

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

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I. FS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, APPRECIATION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Dear SIU Faculty Members,

This is my last **FS FYI/Update** issue sent to you as the FS president. I have been very honored and humbled to serve as the FS president for the past two years. Before I take a break, I am going to highlight three areas briefly—our FS Accomplishments, Appreciation, and Challenges/Opportunities.

First, we have collectively accomplished a lot because of you as faculty members. Our monthly newsletter covered what we did. Please see the website here <https://facultysenate.siu.edu/faq.php>. Our accomplishments can also be seen in the annual report by each Standing committee <https://facultysenate.siu.edu/committees/>.

Second, I would like to extend my great appreciation to Mr. Josh Frick as our Constituency Office Manager, Mr. Matt Baughman, Chief of Staff in the Chancellor's Office, Professor Julie Tate, and Professor Bethany Rader for their team efforts. Without Josh, we cannot function well. I also wish to express my appreciation to those FS Executive Committee members as standing committee chairs for their excellent work—i.e., Undergraduate Education and Policy Co-chairs Amy Bro, Jennifer Walker, and Joe Sramek; Faculty Status and Welfare Co-chairs Scott Gilbert and Arash Komae; Budget Committee Co-Chairs Mike Eichholz and Farhan Chowdhury, Governance Committee Co-chairs Patrick McGrath and Khalid Meksem, Committee on Committees Co-chairs Seung-Hee Lee & Elaine Jurkowski, and IBHE representative Lichang Wang.

Third, I would like to take an opportunity to express my appreciation to those faculty senators whose terms expire this month. Thank you for your great service for the FS in the past. They are: CALPS: Khalid Meksem, Lichang Wang; CBA: Sylvia Smith (Thoms); CHHS: Yueh-Ting Lee, Jennifer Walker; SoEd: Grant Miller; CECTM: Farhan Chowdhury; CLA: Patrick McGrath & Joseph Sramek; SoMed: Eric Black & Lisabeth DiLalla; NTT: Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Julie Tate, Cherie Watson.

Finally, we faculty senators face three challenges or opportunities. First, how do we get more faculty members engaged? Second, how shall we advocate for faculty voice/shared governance, interest, equity, faculty retention and increase campus morale? Third, our re-organization is not finished yet. We need to get involved in the new operating papers for the benefit of faculty members. It is time for me to take a break and let the new president address the new challenges and opportunities. I will

support those new elected officers. I have enjoyed working with the faculty senators and faculty members, other constituencies and offices. Please feel free to contact the Faculty Senate Office if there is anything the FS can help you with.

Best regards,

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II. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS AT THE APRIL MEETING

1. The FS met on April 25, 2023. All meeting information, including the approved minutes from the April 11 2023 meeting is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>).

2. Our next FS meeting is on May 9, 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 May meeting, please let us know soon via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

3. On April 25, 2023 we had two different sessions with both the old and new senators and elected the new officers—see below.

III. NEW FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS AND NEW SENATORS ELECTED

Senator Bethany Rader was elected as the new FS President; **Senator Elaine Jurkowski** was elected as FS Vice President, and **Senator Michael Hylin** was elected as the FS Secretary on April 25, 2023. My **congratulations** to them!

We welcome new faculty senators on board. They are: Yueh-Ting Lee, Jennifer Walker, Nwamaka Anaza, Amber Pond, Randall Auxier, Christopher Wienke, Cherie Watson, Daniel Bronke, Marissa Ellermann, Ghassan Ishak, and Geoffrey Young.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

. **Administration Update to the Faculty Senate**
April 24, 2023

Recruitment and Enrollment

- New first time undergraduate students (17 weeks before classes):
 - 12,836 have applied for the Fall term, which is an increase of nearly 23% over last fall and nearly double of fall 2019.
 - 622 more students have been admitted this year over last year, an increase of 7.4%

- Registrations are up 23.5% compared to the same point last year
- For transfer students, applications are up 18% and admissions are up 2.2%
- 2,065 students have accepted some type of scholarship that we have offered.
- Housing contracts are up 16.2% over last year and 19% over Fall 2019
- Graduate School applications are up 16% and admissions are up 128% compared to last year.

Research and Graduate School

- The VCR invites all faculty to attend a talk by Dr. Debora Rodrigues, the Ezekiel Cullen Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Houston, TX. who is currently rotating at NSF and serving as NSF program officer for the Partnerships for Innovation (PFI), Mid-Career Advancement (MCA), and Bioinspired programs. The presentation will take place over Zoom on April 25, 1:30-2:30pm.
- The office of the VCR selected 22 REACH awardees for next year. The REACH (Research-Enriched Academic Challenge) award offers the opportunity for SIU Carbondale undergraduate students to work with a faculty member on independent creative activities or research.
- On April 13 the OVCR organized the Student Research & Creative Activities Forum is held each spring to showcase the work of undergraduate and graduate students in all disciplines. Nineteen winners were selected by a panel of judges, and eight of the posters will be shared with the Board of Trustees during the next Board meeting on April 27.
- On April 3, 2023 during our "Let's Talk Research" meeting a panel of six SIUC faculty discussed NSF proposals with over 30 attendees.

Other news

- Jeff Harmon will be publicly announced later this month as the campus's new Chief Marketing Officer, effective June 1. His LinkedIn profile is [here](#) for those interested in reviewing his background, which includes growing up in southern Illinois and working at a number of universities and in the private sector. Please join the chancellor in providing Jeff a warm welcome to SIU Carbondale and thanking Jim Potter for his dedicated service as CMO.
- An offer has been extended and accepted for the assistant vice chancellor for human resources and that person will be announced soon. It is expected he will start on June 1.
- A preliminary analysis of the April 20 active threat training showed the drill was a success. More details can be found [here](#). SIU Police Chief Ben Newman will provide brief remarks on the training to the SIU Board of Trustees on April 27.
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We wish you a great Summer! Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!