

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

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I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS AT THE MARCH MEETING

1. The FS met on March 21, 2023. All meeting information, including the approved minutes from the February 14 2023 meeting is available online via the FS website

(<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>).

2. Our next FS meeting is on April 11, 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 April meeting, please let us know soon via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

3. Faculty Senate also approved two resolutions based on the UEPC's recommendation: Resolution for the RME for a minor in Behavior Analysis and Therapy; Resolution for the RME to eliminate the specialization in Turf Management in the B.S. in Horticulture and add a specialization in Sustainable Horticulture Systems in the B.S. in Horticulture. Additionally, the FS approved a resolution on the AI Committee—see below.

II. A NEW FS AI COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Note: If any faculty member is interested in serving on the FS AI committee, please contact Mr. Josh Frick at facultysenate@siu.edu.

Faculty Senate Resolution: Policy on AI Use and Academic Integrity

WHEREAS the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in academic research and instruction is rapidly increasing; and

WHEREAS the University Guidelines Definition of Plagiarism Policy is as follows: "Plagiarism is presenting another existing work, original ideas, or creative expressions as one's own without proper attribution" (SIU University Guidelines, 9.1); and

WHEREAS the use of AI raises ethical and integrity concerns, such as the potential for plagiarism and the ability to manipulate data; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate to establish policies that ensure the academic integrity of our institution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty senate recommends a committee formation that includes the following:

1. The committee should be comprised of faculty from a variety of academic areas across campus and could include representatives from Disability Support Services, The Center of Teaching Excellence, and other relevant stakeholders as ascertained by the committee.
2. The committee should consider the exciting potential of AI, but also concerns and difficulties inherent in monitoring use of AI and how to address dishonesty.
3. The committee shall create suggestive guidelines for the use of AI within academia including how it should be integrated into our academic integrity, emphasizing our plagiarism policy.

III. UPDATE FROM THE FS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL RANKING AND EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

Co-chaired by Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee and Dr. Elaine Jurkowski, the FS Ad Hoc Committee met before Spring break. The committee members agreed to establish three working groups or subcommittees with two facilitators/coordinators in each group or subcommittee, which includes faculty members, students, and administrators. Below are group/subcommittee members with their charges. Their facilitators or coordinators are marked with *.

Group 1 or Subcommittee 1 (on student success):

Shuling Wu*, **Wendell Williams***, Isaiah Overton, Vjollca Konjufca and Michael Hylin. This group/subcommittee focuses on student graduation, retention, performance/selectivity, and financial part (which accounts for approximately 50% based on the US News and World Report's criteria).

Group 2 or Subcommittee 2 (on reputation and relationship): **Wil Clark***, **Yueh-Ting Lee***, Adam Roloff, Isaiah Overton; Jim Porter, Jeffrey Burgin, Benjamin Newman, and Matt Kupec. This group focuses on undergraduate academic reputation, financial debt, and alum giving rate (which accounts for around 28%).

Group 3 or Subcommittee 3 (on faculty resources & faculty-student ratio): **Elaine Jurkowski***, **Chilman Bae***, Susan Howell, Vjollca Konjufca, Isaiah Overton, and Robert Morgan. This group focuses on faculty quality, faculty-student ratio, and faculty academic terminal degree, faculty compensation, and class size, (which accounts for around 22%). *This group or subcommittee still needs one student.*

Please feel free to contact Drs. Lee and Jurkowski via facultysenate@siu.edu if you have any questions or any suggestions for us.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Administration Update to the Faculty Senate
March 22, 2023

Recruitment and Enrollment

- Enrollment for new students is trending positively for the upcoming fall term.
 - While we are still 22 weeks before classes begin, we have already 99% of the total number of new students we admitted on the 10th day last year.

- For transfer students we have admitted 6.3% more students at the same point last year.
- The U.S. Department of Education Program Review report indicates that we have resolved all findings with zero liabilities. This fundamental achievement could not have been accomplished without your efforts in supporting the new process that documents No Shows.
- SIU Carbondale [inks agreement](#) to improve access for IECC students.

Research and Graduate School

- Our next Let's Talk Research on April 3, focuses on NSF proposal types, such as ERI, I/UCRC, EAGER, etc. SIUC colleagues will discuss these programs in a panel that will be on Zoom.
- Research performance as of 2/28/2023:
 - Awards \$56.7M (FY22 TOTAL awards \$53.5M)
 - Proposals \$88.6M (FY22 TOTAL proposals \$165M)
 - Go to: <https://ospa.siu.edu/resources/reports.php#>
- Graduate School recruitment and enrollment as of 3/20:
 - Graduate student applicants 1,891 (last YTD: 1,626)
 - Graduate students admitted 437 (last YTD: 191)

Information Technology

HELP US REIMAGINE THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

You are invited to attend and participate in the Office of Information Technology's (OIT) "Listening and Learning" sessions hosted by our Chief Information Officer, Wil Clark. These sessions are an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns as the OIT develops its strategic plan.

- DATES: Wed., March 22 or Monday, April 10
- TIME: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a come and go format as your time allows
- WHERE: The Faculty Staff Lounge/Old Main Room, SIU Student Center

OR

- Via Teams (click on the links below)
 - [Thursday, April 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.](#)
 - [Tuesday, April 18th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.](#)

Additionally, faculty and staff can contribute anonymous comments through the OIT's [Listening and Learning Feedback survey](#). OIT's Client Relations and Communications team (CRC) is available to take input, answer questions, or schedule one-on-one sessions if requested. The CRC team can be reached at: crc@siu.edu or (618) 453-0900.

Personnel Updates

- [Sheryl Tucker](#) named new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- HR Director, Chief Marketing Officer, Institutional Research Director searches in progress.

We wish you a great Spring Semester! Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!