

Faculty Senate (FS)-- For Your Information and Updates

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I. FS PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS, APPRECIATION, AND ADVOCACY FOR FACULTY

I would like to send my holiday greetings to all faculty members and wish you and your family happy holidays and a healthy and peaceful New Year in 2023.

As we wrap up this year, I wish to express my deep appreciation to all of you as our faculty members for your commitment to our students and the campus community. Thank you!

Our faculty senators worked very hard on various faculty related issues in the year of 2022. They deserve our recognition and appreciation here. I first wish to express my appreciation to our previous Faculty State and Welfare Committee co-chairs Jennifer Sherry and Scott Comparato for their outstanding services to advocate for our faculty interest, faculty status and welfare. They helped us to amend our FS operating paper and helped us to advocate against racial profiling at SIU. Thank you, Jennifer and Scott!

I also wish to thank FS Co-Chairs Joseph Sramek and Amy Bro and other Undergraduate Education and Policy Committee (UEPC) members for their diligent and superb work in 2022 on numerous RME proposals for our students and the University. It is the UPEC members who do the heaviest workload in senate every semester. Joe made an outstanding contribution to our faculty senate. Thank you, Joe, and we wish you the best during your spring sabbatical!

Almost each month, you receive an issue of the *FS Updates/FYI Newsletter*. It is due to the team efforts of my colleagues Mr. Josh Frick (University Constituency Office Manager), Dr. Bethany Rader (FS Vice President) and Mr. Matt Baughman (Chief of Staff in the Chancellor's office). I am very grateful to Josh, Bethany and Matt for their excellent and timely collaboration and support. Thank you, Josh, Bethany, and Matt!

My job as the FS President is to advocate for faculty members, including faculty members' welfare and interest, and shared governance (i.e., collaboration & communication with respect, shared responsibility/accountability, and transparency and trust). We conduct ourselves through standards set by the faculty and approved by administration (or policies—e.g., in different operating papers/bylaws) for which we all are held accountable (i.e., check and balance). We all (including

administrators) are here to serve our students and the University. I am so humbled and honored to serve the SIU faculty students as the FS President and look forward to working with you in Spring 2023!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Yueh-Ting Lee, Ph.D. FS President, and Professor of Psychology

II. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN THE DECEMBER MEETING

1. The FS met on December 13. All meeting information, including the approved minutes from the November 15th meeting, is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>).

2. Our next FS meeting is on February 14, 2023, which will be held both in person and by zoom (hybrid). If you have an important matter that you would like discussed at our February meeting, please let us know soon via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

III. FS VOTED FOR NEW JUDICIAL REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW FS MEMBERS VIA A SPECIAL ELECTION

On December 13, the FS members voted for four professors to serve on the Judicial Review Board (JRB) for a term of three years—David Sutton, Professor of Anthropology; Getahun Benti, Professor of History; Lilianna Lefticariu, Professor of Geology; and Lingguo Bu, Professor of Mathematics Education. Congratulations to them!

Also, via a special election, the following colleagues were elected and approved by the FS to serve on the FS senators as new members. Congratulations to them as well!

College of Arts & Media

Ashayeri Jahan Khanemloo, Mehdi (Architecture), serving through Spring 2025

Davey, Jon (Architecture), serving through Spring 2024

College of Engineering, Computing, Technology, & Mathematics

Samadi, Seyed Yaser (Mathematical & Statistical Sciences), serving through Spring 2025

College of Health & Human Sciences

Walker, Jennifer (Health Sciences), serving through Spring 2023

School of Medicine

Premkumar, Louis (Pharmacology), serving through Spring 2025

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Administration Update to the Faculty Senate

December 16, 2022

End of Semester General Updates

- **Retention Workshop was held on December 2** that brought together members of the Chancellor's Cabinet, Deans, School Directors and recruitment/retention staff and others from across campus to review data, learn more about student center programs that facilitate retention and make specific, collegiate-level plans to enhance retention.

- Partnership agreements for the **Saluki Step Ahead**, a program easing transferring from community colleges, continue to grow. Additional marketing efforts are being focused at partner locations. Our most [recent agreement](#) was with Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg.
- Men's Saluki basketball selected for ESPN [National Broadcast](#) on New Year's Day. It's a 4 p.m. game at the Banterra Center versus Belmont University.
- SIU Board of Trustees approve exploring [major sustainability projects](#) for campus.
- A [simplified login](#) for campus to be implemented in January for its current multifactor authentication system, which is critical for the security of campus.
- University [continues to monitor](#) COVID, flu and other concerns.
- Faculty and Staff Excellence Award [nominations being accepted](#).
- Personnel updates include the following positions being filled on a permanent basis in the last few weeks:
 - Wil Clark began as the Chief Information Officer
 - Susan Simmers began as the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
 - Matt Kupec began as the Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Relations
 - Bob Morgan and Marc Morris will temporarily cover the duties of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration
 - Marc Morris will begin as Interim Dean of the College of Business and Analytics on January 1.
- **Enrollment Update: Fall 2023: 36 weeks out**
 - a. **First time fulltime freshmen**
 - i. 9,838 applications [up 24%]
 - ii. 7,480 actionable applications [up 15.5%]
 - iii. 6,309 admitted [up 16.2%]
 - b. **Transfers on-campus**
 - i. 1,086 applications [up 36.4%]
 - ii. 509 actionable applications [up 36.5%]
 - iii. 314 admitted [down 0.3%]
 - c. **Transfers online and off-campus sites**
 - i. 109 applications [down 16.8%]
 - ii. 49 actionable applications [down 36.4%]
 - iii. 37 admitted [down 43.9%]
 - d. **Graduate students**
 - i. 488 applications [up 9.6%]
 - ii. 36 admitted [down 18.2%]

We wish you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year--2023! Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!