

2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Hybrid Format (Location: Morris Library, Room 752 & Video Conference Via Zoom)
Time: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order: Yueh-Ting Lee

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

II. Roll Call: Julie Tate

Members Present: Mehdi Ashayeri, Robert Broomfield, Farhan Chowdhury, Jon Davey, Lisabeth DiLalla, Michael Eichholz, Scott Gilbert, Michael Hylin, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komaee, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Patrick McGrath, Stacey McKinney, Grant Miller, Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Louis Premkumar, Bethany Rader, Lorelei Ritchie, Seyed Yaser Samadi, Julie Tate, Sylvia Thoms, Jennifer Walker, Lichang Wang, Cherie Watson, Rachel Whaley

Members Absent with Proxy: Jeffrey Punske (Proxy Shannon McCrocklin), Walter Ray (Proxy Matt Gorzalski), Diana Sarko (Proxy Amber Pond)

Members Absent: Eric Black, Ying Chen, Khalid Meksem, Joseph Sramek

Guests: Rachel Frazier, Josh Frick, Craig Gingrich-Philbrook, Austin Lane, Julie Lindsey, Marc Morris, Costas Tsatsoulis, Carroll Walker, Andrew Youpa

III. Approval of Minutes from February 14

Motion: L. DiLalla

Second: M. Eichholz

A vote commenced: 22 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 02/14/2023 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as presented.

IV. President's Report: Yueh-Ting Lee

Y. Lee reported the February issue of the FS Update/Newsletter was sent out at the end of February. On February 15, Y. Lee attended the Faculty Affairs Council of SIU System (FACSS) meeting chaired by SIU System Vice President Dr. Gireesh Gupchup. They discussed an online suggestion box for faculty members to send us any faculty-related issues. They are in the middle of developing an award proposal on SIU system faculty collaboration. The search committee was busy with campus interviews for the five provost finalists on February 21 through 27. On those days, Y. Lee attended the 10:15am sessions with other constituency heads to ask each candidate questions. They hosted the noon open forums by inviting each campus constituency head to ask the candidates' questions. Y. Lee thanked Senate co-chairs Khalid Meksem and Seung-Hee Lee for representing the FS to ask those five candidates' questions at noon. Everything was recorded and accessible to the public. At 3pm on those days, the Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and Faculty Association co-hosted the sessions via Q and A format. Again, it was recorded and open to the public. Y. Lee thanked GC Chair Craig Gingrich-Philbrook and FA President Jeffrey Punske for reading the questions to each candidate. The Provost Search Committee and Witt Kieffer search firm met again on February 28. They discussed the strengths and weaknesses of those five candidates. On February 28, Y. Lee attended the Campus Climate Survey Townhall meeting with other constituency heads. It was hosted by the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Paul Frazier. It was recorded and accessible to the public. On March 9, Y. Lee had a regular monthly meeting with Chancellor Lane and Interim Co-Provost Robert Morgan by MS Teams. They discussed

the following issues: The DE article on DE monies and plans, operating papers, retention on both students and faculty members, SIU System Faculty Collaboration Award, and other matters. On March 17, Y. Lee attended the semester meeting by Council of Illinois University Senate. They discussed two primary issues: shared governance on campuses, and the flexibility of faculty teaching modality. On March 20, Y. Lee attended the EOC training session for the active shooting drill to be held on April 20.

V. Q and A Session with Chancellor and Provost

- A. Chancellor Lane additional comments – Chancellor Lane thanked Dr. Lee and the search committee for helping find our Provost, Dr. Cheryl Tucker, who will be starting in the summer. The Chancellor also thanked Dr. Morris and Dr. Morgan in helping cover the Provost office. After the Provost finishes listening and learning, Dr. Tucker will establish an academic plan. This will combine with our enrollment management plan, technology plan, campus master plan, that are more operational and will connect to the overall strategic plan. Chancellor Lane stated enrollment applications and admissions are up, both undergraduate and graduate, with many efforts focused on yielding. Chancellor Lane attended the legislative hearing in Springfield last week with the support of State Representatives, Severin and Jacobs. If the Governor’s budget is approved SIUC’s allocation would increase by \$5.5 million. Senate hearings will be the first week of April. Chancellor Lane shared his screen showing a spring 2023 legislative hearing fact sheet and reviewed the information. This showed a breakdown of students (Fall 2022), employees (Fall 2022), the FY23 budget, and university demographics. This will be the last year for the 7-year payback and if the \$5.5M increase happens they will look at an employee increase across the board. They will also be sending information about the active threat drill happening in April. M. Eichholz confirmed sharing the fact sheet with the general public and asked if the information is shared with alumni. Chancellor Lane was open to more transparency of information. P. McGrath asked how information is being sent for the active threat drill. The Chancellor asked M. Morris to help communicate with the deans in getting this information out. They will post notices on buildings and will be sending out more information.
- B. Interim Co-Provost Marc Morris’ additional comments – M. Morris stated they are getting the Provost’s office ready for Dr. Tucker and gave appreciation in serving as Interim. The academic standing policy is being reviewed and should soon be available for Senate input.

VI. Reports

- A. Executive Committee: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See Item IV.
- B. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader reported general elections are in April and gave a brief description of the election committees role. Rader also reported the number of open seats in each unit. G. Miller and F. Chowdhury confirmed open seat(s) in their units.
- C. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Gilbert and Arash Komae – S. Gilbert thanked Y. Lee for his work with the Faculty Collaboration Award across the SIU System.
- D. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Chair, Amy Bro – Y. Lee reported J. Walker is chair for UEPC.
 - 1. Resolution for the RME for a minor in Behavior Analysis and Therapy – J. Walker reported this is a pathway to be a board-certified assistant Behavior Analysis, some

cost for marketing but an online program, currently offered through the B.S. in Behavior Analysis and Therapy, and is an additional 21 credit hours.

2. 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 – J. Walker reported the specialization in Turf Management wasn't popular, Dr. Henry will teach out the remaining students, the new specialization has high interest and is expected to grow. Item VI-D-1 and 2 were grouped together for voting.

Motion: J. Walker

Second: C. Watson

A vote commenced: 24 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; Item VI-D-1 and 2 were approved.

3. AI Committee Resolution – J. Walker reported exciting potential with increasing interest and UEPC discussed the possibility of eliminating writing capabilities of students and/or a new way to teach a new tool with a need for caution. They hope to create a collaborative committee which may include representatives from disability services, CTE, and a variety of areas across campus. The committee should consider the potential of AI but look at the difficulties in monitoring the use to address dishonestly while looking at the plagiarism policy under the student code of conduct. The committee shall create suggestive guidelines for the use of AI within academia and how to work this in an ethical manner. Faculty Senators discussed the university's policy on plagiarism and the student conduct code. It was suggested this be incorporated into the resolution. Pros and cons for using AI in academia were discussed along with the use of AI among the different units on campus.

Internet Connection Unstable, Connection was lost and the FS meeting paused for a few minutes

The resolution was amended, posted in the chat and sent to members emails for review.

Motion: L. DiLalla

Second: R. Whaley

A vote commenced: 24 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The amended AI Committee Resolution was approved.

- E. Budget Committee: Co-Chairs, Michael Eichholz and Farhan Chowdhury
 1. Faculty Salary Compression Study – M. Eichholz reported discussing a resolution to address the distance education funding and didn't move forward after receiving more information from the Chancellor. Eichholz then gave a brief PowerPoint presentation reviewing the formation, data, information, and recommendation from the Faculty Salary Compression Study.
- F. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee - S. Lee reported the approved committee assignments for the five newest elected Senators: Jennifer Walker to UEPC, Seyed Yaser Samadi to UEPC, Louis Premkumar to UEPC, Jon Davey to FSWC, and Mehdi Ashayeri Jahan Khanemloo to FSWC. Also, J. Walker has been approved by UEPC and recommended to serve as chair of UEPC by CoC and FSEC.

Motion: S. Lee
Second: L. DiLalla

A vote commenced: 17 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The five committee assignments were approved and Jennifer Walker will serve as Chair for UEPC.

- G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Patrick McGrath and Khalid Meksem
1. Constituency Group Letter – P. McGrath reported the letter was shared with all Senate members and will be sent on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
Motion: P. McGrath
Second: L. DiLalla
A vote commenced: 17 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention; The Constituency Group Letter was approved to be sent on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
- H. VC of Research: Costa Tsatsoulis – C. Tsatsoulis shared his screen and reviewed information for the graduate admissions funnel, international applicant data, and Graduate School actions. Tsatsoulis then discussed the Let's Talk Research workshop on 03/03, equipment support, fiscal administrative review by IDHS, compiling center and institute reports for state and BOT, and a discussion on NSF proposal types on 04/03 via Zoom. As of 02/28/2023 Awards total \$56.7M (LY \$53.5M) and Proposals total \$86.6M (LY \$165). G. Miller gave feedback on the applicant's financial statement and a complete application was discussed.
- I. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported two meetings were held on February 17 and March 17, 2023. The presentation from IBHE Executive Director, Ginger Ostro, on February 17, focused on the progress on modeling HE funding. Three presentations from Chicago State University (CSU) on March 17, were given by the CSU President Z. Scott and the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Leslie Roundtree to welcome and brief introduction, followed by Director of RISE Academy Coordinator Ms. Catherine Smith on RISE Academy. The third presentation was given by Director of CSU Counseling Center, Dr. Christine Brown on faculty mental health. FAC IBHE councilor members continue to work/discuss on issues related to academic freedom, HE funding formula, and ChatGPT.
Motion: B. Rader
Second: M. Eichholz
A vote commenced: 13 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The Faculty Senate meeting was extended for 10 minutes.
- J. Graduate Council Representative: Tomas Velasco – C. Gingrich-Philbrook reported the continuation to clarify a revision to the grievance procedure to help eliminate conflict of interest or the appearance thereof when to keep a potential respondent in a grievance a faculty member from adjudicating their own case when that faculty member is a school director (or along those lines). The Council has had various forms of AI discussion and their role in graduate education, such as dissertations, theses, and research reports. They are encouraging individual graduate programs to clarify acceptable use and encourage individual faculty to explore syllabus statement and assignment prompt level clarifications for what constitutes abuse of those platforms.
- K. Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Educational Quality: Co-Chairs, Yueh-Ting Lee and Elaine Jurkowski – Y. Lee summarized the report that was sent previously to all Senate members. The committee reviewed previous work done by previous members and will add three undergraduate students to the committee, there was a Q and A discussion, links shared by AVC Williams and CIO Clark, three subcommittees were established, each subcommittee has freedom to invite other colleagues to join as members at-large (ex officio), and the next meeting will be mid-April.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

L. DiLalla encouraged more in-person participation at FS meetings.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: C. Watson

Second: B. Rader