

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE
April 28, 2020

ROLL CALL

Members present: Kofi Akamani, Seung-Hee Lee, Scott Comparato, Jerry Becker, Marcus Odom, Elaine Jurkowski, Ying Chen, Joseph Brown, Shane Koch, Michele Kibby, Bethany Rader, Alejandro Caceres, Jacob Haubenreich, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Derek Fisher, Jim Wall, Jay Needham, Amber Pond, Robin Warne, Marissa Ellerman, April Teske, Melissa Viernow, Jennifer Brobst, Jon Davey, Joe Shapiro, Doug Carlson, Heeyoung Han, Jon Bean

Members absent with Proxy: Mickey Latour (Ira Altman), Belle Woodward (Nancy Martin), Matt Gorzalski (Walter Ray), Chris McDowell (Rik Austin), Sandra Fark (Juliane Poock-Wallace)

Members absent without Proxy: Dong Han, Laura Halliday

Ex-Officios and guests: Meera Komarraju (Provost), Lizette Chevalier (APAP), John Dunn (Chancellor), Patricia Saleeby (IBHE), David Dilila (AP), Brione Lockett, Craig Anz, Mike Behrmann, Bhaskar Bhattoc, Matthew Giblin, Eric Jacobs, Kevin Collins, HD Motyl, Bill Banz, Rob Lopez, Anne Fletcher, David Johnson, Lichang Wang, Jennifer Sherry, Carroll Walker, Leung-He Lee, Buffy Ellsworth

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting were adopted with noted adjustment to the roll call. Bethany Rader was present at the February meeting.

REPORTS/REMARKS

1. A. Faculty Senate President Olusegun Ojewuyi – Brought meeting to order.

- Thanked the Executive Council for the quick response to the difficult circumstances and for quickly creating and adopting resolutions to meet the challenges.
- The Pass/Fail option for students was passed quickly by the council and adopted by the administration. Student feedback to the decision was positive.
- The funding allocation debate between Edwardsville and Carbondale is ongoing. Executive Council agreed to defer any further discussion until new President could become more active in the discussion. Current funding allocation runs until 2023.
- Admission numbers are still unknown due to the COVID situation still lending uncertainty to Fall Semester.
- Chancellor search is down to two finalists. The search committee will be meeting with President Mahoney tomorrow (April 29th).
- Incoming Senate challenges will include looking at ways to adapt to the ‘new normal’ once campus opens back up. Specifically, starting to review our teaching models with emphasis on a more integrated approach (online/classroom).
- Senate should also prepare for the possibility of cuts in funding for academic units and other uncertainties starting in Fall Semester.

2. Administration

B. Chancellor Dunn

- Chancellor search is down to two finalists and is will move forward to Committee.

- Addressed the SIUE vs SIUC funding discussion and shifting the dialogue back to how the SIU schools compare to other schools in the country as opposed to how the two schools compare to each other.
- SIU received federal CARES funds of roughly \$8.8million but there is exclusion for Title IV students. Half of money is going directly to students and the other half to the University.
- Title IV students who were not eligible for this funding will be covered by the Saluki Cares program or other Title IV funds.
- Currently addressing the end of term challenge for getting students out of the residence halls. The Governor recently granted an exception to the shelter in place order to allow families to retrieve items but specific precautionary conditions must be met.
- Holding daily calls with President Mahoney regarding the constant changing conditions we are operating under. As of now Carbondale campus is planning on returning to normal in the Fall Semester with the assumption that new precautionary measures will have to be continued for the foreseeable future.
- Commencement ceremony on May 9th was cancelled and will be replaced with a virtual ceremony. The virtual ceremony however was poorly received among the students and administration is still looking at a possible deferred ceremony in the future.
- Face masks are mandatory starting on May 1st. SIU will find a way to provide these to all essential staff required to be on campus.
- Discussion of contingency plans should the budget be cut or enrollment drops drastically in the coming year. As of now, enrollment numbers appear to be stable but the financial impact in the next year is still unknown.
- The Bursar hold was lifted to \$1500 to accommodate students and families who were abruptly hit financially.
- Trying to find a way to open the research labs while still complying with the Governor's order. To date a few research projects have been allowed to continue, but students and faculty are eager to find a workaround to the disruption of critical work.

C. Provost Komarraju

- Thanked the faculty and senate members for handling the transition so well. The feedback from students and community has positive.
- Summer classes will be online only. Registration was delayed by a week for both Summer and Fall Semesters.
- As of now, SIU is still planning on a normal Fall Semester, but is working with Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) to improve support and resources for working in the virtual environment.
- The IBHE sent a message to larger schools asking them to honor the Pass/Fail grade that community colleges implemented. It was agreed the letter grades could be waived for *one semester only* in certain programs, but for those that could not waive, other options to are being implemented to allow students access to classes.
- Timely grade reporting will be absolutely crucial and the senate members were implored to stress the importance to other faculty members.
- Dean and Faculty searches are continuing for any open positions not filled prior to the COVID closure. All interviews now virtual.
- The deadline for hiring plan reports for retirements and resignations has been extended.

- There are two RME's related to the reorganization for Health and Human Science and the College of Agriculture, Life and Physical Science. These were approved by Grad Council and are on the agenda for the Senate to vote today.
- There have been several Article 9 meetings for three CoLA schools: Historical and Philosophical Studies, Digital Humanities and Literature, Africana Studies. Similar meetings have been held for: Cinema, Radio and Television, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Theater and Dance, Automotive Technology and Aviation, and College of Arts and Media.

D. Executive Committee – Jim Wall

- Executive Committee had the final meeting on April 14th.
- There was a brief discussion on CARE act funding.
- Current committee heads gave oral and written final reports.
- May 12th Zoom meeting will seat a new Faculty Senate and address two pieces of business:
 - Election of new officers (President, Vice President and Secretary)
 - New Senators will submit their committee preferences.
- Nominations are now open for officers, and nominations can be emailed to any of the officers before or on May 6.

E. Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE – Patricia Saleeby

- Last meeting was dominated by COVID discussion.
- A virtual statewide map for open WIFI hot spots has been implemented to assist students. This was disseminated to Jennifer Hall so she can add to list of available resources for students.
- Call for Calm hotline was also added as a resource for mental health support.
- Larger discussions on how to maintain quality education as classes continue to be taught remotely.
- May meeting will be in Springfield and will also be conducted via Zoom.

F. Graduate Council – Jim Wall for Thomas Shaw (absent)

- Grad council decided to continue through Fall Semester with current membership.
- Next scheduled meeting on May 7th.

G. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee – Melissa Viernow

1. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add the Photography Specialization in the School of Art and Design – Motion: D. Carlson, 2nd: S. Comparato. Resolution passed unanimously.
2. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add a Minor of Unmanned Aircraft Systems to the Aviation Technologies Bachelor of Science degree program in the Department of Aviation Technologies, College of Applied Sciences and Arts – Motion: J. Brobst, 2nd: S. Lee. Resolution passed unanimously.
3. Resolution to recommend approval of the RME to add a Specialization in Pre-Art Therapy to the Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts in Art in the School of Art and Design – Motion: S. Koch, 2nd: R. Warne. Resolution passed unanimously.
4. Resolution to Pass list of College program Reviewers – Awaiting updated list from APAP office and, thus, this item will be deferred to 2020/2021 Senate

H. Committee on Committees – Michelle Kibby, Scott Comparato

See written end of term report.

New JRB Chairs: Shane Koch, Chair and Jose Ruiz, Vice Chair were approved by unanimous vote.

I. Governance Committee – Mickey Latour & Jay Needham

See written end of term report.

J. Budget Committee – Marcus Odom & Doug Carlson

See written end of term report.

K. Special Committee on Reorganization – Jon Bean

1. Resolution to accept the RME for the proposed addition/abolition, or re-establishment of an educational unit, curriculum, or degree in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Resolution approved by vote: 20 Yes; 9 No; 3 Abstain

2. Resolution to reject the RME for the proposed addition/abolition, or re-establishment of an educational unit, curriculum, or degree in the College of Science.

Resolution rejected by vote: 22 Yes; 6 No; 4 Abstain

L. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee – Matt Gorzalski

See written end of term report.

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business – Introduction of new Senate members.

VI. Motion to adjourn: 1st Jennifer Brobst, 2nd Jerry Becker. Meeting adjourned by President Segun Ojewuyi.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber L. Pond
SIU FS Secretary, 2019-2020