

**MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE COUNCIL**  
**March 19, 2019**

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Kofi Akamani, Jon Bean, Jerry Becker, Alejandro Caceres, Ying Chen, Kathleen Chwalisz, Aaron Diehr, Marissa Ellerman, Matt Gorzalski, Laura Halliday, Dong Han, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Gary Kinsel, Michael Koehler (phoned in), Seung-Hee Lee, Grant Miller, Jay Needham, Marcus Odom, Kyle Plunkett, Amber Pond, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Patricia Saleeby, April Teske, Melissa Viernow, Jim Wall, Robin Warne, Natasha Zaretsky, Kay Zivkovich

Springfield Contingent: Doug Carlson, Sandra Ettema, Heeyoung Han

Members absent with Proxy: Ahmad Fakhoury (Seb Pense), Michelle Kibby (Liana Peter-Hagene), Derek Fisher (Scott Hamilton-Brehn), Nancy Martin (Belle Woodward)

Members absent without Proxy: Segun Ojewuyi, Cherie Watson

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), Briane Lockett (Student Trustee), Jennifer DeHaemers (Associate Chancellor for Enrollment Management)

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting presented for approval. Two changes requested: M. Viernow absence and A. Pond comment correction.

Motion: ?

Second: ?

**Approved**

**REPORTS/REMARKS**

**1. Faculty Senate President – Jon Bean**

- BOT meeting March 27 & 28 (Medical School hosting)
  - Topic: Budget study (reports handed out to council)

**2. Administration**

**A. Chancellor Dunn**

- Many students visiting campus – great opportunity for faculty and staff to reach out and interact with them (i.e. during lunch at the Student Center)
- Daily Egyptian asked for comment on the Inspector General report
- Good news: RME resolution passed the IBHE
- Illinois bureaucracy is very difficult to navigate and not necessarily in the best interest of what we are trying to do on campus
- Nursing – in progress
  - We're working with SIUE to coordinate program
  - Meeting forthcoming with SIH – SIH is very motivated to help get the program up and running

- SIU Day in Springfield on March 20
- Reporting lines have been clarified – School of Law reports to Provost, School of Medicine reports to the Chancellor
- **Question:** Is there any information on the upcoming BOT changes?
  - Nothing definitive...only rumors
- **Question:** Has there been any additional interaction with AGB?
  - Will be speaking with them today. The issue is lack of funds, not where the funds are going.

## **B. Provost Komarraju**

- Re-organization update: 7 RME's approved. Much work needs to be done between now and the end of the semester (to prepare for July 1)
- Working groups should be formed to prepare for the departmental mergers - Leadership, budgeting etc. must be discussed
- We must prepare for the upcoming changes to maintain stability – it is also necessary for individual units to cooperate. Be aware of how the new changes will impact new, incoming students.
- Logistics and “what if” planning will help with a smooth transition
- Meetings are currently being held with the schools that have yet to gain majority support for the new RME's
- Hiring plans – March 16 is the deadline for fall of 2020. Deans' were asked to submit all of their hiring plans and rankings. Unsure at this time how many hires will be made.
- SIH is looking to fund more programs
- Today, there are 30 schools (800 students) on campus
  - These visits must be communicated and coordinated so the university can provide t-shirts, etc.
- Admitted student event coming up in Chicago

**Question:** Are student success programs being restructured?

- There is no plan to dissolve the program but to enhance it. All freshmen will get the class in fall. Undeclared students will be placed together. Deans' will connect with students going forward now that they will be grouped by college.

**Question:** Are the current instructors participating?

- The aim is to keep the instructors – students only spend 1 hour/week in these classes. Many other initiatives are taking place also.

**Question:** Will the new colleges be housed under the Provost?

- Yes but designated representatives will be utilized to maintain continuity.
- Final thought: we do not have all the answers. Change will require us to “think on our feet.”

**Asst. Provost Dilalla:** No report

**Asst. Provost Chevalier:** No report

## **3. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Patricia Saleeby**

- Participated in the meeting on February 15.
- Discussed legislative priorities in Illinois and the future of higher education in Illinois.
- WIU lay off of 130 administrative staff
- Illinois leads the country in transfer students from community colleges to 4 year institutions. The process can be streamlined for more effectiveness.

- Currently prepping for the IBHE meeting in June

Question from the **Chancellor**: Why does it take so long to get things done? Why 60 days?

- No answer

#### 4. Graduate Council – Marc Morris

- 2 resolutions on the table – undergrads taking graduate credits and cats and dogs.
- Resolution 1 passed, resolution 2 will be held until the next meeting.

#### 5. HLC Accreditation Committee – Ruth Anne Rehfeldt

- Assurance argument draft worked on during retreat to Touch of Nature
- Preparing for site visit, February of 2020
- Hope to have assurance argument ready for review soon

#### **GUEST SPEAKER: Jennifer DeHaemers**

- Looking at overall and undergraduate enrollment (only 22 weeks until fall semester begins).
- We are down in applications and admissions (overall an 18% decline)
- The decrease seems to be slowing, however.
- Housing contracts are up about 15% (offering single rooms at double room price)
- More Chancellors scholars and University Excellence award students have signed housing contracts this year (compared to last year).
- NSO registrations are up from last year
- There are currently more activities and opportunities for students to interact with people on campus.
- Handout provided – data analysis, strengths/weaknesses
- Taking a more “strategic” approach to recruiting new students (i.e. relying less on emails and more on physical information, school visits).
- Customer service can be improved – every student interaction must have a “call to action” (come visit the campus, complete the application etc.).
- Buying names of test takers must be more strategic also (targeting specific students and geographic areas).
- SIU is considered expensive – part of the issue is communicating net price (net price calculator online is ineffective).
  - A new, net price calculator is being purchased and should be operational soon.
- Examining what can be improved without a lot of cost: Developing the “Aim High” scholarships, revision of the dual admission program for transfer students (now called the Saluki Transfer Pathway), purchasing a tool called “Admit Hub” (a chatbox available 24/7) which should answer almost all prospective student questions.
- New Customer Relations Management System (called Slate) communication system with prospective students.
- Major maps improvement will help greatly
- Data analysis: student performance indicators (i.e. H.S. English 4 yrs., Math 3yrs.) show the significance of this preparation to student success.
- Trying to take a more “holistic” approach to student admissions (which allowed for an additional 35-40 students being admitted who may have been denied previously).

**Question:** Can students get immediate admission by meeting the requirements?

- Top students get immediate admission. Borderline students need additional review and we must be prepared to support these students that enter and additional resources.
- Also, students self-reporting data through Slate may speed the process up.

**Question:** Can we offer (host) academic high school events or competitions here on campus to promote SIU (i.e. spelling bee's)?

- No response

**Question:** Do the graphs and data breakdown ethnicity?

- No, they are based on performance

**Question:** Are there any plans for recruitment efforts at upcoming science fairs?

- Admissions wants to have a role in these events recruiting students; not just passing out t-shirts.

**Comment/Observation:** With regard to financial aid, SIU is always late with information re: scholarships etc. It is also difficult to find the right person to speak with (too much run-around).

- Customer service will be a focus going forward

#### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – J. Wall**

- Elections are underway (one third of the Senate changes each year).
- In April, there are 2 Senate meetings. The first is a normal business meeting, the second is to transition new members onto the Senate.
- The second meeting will also entail committee assignments and officer selection.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION**

- No report

#### **UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

- One resolution to recommend approval of a NUI to add a Bachelor of Science in Analytics. (handout provided)
  - Unanimous approval

#### **FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE – Matt Gorzalski**

- No report

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE – K. Chwalisz**

- Preliminary report posted on the BOT website – on the agenda for the March 27 meeting.
- Report emailed to Senators
- Resolution for AGB to follow through with the process for allocation until completion.
- It is possible to have 5 new Board members next week.
- SIUC will be represented in discussions – anyone that wishes to speak at the next meeting is invited to attend.
  - Motion by **A. Teske** to suspend the 5 day notice
    - Unanimous approval
  - Amended resolution vote
    - Unanimous approval

#### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Michelle Kibby**

- No Report

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Grant Miller**

- No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT**