

**2021-2022 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
**Video Conference Via Zoom**  
**Time 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order: Yueh-Ting Lee**

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

**II. Roll Call: Matt Gorzalski**

Members Present: Eric Black, Amy Bro, Jennifer Brobst, Robert Broomfield, Joseph Brown, Farhan Chowdhury, Lisabeth DiLalla, Michael Eichholz, Scott Gilbert, Matt Gorzalski, Dong Han, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komae, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Christopher McDowell, Stacey McKinney, Patrick McGrath, Walter Metz, Grant Miller, Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Bethany Rader, Matt Rendleman, Diana Sarko, Joseph Shapiro, Jennifer Sherry, Joseph Sramek, Julie Tate, Lichang Wang

Members Absent: Philip Anton, Ying Chen, Scott Comparato (Excused), Jay Needham (Excused)

Ex-Officios and Guests: Andrew Balkansky, Lizette Chevalier, Josh Frick, Gary Kinsel, Meera Komaraju, Junghwa Lee, Julie Lindsey, Amber Pond, Carroll Walker

**III. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2022**

The minutes were corrected; D. Han was added as present.

Motion: J. Sramek

Second: L. Wang

A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 03/15/2022 were approved as amended.

**IV. FS President's Report: Yueh-Ting Lee**

Y. Lee reported the March issue of FS Update/FYI was distributed. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Y. Lee presented information based on FS newsletter, at the Chancellor's Leadership Council meeting. On the same day, thanks to the coordination of IBHE representative L. Wang, J. Brobst, Y. Lee, and Chancellor Lane presented at the IBHE meeting on shared governance, shared responsibility, and shared future vision. It was well received. Y. Lee attended the Emergency Operating Center meetings on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> about COVID-19 policy. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Y. Lee represented the FS at the university enrollment retreat, and shared the PowerPoint slides with the Senate. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Y. Lee attended the SIU System Faculty Advisory Committee meeting and discussed the faculty's responses to wellness or welfare surveys/focus groups, and the state 5% budget increase for higher education. Y. Lee attended a SIU System meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> on 360 Degree Review of staff members who report to the SIU President. Y. Lee was appointed to chair the Provost Search Committee, and three additional senators have been nominated to serve on this committee. The committee met with Witt Kieffer search firm on April 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed the procedures, timeline, and job description. The Gray Associates workshops occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Several senators participated. Y. Lee shared and will continue to share any subsequent information on academic programs. The Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate School Dean searches are underway, and senators are encouraged to attend the open forums at noon on Wednesday and Friday. Y. Lee thanked all for serving on FS, especially officers B. Rader, M. Gorzalski, chairs and co-chairs of standing committees, and office manager J.

Frick. Y. Lee is still debating running for another term, while encouraged and supported by many senators. P. McGrath thanked Y. Lee for his leadership and advocacy for faculty.

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

- A. Chancellor Austin Lane – Chancellor Lane was unable to attend.
- B. Provost Meera Komarraju – J. Sramek asked what are the next steps following the Gray Associates (GA) workshop. Provost Komarraju said the university is working to schedule a “debrief” with GA to summarize the workshops and share the information with faculty. GA is also working on a method to solicit feedback about the workshop from participants. Provost Komarraju reminded FS that mask wearing is optional, unless instructors listed it as required in their syllabus at the start of the semester. The Provost stated that Academic Affairs submitted the Unit Effectiveness Plan on how it will achieve the objectives outlined in the Imagine 2030 strategic plan. She also said there are several position searches underway (3 external and about 5 internal), with the goal of completing them by the end of this semester. Provost Komarraju said there is also 15-22 faculty searches. The Provost asked faculty to stay connected with their students, as the semester wraps up, and expressed optimism on timely grade submission, based on submission data from the fall semester. The Provost shared the following enrollment data – Fall 2022 and 19 weeks before classes (compared to same time last year):
  - 1. First time fulltime freshman
    - a. 10,240 applications (up 16.6%)
    - b. 9,224 actionable applications (up 38.8%)
    - c. 8,344 admitted (33%)
    - d. Registered = 167
  - 2. Transfers on-campus
    - a. 1,431 applications (down 10.4%)
    - b. 865 actionable applications (down 12.8%)
    - c. 807 admitted (down 11.5%)
    - d. Registered = 89
  - 3. Transfers off-campus
    - a. 333 applications (up 13.3%)
    - b. 199 actionable applications (up 8.2%)
    - c. 188 admitted (up 15.3%)
    - d. Registered = 31
  - 4. Graduate Students
    - a. 1,796 applications (up 24%)
    - b. 281 admitted (down 24%)
    - c. Registered = 18

L. Wang asked about the distribution of prospective freshman across majors. Provost Komarraju said that some programs have higher enrollment and contribute more to the increase in applications than other programs. Biological Science, Computer Science, and Engineering have seen increases. Program-specific marketing has increased applications; the Provost gave Forestry as an example.

**VI. Unfinished Business on Ad Hoc Committee**

- A. More Details on Ad Hoc Committee to Examine SIUC Streets – J. Brobst reported providing E. Jurkowski and Committee on Committees with the Ad Hoc Committee to Examine SIUC Streets information. Brobst summarized the purpose and makeup of the

committee. She noted it will be in place for 1 year and be chaired by a faculty senator, some additional FS members, and include representatives from non-senate constituencies. The committee should come up with a process to recommend, not to decide names.

## VII. Reports

- A. VC of Research: Gary Kinsel – G. Kinsel invited faculty to attend the Student Creative Activity Research Forum on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. There are 90 students presenting, with two morning sessions. A viewing session will be after lunch then awards are at 3:00pm in Old Main. The winners of the foundation grants for next year will be announced as well as the REACH Awards. G. Kinsel requested more judges are needed, particularly in Life Science, Physical Science, and Engineering during 11am-12:15pm. Kinsel announced the Office of Sponsored Projects Administration is holding a workshop for junior faculty who might be interested in applying for a National Science Foundation Career Award. It will be April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Morris Library.
- B. Executive Council: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See FS President’s Report, Item IV.
- C. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader reported FS Elections and Special Elections are currently underway. Rader shared her screen to summarize the allocation of senate seats. She encouraged faculty to nominate or to encourage others to self-nominate, as a reminder email will be sent out. Nominations end Thursday and a Survey Monkey Link will be sent this Friday for voting.
- D. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Co-Chairs, Joseph Sramek and Amy Bro
  1. Concerns about time and procedure – Y. Lee expressed that the UEPC has been given insufficient time on previous meeting agendas and that item two will be reintroduced. Y. Lee said he listened and took responsibility for these concerns. Now, he has given UEPC enough time and was open and flexible about reintroducing discontinuing global studies minor. J. Sramek thanked Y. Lee and added that the UEPCs workload varies month to month and tends to be the busiest of the senate’s standing committees. Sramek stated that the UEPC was offended that the RME and resolution to discontinue the minor in Global Studies was not brought to the FS for discussion and voting. He emphasized that the UEPC reviews RMEs in detail prior to bringing them to the Executive Committee for discussion. P. McGrath suggested that the Governance Committee review the Operating Paper to clarify the relationship between the Executive Committee and standing committees. J. Sramek agreed and said that the EC should not be able to veto committee work.
  2. Reintroducing “RME and Resolution on Discontinuing Minor in Global Studies” (FSEC voted against it on March 1<sup>st</sup> but we need to reintroduce it via Motion/Second – Debate and Vote)  
Motion: J. Sramek  
Second: A. Bro  
L. Wang added that resolutions from committees do not need seconded. B. Rader asked to be reminded of the resolution. A. Bro read the resolution. Bro added that there is a competing curriculum with International Studies. Y. Lee asked for EC votes to be summarized. M. Gorzalski answered everyone voted against it but A. Bro, 8-1, and the COLA Council vote was not favorable. P. McGrath said that the RME justification was not clear. J. Sramek said that he changed his opinion from opposition to support of the RME after learning more

about how this minor is duplicative of the International Studies minor. M. Eichholz stated that the RME reads more like the program is not working versus it is not needed. L. Chevalier agreed the RME could have provided more clarity. A. Balkansky said the Global Studies minor is competing with International Studies. Balkansky stated International Studies is housed in a unit with faculty overseeing it. He said COLA recently hired an International Studies Professor, where Global Studies is a free-floating program created by a previous dean. L. Chevalier and Provost Komarraju clarified that there is a minor in International Studies, and that business faculty teach some of the courses.

A vote commenced: 22 Yeas, 0 Nays, 4 Abstentions; The RME and Resolution to Discontinue the Minor of Global Studies passed.

3. RME to Revise Specializations in Recreation Professions – J. Sramek presented the RME and resolution. Sramek stated the resolution changes the number of specializations from three to two, and changes the names of those specializations to better reflect the career trajectories of this program. There were no questions and no discussion.

Motion: J. Sramek

Second: A. Bro

A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. The RME and resolution to Revise Specializations in Recreation Professions passed.

4. RME to Eliminate BS in Electronic Systems Technology – J. Sramek presented the RME and resolution. L. Chevalier noted that this program was a part of the now-defunct School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, and is now in the College of Engineering, Computing, Technology, and Math. It duplicates the electrical engineering technology program. J. Sramek stated this is an Article IX process, and the Faculty Association wrote a letter highlighting that this received unanimous support among the faculty.

Motion: J. Sramek

Second: A. Bro

A vote commenced: 26 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; The RME to Eliminate the BS in Electronic Systems Technology passed.

- E. Budget Committee: Chair, Jennifer Brobst – J. Brobst reported the committee met recently through email communication. The consensus for next year is to focus on salary equity. Brobst thanked the committee members for their service.
- F. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – S. Lee reported it approved 8 senators who volunteered to participate in the Gray Associates' workshop, and 3 senators who volunteered to serve on the Provost Search Committee.
- G. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Comparato and Jennifer Sherry – J. Sherry reported that the survey result for the Operating Paper revision was distributed through email. Sherry thanked all those that helped with this process.
- H. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Patrick McGrath and Jay Needham – P. McGrath reported that the parliamentary job advertisement was distributed. The committee will review the Operating Paper to clarify the relationship between the Executive Committee and FS standing committees.
- I. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Chair, Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported the IBHE met on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They discussed mental health and COVID related issues. The IBHE is interested in the letter generated by our council based on the discussion. Chancellor

Lane, FS President Y. Lee, and FS Budget Committee Chair J. Brobst, gave presentations on the “Shared Governance, Shared Responsibility, and Shared Future Vision at SIUC.”

- J. Graduate Council: Junghwa Lee – J. Lee reported meeting on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and they approved three resolutions. Those were RME for granting the Consortium for Embedded Systems temporary IBHE status as a center, RME for Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Public Health, and RME for elimination of the Master’s Degree in Education in the School of Education. J. Lee said these were all approved, and added at the Research Spotlight a faculty member of Public Health in the School of Human Sciences presented his research.
- K. The Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking – FS Representatives, Joseph Sramek, Elaine Jurkowski, and Yueh-Ting Lee – J. Sramek summarized how the committee’s work has evolved since its inception. SIU had been ranked by US News and World Report in the 150-200 range several years ago. The university is now 263. SIU is ranked in comparison to national research institutions and not our direct competitors like SEMO, SIUE, and Murray State. The Ad Hoc Committee decided to become a fact-finding committee to determine how rankings are compiled, who on campus is responsible for those areas, and what actions can be taken to improve. M. Gorzalski asked if the committee will continue work over the summer. J. Sramek said no, but that he expects the committee’s work to conclude and be reported around November. M. Eichholz cautioned about chasing rankings. J. Sramek agreed and noted their committee is advisory and looks at it as parallel with Gray Associates.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. Meeting via Zoom or In Person for April 26<sup>th</sup> and May – Y. Lee said meetings will continue via Zoom and there was no objection.

**IX. New Business**

None

**X. Adjournment**

Motion: J. Sherry

Second: J. Sramek

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josh Frick and Matt Gorzalski