

MINUTES OF THE 2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE
March 21st, 2017

ROLL CALL

Members present: Shaikh Ahmed, Jason Bond, Joe Cheatwood, Kathleen Chwalisz, Sandra Collins, Jon Davey, Judy Davie, Ahmad Fakhoury, Sandy Fark, David Gilbert, Tobin Grant, Michael Hoane, Bobbi Knapp, Michael Koehler, James Mathias, Grant Miller, Kyle Plunkett, John Reeve, Robert Spahr, Saikat Talapatra, Melissa Viernow, James Wall, Gray Whaley, Kay Zivkovich

Members absent with Proxy: Ruth Anne Rehfeldt (Michael May Proxy), Shelley Tischkau (Amber Pond proxy), Cherie Watson (Jessica Ziemann proxy) Wendi Zea (Anne Fletcher proxy), Bobbi Knapp (Phil Anton proxy), Howard Motyl (Sarah Lewison proxy), Benjamin Rodriguez (Reza Habib proxy)

Members absent without Proxy: Terry Clark, Elizabeth Cox, Sandra Ettema

Ex-Officios and guests: Provost Susan Ford (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ex-officio); Interim Chancellor Colwell

MINUTES

The minutes from the February will be approved at a later meeting.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. **Judy Davie**

J. Davie reported that a General Faculty Meeting hosted by the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate will be held April 13th. It was also announced that the Da Vinci Days, a celebration of SIU research and creativity, would be held April 3-7th.

2a. **Interim Chancellor Colwell** reported that there was still no state budget, no grand legislative bargain for a state budget, and no stop gap funding. He said that the state will have to consider stop gap funding to save schools such as Chicago State. The last stop gap funding was approved on June 26th, which was last minute for the fiscal year. Community colleges are considering four year degrees and advancing nursing programs in the legislature. If approved, appears to be a slippery slope for more 4 year programs and this will impact all institutions. He commented that we should pay attention to summer enrollment. It represents extra money for the institution. It also appears that online summer enrollment will surpass on campus enrollment. The non academic prioritization comments have been received by the deans. An administrative team has met with WSIU and Headstart to discuss how to reduce costs. The SIU Day of Giving was very successful. The next Board of Trustees meeting would be on April 6th- everyone was encouraged to attend.

2b. **Provost Ford** reported that the Fall enrollment numbers were concerning. The number of housing contracts are down from last year. Many early top tier students who were offered financial packages have made the commitment to attend. University of Illinois has made a public announcement of its effort to recruit downstate students. International student recruitment continues on a downward trend. Additional international recruiting efforts are being planned. One new international student pays for a recruiting trip overseas. She encouraged everyone to continue to find ways to put pressure on political figures and the need for state support to higher education. Lizette Chevalier was introduced as the next Associate Provost for Academic Programs (APAP). Her position is on the agenda for approval at the April 6th BOT meeting. Students will be offered the courses they want on-line or seated. Offering students on-line courses keeps students from taking classes at

Oakton or Harper. Academic prioritization process is moving forward but the process is cumbersome and data management has been problematic. Qualitative data has been solicited from chairs. This is a program prioritization, not a faculty prioritization, exercise.

G. Miller asked if Jim Garvey had clarified the sections in Activity Insight that faculty should complete. Ford replied that Activity Insight would be discontinued, but corrected that she was referring to an earlier system and Activity Insight was still being used. She would ask Jim Garvey to send the Activity Insight information.

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

M. McCarroll was not present. J. Davie reported that M. McCarroll had attended the FAC meeting and no replacement for Jim Applegate (IBHE head) has been identified. Colwell added that Karen Anderson was nominated, but she was the head of the ICCB (Illinois Community College Board) and this nomination was blocked. No other nomination or appointment has been made. The IBHE and CCB are considering merging, but not at this time.

4. **HLC Accreditation Committee**

J. Davie reported for R. Rehfeldt that the subcommittees for the 2019 reaccreditation team had been created and begun their work. The steering committee has also been appointed and would hold its first meeting later in the spring.

5. **Graduate Council**

J. Partridge reported that the Graduate Council met on March 2nd, 2017. A resolution was passed in support of addition of a professional science master's degree track in wildlife administration and management. A resolution in support of proposed elimination of Urban Landscape Concentration in College of Agricultural Science was also passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – J. Davie

J. Davie introduced a Resolution in Support of International Students and Faculty ([Attachment A](#)). Resolution was first introduced by the COLA council. No Discussion. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLCY COMMITTEE –Sandra Collins, Chair

S. Collins read the resolution to recommend approval of the RME to Add a Media Arts Specialization in the Department of Cinema and Photography. ([Attachment B](#)) No further discussion. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

S. Collins explained that the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME to Add a Minor in Health Information and Informatics Management to the Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management in the School of Allied Health ([Attachment C](#)) had previously been tabled because a faculty member indicated it was a duplicate of one of their classes. After researching this accusation and obtaining email verification that it was not a duplicate from the department chair from which the program the faculty member came from who made the duplication accusation, it was proven to be untrue. P. Anton made a motion to untable the resolution. It was seconded and unanimously approved to be untabled by show of hands. No further discussion. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

S. Collins read the resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add a Certificate in Accounting for International Scholars in the College of Business. S. Ahmed asked what international scholars meant and why the certificate was restricted to international scholars. T. Grant reviewed the RME and said that international scholars was described in the RME and the certificate was not restricted to international scholars. It was suggested that the title of the RMS be changed by a friendly amendment. S. Ford said title changes must be approved by department. UEPC withdrew the resolution to get clarification on this RME.

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 discussed the role of the budget and planning committee in implementing the efficiencies suggested by the nonacademic prioritization report.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Kay Zivkovich, Chair

No report

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Ahmad Fakhoury, Chair

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Rodrigues, Secretary
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