

MINUTES OF THE 2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE
February 14, 2017

ROLL CALL (Due to a recording malfunction, there is only a partial record of attendance)

Members present: John Reeve, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Robert Spahr, Saikat Talapatra, Melissa Viernow, James Wall, Cherie Watson, Gray Whaley, Kay Zivkovich

Members absent with Proxy: Shelley Tischkau (Diana Sarko Proxy), Wendi Zea (Anne Fletcher proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Kyle Plunkett

Ex-Officios and guests: Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio), James Salmo, Vice Chancellor for Developmental Alumni Relations

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. No revisions voiced. Minutes approved unanimously by show of hands.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Judy Davie** reported that the Board of Trustees met on February 9, 2017; the BOT approved a modest tuition increase and approved plans to move forward with replacing the Towers using private funding; Deb Burris, chair of the Faculty Senate Governance Committee has retired, Kay Zivkovich has agreed to chair for the remainder of this term; Ryan Netzley, chair of the UEPC has resigned from the Faculty Senate, Sandra Collins has agreed to chair for the remainder of this term.

There was a question from a Senator about why the Undergraduate Report was not brought before the full Senate; J. Davie responded by saying that the Executive Council discussed the report and decided that it was too preliminary to bring to the full Senate; The Senator respectfully disagreed with that decision; there was no further discussion.

2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell**

- 2b. **Provost Ford** reported that BOT met and approved a 3.6% increase in tuition and no increase in fees; this will be the second year in a row that there is not an increase in University fees for students; the BOT approved a request to extend the in-state tuition rate to all students from all 50 states; this does not apply to international student or graduate students; the BOT approved beginning the process of replacing the Towers; it will be funded by what is known as a public/private partnership which means they provide the funding to build the housing and then owns to some degree the housing stock; it's an arrangement that lasts for many years; this is one manner in which new housing is built on a number of campuses; a well-established process; this will be about a 12 year process and can be tailored to the housing needs as we move forward into the future; the first housing unit is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy Fall 2019; we are hoping that the new construction on campus send a clear message that SIUC is planning to be here a long time which will help with enrollment; spring 2017 enrollment is down compared to spring 2016; applications for fall 2017 have dropped off compared to where they were a year ago; the Dean of the Library starts March 6; the Associate Provost for Academic Programs has two finalists and will be announced soon; a new process for the search for the Center for International Education has started and hopes to be completed by the spring semester; there is ongoing concern about what the impact will be if the state decides not to pay state workers while there is no state budget; it would not impact pay for any individual at SIU.

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

No report

4. **Graduate Council**

J. Partridge reported that the Graduate Council met in February. The Graduate Council has invited Rae Goldsmith to attend the next meeting to discuss the Non Academic Program Review report and answer questions. The Council also tabled their vote on the absence policy and will have joint discussion with the Faculty Senate.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Howard Motyl

J. Davie stated that there are two resolutions being reviewed by the Executive Council; both in response to issues that concern Illinois universities.

The first is a resolution opposing the increases to the CMS health plan ([Attachment A](#)); the resolution was read and stated that if approved this resolution would be sent to Governor Rauner and our local representatives; vote was called by show of hands; resolution passed unanimously.

The second resolution endorsing petition of Academics against Immigration Executive Order ([Attachment B](#)); the resolution was read; no discussion; vote was called by show of hands; resolution was passed.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE –Sandra Collins, Chair

S. Collins read the resolution to recommend the approval of a Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to Add a STEM Leadership Minor in the Department of Technology ([Attachment C](#)); a Senator asked if this means that other schools and departments can offer a STEM leadership model. Provost Ford clarification by saying that minors may be offered by departments; minors are open to any student across campus; if there are entry requirements the student would have to meet it. Ford stated that if you are asking if another minor could be created that would meet the needs of students in another department, it could. A vote was called; resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

S. Collins read the resolution recommending return to [original program review procedure](#).

J. Davie reminded those present about Jim Allen’s office had submitted a revised policy to the UEPC for comments and approval; this is the response to that request; the UEPC is seeking to reject the revised policy and revert to the old policy.

Provost Ford added that going in to this fiscal year, there was a permanent 10% cut to the budget that hit every area of Academic Affairs including the Provost’s area; there were limited ways to meet that cut in the Associate Provost’s office; part of that cut did fall to the program review budget; this was an attempt to come up with something that would accommodate minor cost savings yet assure quality review.

There was a brief discussion regarding external, internal, and desktop reviews.

S. Collins suggested that this resolution be taken back to the UEPC to further consideration and work with whomever is chosen to fill the vacancy for APAP.

Provost Ford stated that as this goes back to the UEPC for further consideration, there is no intent whatsoever to do away with having external reviewers.

S. Collins stated that the new policy was created because of budgetary reasons and the issue is whether or not it is just as important to have external reviews for minors.

J. Davie stated that this will not be voted on today and will be brought back to the full Senate after it has had further consideration with the UEPC and the newly appointed APAP.

S. Collins read the Resolution to Recommend Rejection of the proposed Campus-Wide Student Absence Accommodation Policy.

Senator stated that part of wanting to have a report attached to this is to not just reject the absence policy, but to keep the conversation going.

J. Davie stated that it became very clear that the same policy has to be acceptable to the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate; the report, which was very helpful, was pulled from circulation only because it stated that the "UEPC recommends an actual policy similar to the following draft"; this draft contained feedback from the Graduate Council that was deemed unacceptable and it was felt to be very unfriendly to students; the Executive Council did not want to perpetuate the perception that the Faculty Senate was engaged in developing an unfriendly proposal; the only reason the report was held was because of the inclusion of that sample policy.

S. Collins stated that this resolution would be discussed further with the UEPC and Education Policies committee and brought back to the full Senate.

J. Davie agreed joint discussion with the UEPC and Graduate Council Education Policies committee needs to take place; without joint approval from both the Senate and Graduate Council, the policy will not move forward.

S. Collins stated that the Grievance Policy be tabled for further discussion with the understanding that it may be next calendar year before it is brought back to the full Senate.

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

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

K. Chwalisz reported that both she and G. Whaley have been attending the Chancellor's Budget Advisory Committee and have reviewed recommendations from the Non Instructional Review Committee and submitted suggestions; details of this cannot be shared at this time, but there may be more details to report at the next meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Kay Zivkovich, Chair
No report

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Ahmad Fakhoury, Chair

A. Fakhoury stated that faculty are being sought after to serve on a steering committee for the university's reaccreditation efforts; this committee will be advisory to the sub committees.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

James Salmo, Vice Chancellor for Developmental Alumni Relations spoke about the campaign for SIU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Rodrigues, Secretary
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