

**2021-2022 Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**  
**Video Conference via Zoom**  
**1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The July meeting was called to order by President Yueh-Ting Lee.

**II. Roll Call of Membership**

Members Present: Philip Anton, Eric Black, Amy Bro, Jennifer Brobst, Robert Broomfield, Joseph Brown, Ying Chen, Farhan Chowdhury, Scott Comparato, Lisabeth DiLalla, Michael Eichholz, Scott Gilbert, Matt Gorzalski, Dong Han, Elaine Jurkowski, Victoria Kreher, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Walter Metz, Grant Miller, Marcus Odom, Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Bethany Rader, Matt Rendleman, Diana Sarko, Joe Shapiro, Jennifer Sherry, Joseph Sramek, Julie Tate, Lichang Wang

Members Absent with Proxy: Stacey McKinney (Robert Rados as Proxy)

Members Absent without Proxy: Puntti Kohli, Arash Komae, Christopher McDowell, Patrick McGrath, Jay Needham

Ex-Officios and Guests: Amber Burtis (Library Affairs), Josh Frick (Constituencies Office), Gary Kinsel (VCR), Meera Komarraju (Provost), Austin Lane (Chancellor), Allison Sutphin (School of Medicine), Carroll Walker (CTE), Wendell Williams (ACEM), Tamara Workman (Registrar)

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Motion: P. Anton

Second: J. Sramek

A vote commenced: 23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 05/11/2021 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as written.

**IV. Special Items**

A. Symbolic Gesture in honor of the late Professor Darwin Shane Koch: Silence and Resolution: The Faculty Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the late Professor Darwin Shane Koch. L. DiLalla questioned singling out this one person for the resolution. J. Brown suggested it was because he was an active member of the Faculty Senate and added this being a problem on campus, not honoring all the people who have passed away. Discussion ensued about being more inclusive and intentional in recognizing all faculty (active and retired) who have passed away during the academic year.

A vote commenced: 22 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; Resolution Passed.

B. Chancellor Lane's Request: A Resolution to Form an Ad Hoc Committee: B. Rader read the resolution.

Motion: S. Comparato

Second: E. Jurkowski

B. Rader mentioned that having discussion with Chancellor Lane at the FSEC meeting, he was open to a wider focus for this committee. J. Brobst expressed concern about the committee being a good use of faculty's time. Brobst suggested that faculty could improve the university's US News and other rankings by improving its perception from peers through increased scholarships and presentations, improve our reputation and branding, and the need to recruit outstanding students. Brobst welcomed cooperation

with improving our excellence and being productive post reorganization. J. Sramek showed concern against the March 15<sup>th</sup> committee end date, noting that this study will require more time. L. DiLalla agreed with Brobst and said that the committee's scope is too global. M. Odom agreed and opined that US News and World Report (USNWR) rankings are public relations, having little to do with faculty. Y. Lee noted that student-faculty ratio is the only faculty data point factored into USNWR. L. Wang agreed with DiLalla and suggested the committee should look at why the university's ranking has fallen and what that reasoning is. Wang mentioned that the ranking could provide advertisement for SIUC and people do recognize rankings regardless of flaws. M. Eichholz suggested focusing on our mission to be successful. S. Comparato agreed with Wang about the public perception of USNWR and sees the committee as an opportunity for faculty to voice opinions to administration. W. Metz provided an example to the negative impact of the university's ranking, stating that his department lost a prospective international PhD student. The student couldn't get funding because SIUC was not in the top 500 global universities. J. Brown emphasized the importance of rankings to graduate students and saw the committee as an opportunity to get fresh answers to ongoing questions and a new perception.

Motion: J. Sramek – To amend the resolution by removing the March 15<sup>th</sup> committee end date. S. Comparato agreed. E. Jurkowski agreed.

Second: S. Comparato

M. Eichholz mentioned concern about how to use the information gained from this committee. L. DiLalla agreed with Eichholz and added that it's still broad and may want to improve what goes into the rankings.

A vote commenced: 21 Yeas, 1 Nay, 3 Abstentions; Amendment to Resolution Passed.

M. Eichholz added that the goal shouldn't be to improve our ranking but understand why it's dropped and to identify those reasons. S. Comparato and J. Sherry both noted that Chancellor Lane told the Executive Committee that the language of the resolution would not restrict the Ad Hoc Committee's autonomy. D. Sarko referred to the ranking criteria and weights, in the chat, that could be used to be more specific. J. Sramek added that after reorg this is the time for self-reflection and gives us a chance to do a self-study at a university level. V. Kreher mentioned the pairing to other universities.

A vote commenced: 23 Yeas, 3 Nays, 0 Abstentions. Resolution Passed.

## **V. Special Guests Presentation**

- A. Wendell Williams: Introduction of New Associate Chancellor of Enrollment Management  
W. Williams gave a brief self-introduction.
- B. Amber Burtis: A LibGuide on the Open Textbook Initiative  
A. Burtis presented on the SIUC's Open Textbook Faculty Incentive Program which provides financial incentive for faculty to use open textbooks in their courses.

## **VI. Remarks**

- A. President's Comments: Yueh-Ting Lee  
Y. Lee reported on his recent meetings with Chancellor Lane. In those meetings, Lee reported discussing the university's strategic direction, combination of administrative positions, enrollment, academic excellence, institutional ranking by a resolution, the importance of shared governance, and respecting faculty's voice and input. Y. Lee also touched on attending the first meeting with Gray Associates on May 13<sup>th</sup> about program

effectiveness. He also shared information about honoring the late Professor Darwin Shane Koch with an event on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. Q and A Session with the Provost**

### **A. Provost Meera Komarraju**

J. Sramek asked if we are contracted with Gray Associates. Provost Komarraju said they are moving forward. B. Rader asked about establishing more permanent positions for school directors rather than interim positions. Provost replied that it was deferred to the faculty in the schools to choose permanent or interim. J. Shapiro asked what is going on with the vaccination policy and why are we not doing what University of Illinois is doing? Provost Komarraju said they take guidance from the CDC, State of Illinois, SIU School of Medicine, and other state universities. The Provost added they are doing what is best for SIU Carbondale. They also receive guidance from a team headed by Chief Ben Newman, Director of Public Safety. A survey of the faculty, staff, and students showed that half would support requiring vaccinations and the other half would not support requiring vaccinations. People unvaccinated will be required to wear masks on the honor system and vaccines will be available on campus with incentives for students. Testing will be able on campus too. J. Sramek asked that enrollment data that was shared with members of the Executive Committee be included in the minutes. Sramek followed up by saying buildings on campus are locked on weekends, giving no access for tour guides and potential students on Saturday visits. He asked the Provost what could be done to help the process. Provost Komarraju said she would look into it. J. Shapiro asked for an enrollment update. Provost reported undergraduate freshman applications are at 9,080 up 12.9%. Admitted students is up 14.6% admitting 6,472 students and have registered 1,199 students which is 1.4% lower than LY. Transfers on campus, applications are at 2,045 which is 6.2% higher to LY. Admitting 1,137 which is 6% lower to LY and registering 537 students which is 7.6% lower to LY. Off campus applications are up 6% at 477 applicants and admitted students is up 3.6% at 291 but registered students are down 4.2% at 138. Graduate student applications are at 1,640 up 3.5% to LY admitting 734 which is 5.6% higher to LY and registering 312 students which is 11.8% higher to LY. Provost Komarraju touched on retention efforts. For Fall 2017 to Fall 2018 retention was 72%. The following year it went up to 75.1%. The following year it went up to 80.6%. As of today, retention is 72.5% which is 1.85% lower to LY. Provost assured they are doing everything possible to get them registered.

Chancellor Lane joined the meeting. The Chancellor said they are now at a total of 8,818 students up 2.4% from LY and looking at using HERRF to help returning students. He emphasized the university's vaccination survey and interest in results. Spoke about financial incentives for student vaccinations and encouraging wearing masks. J. Sramek mentioned seeing data from not just LY but for two or three years ago. Chancellor Lane reported freshman orientation is currently at 1,376 students. The Chancellor touched on the IBHE recent report showing an equity gap among rural and minority students and that growing enrollment from these declining in-state populations would not be successful.

## **VIII. Reports**

- A. Executive Committee: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See president's comments.
- B. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – No report.

- C. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Co-Chairs, Joe Sramek and Amy Bro – No report.
- D. Budget Committee: Co-Chairs, Marcus Odom and Jennifer Brobst – M. Odom reported he and J. Brobst met yesterday discussing reorganization and looking at the budget allocations. Also, looking at Gray Associates study and looking at calling a meeting the second week of the semester. J. Brobst added they will revisit the equity report card data and will look at setting standards to compare each year.
- E. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – E. Jurkowski reported a request to be on the Reopening Committee and that was filled by J. Brobst. A request was also received from the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee and S. Comparato was reappointed to that committee. Jurkowski touched on updating the committee lists to fill all positions in the Fall. J. Brobst and Chancellor Lane briefly discussed information pertaining to future meetings for the Reopening Committee.
- F. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Comparato and Jennifer Sherry – S. Comparato had nothing to report but mentioned looking at sabbatical issues as well as code of conduct. Also, will look into identifying and recognizing faculty that have passed away in the future.
- G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Jay Needham, Patrick McGrath, and Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported no activities since last FS meeting but planning to work on issues related to the creation of SOAPSS and revising/finalizing operating papers.
- H. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Chair, Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported the IBHE held two meetings, May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, since the last FS meeting. The members of the FAC to IBHE discussed two state bills, SB101 (textbook bill) and SB815 (funding formula for public universities) and looking for the possibility of serving as a rep for these committees. A third bill, HB3950, relating to dual credit availability for students with intellectual disabilities was mentioned. This bill is to improve communication between high schools and colleges for these students. Wang touched on the issue whether Illinois through IBHE should look into the possibility of all higher Ed Illinois institutions having the same accessibility to journals to save money and FAC to IBHE hosted a Higher Education Library Panel discussion with guest speakers. The members also discussed trying to urge IBHE to provide a guideline for COVID vaccination policy, but it seems no such guideline will be available for Fall. Wang reported future meetings will begin in-person starting Fall 2021. Our campus will host the FAC IBHE meeting on March 18, 2022.
- I. Graduate Council: Junghwa Lee – No report.
- J. VC of Research: Gary Kinsel – G. Kinsel mentioned extending periods of performance through the end of this upcoming fall semester for the people who received foundation grants a year ago. COVID interrupted those projects since many involved on campus activities. They have moved the next round of applications into the spring for the following year. The awards will be announced at the research forum in April then the projects will begin that coming summer or fall. Kinsel announced that the foundation has committed to support this program again next spring. He added to keep your eyes open for the request for proposals around the first of December with a due date sometime in early spring. Also, mentioned having a research expo this fall with an announcement coming soon. Kinsel added their forum will be April 14, 2022. He thanked the foundation for providing over a million dollars to advance some construction in the McLafferty Research Annex and allowing them to bring in a

commercial brewing company known as Ravinia Brewing, out of Chicago. J. Brown mentioned the School of Africana and Multicultural Studies has approval and they will be getting in touch with G. Kinsel about a presentation symposium for the spring.

**IX. Old Business**

Still by Zoom for September's meeting due to the Governor's Executive Order and will discuss FS meeting schedule and format in 2021-2022. M. Eichholz mentioned the order expires July 24<sup>th</sup> and assumes to be in-person after July 24<sup>th</sup>. J. Sramek added in-person meetings for FS are normally held in small areas and may need to use a larger space to accommodate future meetings.

**X. New Business**

E. Jurkowski asked if it could be allowed to share the names of faculty members who have passed away since the last meeting. L. DiLalla named Dr. Peter Patrylo in Physiology who taught for the medical school as an integral part of their teaching faculty and research. J. Brown named Dr. Rick Williams who was Chair of the Classics Department and also ran the Honors Program. Also, Dr. Jack Whitlock who was the head of the museum and taught art history. Chancellor Lane told Y. Lee he will give Lee a list of faculty who have retired or passed. M. Eichholz requested that information be added to the notes, if received in time.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion: L. Wang  
Second: B. Rader

Respectively Submitted,  
Josh Frick and Matt Gorzalski