

2021-2022 Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Video Conference via Zoom
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call of Membership

Members Present: Philip Anton, 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, Arash Komae, Victoria Kreher, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Walter Metz, Grant Miller, Jay Needham, Marcus Odom, Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Bethany Rader, Matt Rendleman, Joe Shapiro, Jennifer Sherry, Joseph Sramek, Julie Tate, Lichang Wang

Members Absent with Proxy: Patrick McGrath (David Anthony as Proxy), Diana Sarko (Keith Sudheimer as Proxy)

Members Absent without Proxy: Eric Black, Punit Kohli, Christopher McDowell, Stacey McKinney

Ex-Officios and Guests: Craig Anz, Lizette Chevalier, Rachel Frazier, Josh Frick, Vivian Hardison, Laura Kidd, Meera Komarraju, Austin Lane, Junghwa Lee, Julie Lindsey, Amber Pond, Jennifer Smith, Kevin Sylwester, Carroll Walker, Wendell Williams, Tamara Workman

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: M. Eichholz

Second: J. Sramek

A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 07/3/2021 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as written.

IV. Remarks

A. President's Comments: Yueh-Ting Lee

Y. Lee reported sending the Faculty Senate FYI Update in July and August. Lee also made remarks at the July Board of Trustees meeting and will be seeking input for remarks before the meeting this week on the 16th. He thanked Jennifer Sherry, Eric Jacobs, and Jay Needham for attending meetings in his place. Y. Lee followed up on his meetings with the Chancellor in July and August concerning campus safety, shared governance, hiring faculty, budget, and student enrollment. Lee mentioned cohosting three public forums in August, with Civil Service Council and AP Staff Council, for the search for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs position. Y. Lee spoke about visiting different colleges this semester with the Chancellor, Provost, and Graduate Council Chair. He mentioned attending the memorial service for the late Faculty Senator, Professor Shane Koch on July 17th and presenting the family with a framed resolution. Lee also mentioned attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the faculty/staff lounge in the Student Center on September 7th.

V. Q and A Session with the Chancellor and the Provost

A. Chancellor Austin Lane

Chancellor Lane thanked everyone for their work on enrollment. He mentioned having the largest freshman class in five years and up 4.5% from LY. The Chancellor spoke on working with community colleges and seeing a 3.5% increase in transfer population. Graduate enrollment was up 1.38% from LY and had a 34% increase in students from this region. The Chancellor mentioned the Southern Illinois swarm, an initiative working with high school superintendents and principals along with the state representatives and senators, to recruit local high school students. He also mentioned the Chicago blitz in October, another initiative to recruit students in Cook County. SIUC will have an on-ground presence at Harper College, signing an agreement with City Colleges of Chicago, and looking at connecting with some south side community colleges along with superintendents of high schools in those areas. New marking materials will be tied to the strategic plan (Imagine SIUC in 2030) with new billboards and redesigning the web page to reflect this. The Chancellor spoke on the Governor's Executive Order requiring vaccinations or weekly testing for employees. Testing and vaccinations are available on campus and working with supervisors through the attestation process. Information will be on the COVID dashboard. Had a student community zoom meeting last night to answer questions and inform students of vaccination and testing protocols. Asking constituency heads to share critical summarized updates from the leadership council to move information through the institution. This week presenting the FY 2022 budget to the Board of Trustees. Lane spoke on the opening of the faculty/staff lounge in the Student Center. J. Sramek asked what can we do differently to increase enrollment and increase our yield and retention rates? Chancellor Lane answered having a thorough understanding of the state and the state's college-going population. The Chancellor stated they are focused on conversion rates, packaging early, efforts and partnerships with community colleges, and starting to look at the non-traditional student population. W. Williams spoke about working with deans on recruitment and retention activities. Williams noted having two freshman classes happening at the same time on campus and added that the real growth is going to be in retention. L. Wang asked the Chancellor about redistributing the indirect costs back to the VCR to support research efforts. Chancellor Lane answered it's one of our pillars in the strategic plan and is open to discussion. G. Miller asked about students being charged tuition concerning distance education versus on campus. Provost Komarraju clarified they are charged different fees, not tuition. The Provost added that the on-campus rate has different fees than online because students are here using the facilities. W. Williams added he will look into it and see what the capabilities are.

B. Provost Meera Komarraju

Provost Komarraju thanked everyone for their continued work and reported welcoming two new deans; Eric Breivik the new dean for CALPS and Robert Morgan the new dean for CHHS. The Provost reported initiating two more national searches for deans in CAM and CoLA. The Provost announced hiring 24 new faculty this fall semester and their continued working efforts with enrollment management, faculty, staff, and students as a number one priority. The Provost mentioned working with the GAU and the Faculty Association NTT and TT to update the instructor guide for this fall semester. She reported 211 employees in the academic affairs area not having their attestation uploaded and will receive a weekly list of employees who have not been vaccinated and not been tested. L. Wang asked for an update on the progress for completing operating papers and direct hires. Wang also asked about financial support for teaching assistants helping to absorb workloads for others that are in quarantine or isolation. Provost

Komaraju said her office would be glad to provide that support. Komaraju added they are receiving operating papers and the Associate Provost for Academic Administration, Marc Morris, is working on this. She reported the CHHS has their operating paper finalized and this is an ongoing process.

VI. 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
 1. RME to Rename School of Journalism – J. Sramek reported this resolution will be postponed until next month’s meeting.
 2. RME for Minor in Business Analytics – J. Sramek reported due to the rapid expansion of big data, students need the ability to have coursework in this specialization. This minor is geared toward business students but can be a minor for other majors as well. This passed unanimously through the UEPC and EC.
A vote commenced: 29 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; Resolution passed.
 3. RME for Addition of Specialization in Financial Economics to the B.S. in Economics – J. Sramek reported the School of Analytics, Finance, and Economics offers these courses to both majors, no additional resources are needed, and passed unanimously through the UEPC as well as the EC.
A vote commenced: 29 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; Resolution passed.
 4. RME for Specialization in International Studies – A. Bro reported this passed unanimously through the UEPC and EC. They are consolidating four specializations into one which will help reduce the overall credit hour from 47 to 33 and allows more flexibility for students. M. Eichholz asked if this is reducing the credit hour requirements and not the overall credit hours, providing more room for electives? J. Smith answered it does reduce hours but consolidates four area specializations into one. M. Eichholz asked how many credit hours are required for the degree? J. Sramek answered 6 credits of core classes, 15 for languages, plus 12 additional credits which totals 33 hours. L. Chevalier added that the main concept was to maintain the credit hours required for the degree and to reduce the specializations. This will combine resources and streamline the curriculum.
A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 1 Nay, 2 Abstentions; Resolution passed.
 5. RME for Fashion Design and Merchandising – A. Bro reported this will comply with the accreditation by the National Association of School of Arts and Design and help with the nomenclature to be consistent with peer institutions. With no programmatic changes, the resolution is also to change fashion stylist to styling to be consistent with the industry. This will help the degree to follow along with the recommendation of their accrediting body. C. Anz added its past time and it’s in direct relationship to our accrediting body and with peer institutions.
A vote commenced: 29 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; Resolution passed.
 6. RME to Eliminate Public Service Specialization in B.A. in Political Science – A. Bro reported the university went through reorganization and the specific courses within the public service specialization from the Bachelors in Political Science were taught by faculty who are now moved to the College of Business and Analytics. No affect to students currently pursuing the specialization. They will be able to complete the specialization by taking courses transferred to the College of Business and Analytics. This had unanimous department faculty and committee support. S. Comparato

added that faculty who taught the specialization are no longer in the college, it cannot be offered any longer, and needs to be eliminated. L. Wang asked in the past, how many students graduated with the specialization and if eliminating it would affect enrollment? S. Comparato answered this was not a popular specialization within the department and was probably in the single digits. Y. Lee asked if the people in public administration are aware about this proposal. S. Comparato answered yes, they were a part of initiating the move of our public administration faculty over to the School of Business, wrote the proposals, and know it's being eliminated.

A vote commenced: 27 Yeas, 1 Nay, 0 Abstentions; Resolution passed.

- D. Budget Committee: Co-Chairs, Marcus Odom and Jennifer Brobst – No report.
- E. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – E. Jurkowski reported they had two volunteers affirmed for search committees. Marcus Odom was affirmed to be on the Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Michael Eichholz was affirmed to be on the Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean. J. Sramek asked if there are additional vacancies on these searches? E. Jurkowski answered these two nominations would fill the vacancies.
Motion: E. Jurkowski
Second: J. Sramek
A vote commenced: 23 Yeas; FS members confirmed to search committees.
E. Jurkowski reported they sent out a call to solicit volunteers for university committees and that is due by September 24th. Jurkowski added they have been asked by the Chancellor to develop an Ad Hoc Committee for Enrollment and Excellence. A call will go out later today for volunteers of six people who are faculty but outside the Faculty Senate representatives and will be due back by September 27th. She thanked Faculty Senate members for their willingness to volunteer on short notice and acknowledged Y. Lee for requesting at least a lead time for Faculty Senate nominations to administration.
- F. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Comparato and Jennifer Sherry – S. Comparato reported meeting last week. They discussed issues relating to code of conduct for the faculty and the university, revisiting the Faculty Senate Operating Paper as it pertains to membership, and beginning a discussion and monitoring the university's COVID policy and practices on campus.
- G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Jay Needham, Patrick McGrath, and Lichang Wang – No report.
- H. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Chair, Lichang Wang – Next meeting is September 17th.
- I. Graduate Council: Junghwa Lee – J. Lee reported the Grad Council met on September 2nd. The council has decided to continue the research spotlight and the next meeting is Thursday, October 7th.
- J. VC of Research: Gary Kinsel – G. Kinsel shared his screen to show research funding for 2021. Total submissions were 350, total value was \$100,749,909.00, total indirect from submissions was \$21,287,320.00, with the effective indirect rate of 26.85%. Total awards received were 282, total dollar value was \$44,720,408.25, total indirect was \$4,169,805.00, with the effective indirect rate of 10.3%. Kinsel reported that SIUC remains in the top half of all R2 Carnegie Classification Universities in the country and remains the highest R2 University in the State of Illinois. Kinsel gave an update on the McLafferty Research Annex. The initial investments in the Fermentation Science Center, the Center for Fisheries Aquaculture and Aquatic Science, and the Ultra-fast Laser

Spectroscopy Laboratory totaled more than \$2.5M. The subsequent award by the Illinois Innovation Network promises to invest an additional \$2.5M. The recent commitment by the SIU Foundation of \$1.1M promises to move forward work associated with the FSI and allow a commercial brewer to set up production in the facility. The Illinois Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity awarded funding of \$2.7M and matched by \$2.7M of in-kind contributions from the university. This will allow the establishment of the BioLaunch Core Facility to include a Biotechnology Laboratory, an Analytical Laboratory and a Business Development Annex. Future plans call for the installation of a multimillion-dollar Magnetic Resonance Imaging facility for use by university researchers and the regional medical community. J. Sramek commented that as a high functioning R2 University we have more opportunities across the curriculum for undergraduates to participate in research projects and this should be packaged and used for marketing. L. Wang asked what was the biggest challenge for promoting research on campus? G. Kinsel answered resources, time, and personnel. Provost Komarraju added that this was presented at cabinet and they did talk about how to market it internally and externally. The Provost mentioned that the productivity rate Kinsel shared is with zero hires in Fall 2018 and shows how productive faculty are and should continue encouraging students to share their experiences on campus. E. Jurkowski mentioned utilizing service learning approach through the marketing department and getting the students input.

VII. Old Business

FS will meet by Zoom in October.

VIII. New Business

J. Brown shared how proud he is in the way the campus and community paid attention to the killing of Keeshanna Jackson.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: J. Sherry

Second: L. Wang

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Frick and Matt Gorzalski