholz stated that it has been suggested that the Provost's office provide an opportunity in the form of an open house/forum for all faculty to provide feedback about this report; details for that will be provided as soon as possible.

6. **Non-Academic Program Review Committee**

A. Imre reported that the committee continues to work on the final report which will be presented to the Chancellor.

**R. Netzley** asked if the report will be provided to faculty and staff for review.

**A. Imre** replied by saying it is the Chancellor's decision as to whether or not to share the final report.

**R. Netzley** asked J. Allen if he know whether the Chancellor is going to share the information in the report.

**J. Allen** replied by saying he does not know and will ask him. Allen added that it would be very much in all of our interests to have an opportunity to review the report.

**J. Davie** added that we are all interested in how the non-academic report aligns with the academic prioritization report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl**

H. Motyl stated that most of what was discussed by executive committee will come up in committee report. Motyl provided an update on the plus/minus grading system by saying it will be in the catalog next fall. Motyl continued by talking about a teleconference he attended with the Council of Illinois University Senates; there were nine different schools; they discussed how each campus is dealing with the budget crisis and faculty unions. During the teleconference, Motyl asked what the other universities were doing about Governor Rauner's appointee to the IBHE; some are doing letter writing campaigns and sending them to the committee overseeing the appointment.

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE – Ryan Netzley, Chair**

Netzley read the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to Add a Journalism and Mass Communication Specialization Online and to Eliminate the New Media News Production Specialization in Journalism. ([Attachment B](#)) No discussion. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Netzley read the Resolution to Rescind Approval of Revised Associate of Science Degree as Core Complete. ([Attachment C](#)) Netzley read a section of the memorandum referenced in the first whereas, "Because those courses do not all fit with all the required STEM prerequisites that must be taken in the lower-

division, they are moved in the new model to the post-transfer study. They are not to be removed from the undergraduate degree. We trust that all IAI receiving institutions will continue to ensure that all baccalaureate students will have completed the full GECC by graduation.” Netzley continued by saying that the committee took a close look at the memorandum and discussed this resolution to undo what was done last spring.

**J. Davie** asked if everyone remembered the discussion from last spring; the community colleges revised their associate in science degree, drop general humanities, and adding science courses. Davie added that we were told that all community colleges were doing this and if we did not approve this, it would impact our ability to take transfer students; that is why we approved the resolution that we are now being asked to rescind.

**J. Cheatwood** asked if there are any other universities rescinding their approval.

**R. Netzley** replied saying not to my knowledge.

**J. Davie** stated that when this was presented in the spring, we were told that all Illinois universities would be approving this and noted that we were lead to believe this only to find out we were one of the few that did approve.

**J. Allen** pointed out that Edwardsville, Carbondale, and Northern are the only three of the twelve public institutions that accepted the associate of science degree as core complete; the other nine have said that they will review each transcript on an individual basis to see how it would be articulated for the student’s program.

**J. Davie** called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Netzley read the Resolution to Recommend Rejection of Internal Program Reviewers List. ([Attachment D](#)) Netzley stated that Randy Burnside, Deputy Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, addressed the UEPC and explained that the decision was made to not use external reviewers because of budgetary constraints. Netzley asked the question “do we want to confirm a list of reviewers that is in violation of standing policy.” Netzley added that the UEPC decided that they do not want to confirm the list of reviewers.

T. Grant made a motion to divide the resolution so as to consider separately the two recommendations in the resolution; one is to approve the list of reviewers and the other is to recommend that the APAP and the Provost proceed with the full complement of external and internal reviewers as detailed in the existing program review policy.

**H. Motyl** seconded the motion to divide the resolution.

Discussion followed about how to divide the current resolution.

**J. Davie** called for a vote for approval to divide the current resolution. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Discussion followed regarding the list of internal reviewers. Clarification was made that the list of internal reviewers was rejected because the list does not include external reviewers; the actual candidates were not rejected. A Senate member questioned if the qualifications of the internal reviewers on the list were not reviewed because of the objection to the process.

**J. Allen** voiced concern that the individuals on the list were not reviewed.

**R. Netzley** replied that the committee reviewed the names on the list according to all of the required criteria; the list was still rejected because there were no external reviewers.

**J. Allen** asked if the UEPC considered the reviewers at all as colleagues in service to the programs.

**R. Netzley** replied that there are legitimate reasons to disagree with the list of reviewers that is incomplete.

After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to table the resolution.

**R. Netzley** voiced his disapproval by saying that tabling the resolutions is a terrible idea and added that the UEPC approved this resolution and did so with a very specific reason; the resolution states that the list is incomplete, go back and do it again by including external reviewers.

It was noted that tabling the resolution does not stop the process from moving forward.

No further discussion about tabling the resolution

**J. Davie** called for a vote to table this resolution at this time. 10 in favor, 7 against, 3 abstentions. Resolution is tabled at this time.

**FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt/Shaiikh Ahmed, Co-Chairs**  
No Report

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – Gray Whaley/Kathleen Chwalisz-Rigney, Co-Chairs**  
Whaley reported that the Planning Advisory Committee met today and received their charge from the Chancellor. Another meeting is scheduled next week.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Ahmad Fakhoury, Chair**  
A. Fakhoury reported that Dr. Getahun Benti was appointed to serve on the Diversity Council; Dr. Jian Anna Xiong was appointed to serve on the search for Dean of Library Affairs.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Deborah Burris, Chair**  
No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**  
None

**NEW BUSINESS**  
None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Rodrigues, Secretary  
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