ROLL CALL

Members present: Kofi Akamani, Jerry Becker, Alejandro Caceres, Ying Chen, Kathleen Chwalisz, Aaron Diehr, Marissa Ellerman, Derek Fisher, Matt Gorzalski, Laura Halliday, Dong Han, Constantine Hatziadoniu, Gary Kinsel, Michael Koehler (phoned in), Seung-Hee Lee, Jay Needham, Marcus Odom, Segun Ojewuyi, Amber Pond, Ruthanne Rehbeldt, April Teske, Jim Wall, Robin Warne, Cherie Watson, Natasha Zaretsky, Kay Zivkovich

Springfield Contingent: Doug Carlson, Sandra Ettema, Heeyoung Han

Members absent with Proxy: Ahmad Fakhoury (Jason Bond), Michelle Kibby (Liana Peter-Hagene),

Members absent without Proxy: Jon Bean, John Davey, Nancy Martin, Melissa Viernow, Natasha Zaretsky

Proxies absent:

Ex-Officios and guests: John Dunn (Chancellor), Meera Komarraju (Provost), Lizette Chevalier (Associate Provost for Academic Programs, APAP), Dave Dilalla (Associate Provost for Academic Administration, APAA), Tamora Workman (Registrar), Brione Lockett (Student Trustee)

MINUTES
Minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting presented for approval.
> Motion: **M. Odom**
> Second: **A. Pond**
> > **Approved**

REPORTS/REMARKS
1. **Faculty Senate President** (Report presented by Vice President **J. Wall**)
   - Request made for notes from December meeting
   - Ongoing re-organization efforts
   - Re-allocation of funding
   - Establishing the Nursing Program at SIUC
   - Bill to construct Springfield campus

2. **Administration**
   A. **Chancellor Dunn**
   - Discussed background – Earlier experience at SIU, Oregon St., Western Michigan.
   - Legislative requests are overwhelming, highlighting the necessity for administrative staff
     Examples: Paying NCAA athletes, public venues requiring entry through airport scanners
   - Minimum wage increase to $15.00/hr within 5 yrs. Cost to SIU = $6.9 million annually
   - Board of Trustees meeting:
     o Nursing program to be discussed. NUI already submitted to President Dorsey – waiting to be forwarded to the IBHE
     o BOT approval is not necessary
     o Approx. 40 students expected initially
     o Discussion on this topic has been especially contentious between SIUC and SIUE

- o SIUC "gave birth" to SIUE 50 yrs ago. We are proud of their success and did not stand in their way when duplicate programs were created on the SIUE campus.
  - o The SIUC Nursing program is much needed in Southern Illinois and the strategy is to use SIH as support (they have already offered $1 million).
- Enrollment for Spring 2019 down
- Proposed $50 million structure in Springfield "caught us by surprise." This is, potentially, a desirable outcome for WSIU, the School of Law, School of Medicine etc.
- Capital needs – number one: the Mass Comm/Media Arts building. Many other infrastructure needs also. Overall, however, the campus looks much better than when he left (SSB, athletic facilities, library, Woody Hall etc.)
- SIU faculty receiving numerous (and very nice) awards
- Campus retention – It takes everyone (faculty/staff) to engage with students and let them know we care.

  - o Question from **A. Teske**: What is the plan to improve infrastructure?
    - ▪ Relying on state appropriations (no specifics given).
  - o Question from **M. Odom**: Re-allocation progress?
    - ▪ Process far from over – much more work required
    - ▪ Concerns: cost of instruction (PHD v. MS v. Undergrad)
    - ▪ Initial meeting with IBHE is complete – we are now waiting

- President search committee being formed. President's office should be located in Springfield.

B. Provost Komarraju
- Thank you to all faculty for support and participation in the Chancellors Scholars Event. The kids and their families were very positive about the experience.
- Scholarships offered: 25 "full-ride" and 200 University Excellence. Typically, there is a 60% acceptance rate. We are attempting to increase the yield of student acceptance by faculty reaching out to students.
- Admitted student acceptance rate: about 20 out of 100 admitted students actually arrive on campus.
- Housing initiative: offering single rooms to students at double occupancy rates.
- "Admitted Students Day" returning to campus (and one in Chicago)
- "SIU Day" also returning on April 26 (SIH providing funds to help with event).
- Mission statement more visible on campus.
- SMASH Illinois (STEM focused academy) – we are now partners in this event and our faculty are invited to teach/participate in Chicago.
- Request was made to college Dean's to create a hiring plan for Fall 2020.
- Retention efforts require "quality of education." Area in need of improvement: submitting grades in a timely manner and with zero errors. Also, final exams/papers/projects must be due during finals week (not before).
- Re-organization – RME's have been submitted to IBHE. We are waiting to hear back from them.

  - o Question from (unknown): We have not received instructor evaluations since Spring of 2018 – is this being addressed?
    - ▪ New software should improve efficiency. The Provost will look into the delay in receiving evaluations from last year.

- o Suggestion made re: incentives for retention i.e. finish 3 years, the fourth year is free.
  - ▪ **Chancellor Dunn** replied that managing a program like that is a big administrative challenge but he encourages ideas like this.
- o **A. Teske** mentioned the opportunity to gain students between Freshman and Sophomore year (student transfers).SEMO offers incentives and honors scholarships for these students.
- o Question from **J. Wall**: How can we order books by the deadline when courses have not yet been assigned?
  - ▪ "Be practical" If the course is assigned, pick a book…if not, don't pick a book.

Asst. Provost Dilalla: No report

Asst. Provost Chevalier:
- • Catalog proofing going out
- • Program reviewers needed this semester so the reviews may be completed in the fall
- • Very pleased to say that the first NUI has reached Faculty Senate from the College of Business (BS in Business Analytics – MS to follow).

3. **Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Patricia Saleeby (J. Wall presented)**
- • Report sent by P. Saleeby via email just prior to today's meeting.
- • Suggestion made to host the Faculty Advisory Council here on campus.
  - o Comment by **K. Chwalisz** that the meeting was held here on campus in February of 2018.

4. **Graduate Council – Marc Morris (R. Rehfeldt presented)**
- • Admission and recruitment procedures for graduate students discussed
- • Passed resolutions for new programs in the broad areas of Mathematics, Electrical/Computer Engineering, Cyber Security etc.
- • Considered resolution on undergraduates taking graduate credits

5. **HLC Accreditation Committee – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt**
- • Assurance argument due January 2020 – Draft should be ready for review in a month or so (after a planned retreat).
- • Five criteria for evaluation:
  - o Mission
  - o Ethics and Integrity
  - o Teaching Effectiveness
  - o Teaching Evaluation
  - o Budget/Planning
- • Higher learning convention in April (Chicago) – hoping to receive feedback on progress to date.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- • Information already covered
- • Comment by **M. Komarraju**: Clarification on department budgets and the need to use discretion in spending.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION
- No report

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE
- <u>Resolution 1</u>: **RME to add a Minor in Mythology**
  - Motion passed – none opposed
- <u>Resolution 2</u>: Approval of the name change for Department of Population Health Sciences (DPHS) in the SIU School of Medicine to: **Department of Population Science and Policy.**
  - Motion passed – none opposed
- <u>Resolution 3</u>: Approval of the **RME to add an Actuarial Mathematics Specialization to the BS in Mathematics degree.**
  - Motion passed – none opposed

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Matt Gorzalski
- No report

BUDGET COMMITTEE
- No report

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Michelle Kibby (Kofi Akamani presented)
- Solicited interest in the university Teaching Excellence award. Received five volunteers for the committee.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Grant Miller
- No report

OLD BUSINESS
- None

NEW BUSINESS
- Election nominations going out shortly
- Name plates ordered

ANNOUNCEMENT
- Memorial for Ben Rodriguez on March 1 from 10:00am – 12:00pm in Guyon Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT