

2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 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 April meeting was called to order by President Yueh-Ting Lee.

II. Roll Call: Julie Tate

Members Present: Mehdi Ashayeri, Eric Black, Ying Chen, Farhan Chowdhury, Lisabeth DiLalla, Scott Gilbert, Michael Hysin, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komae, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Patrick McGrath, Stacey McKinney, Khalid Meksem, Grant Miller, Mike Phillips, Louis Premkumar, Jeffrey Punske, Bethany Rader, Lorelei Ritchie, Seyed Yaser Samadi, Sylvia Smith, Julie Tate, Lichang Wang, Cherie Watson, Rachel Whaley

Members Absent with Proxy: Walter Ray (Proxy Matt Gorzalski), Diana Sarko (Proxy Amber Pond), Jennifer Walker (Proxy Alicia Cremeens)

Members Absent: Robert Broomfield, Jon Davey, Michael Eichholz, Amanda Pangrazio, Joseph Sramek

Guests: Myla Burton, Kevin Cox, Rachel Frazier, Josh Frick, Ryan House, Austin Lane, Julie Lindsey, Robert Morgan, Grant Tobin, Costas Tsatsoulis, Tomas Velasco, Carroll Walker

III. Approval of Minutes from March 21

Motion: B. Rader

Second: L. DiLalla

A vote commenced: 23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 03/21/2023 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as presented.

IV. President's Report: Yueh-Ting Lee

Y. Lee reported the March issue of the FS Update/Newsletter was sent out at the end of March. Y. Lee extended thanks to Mr. Matt Baughman, Mr. Josh Frick, Dr. Bethany Rader, Dr. Elaine Jurkowski, and Ms. Julie Tate for their timely and helpful team efforts. On March 23, Y. Lee attended a panel discussion on how faculty support underserved students organized by Black Student Council (which is part of USG) on campus. On March 29, Y. Lee had a meeting with Associate Chancellor Wendell Williams on student recruitment, retention and graduation rate. This is directly related to our FS ad hoc committee's work on student success. On March 31, as an observer, Y. Lee attended the ad hoc group 3/subcommittee 3's discussion on faculty quality and faculty compensation facilitated by Drs. E. Jurkowski and C. Bae. On April 3, Y. Lee attended two meetings to represent the FS. One is the planning and training meeting for April's active threat drill organized by EOC. Also, as one of the constituency heads, Y. Lee attended the interview of the first candidate for the chief marketing officer on April 3 and interviewed the second candidate on April 5. On April 7 and April 11, we interviewed two candidates of HR Officer as Associate VC to represent the FS.

V. Q and A Session with Chancellor and Provost

A. Chancellor Austin Lane additional comments – Chancellor Lane stated this month the BOT will address incoming Provost Dr. Cheryl Tucker for approval. The Chancellor extended an invitation to attend the meeting as Dr. Tucker will be present. Currently

there are two critical searches, the chief marketing officer and the associate vice chancellor for human resources. Chancellor Lane said both the House and Senate hearings went well and is hopeful for the 5.5 million increase in State Appropriations. They will not be proposing a tuition increase to the BOT but will propose a fee increase for fully online students. Chancellor Lane spoke about the upcoming active threat drill and publicly thanked the SIUC Department of Public Safety for keeping the campus safe especially during the incident outside the residential facility last week. The Chancellor strongly encouraged everyone to opt in to receive campus alerts and encouraged faculty to attend commencement on May 13th. G. Miller asked about problem solving online students taking one face to face course and being charged all face to face tuition. Chancellor Lane said the online fee increase proposed should help how they categorize students and ensure a rate as they go through their program. F. Chowdhury asked if SIUC is receiving something similar to SIUE award of 109 million for a new building and improvements. Chancellor Lane said that every state university received ramp project funds. They will be presenting the new Foundation building at the BOT but funding is from a private source. K. Meksem asked for an update on the greenhouse. The Chancellor said that item is on the list.

- B. Interim Co-Provost Marc Morris' comments – Interim Co-Provost Robert Morgan attended and reported they are moving forward with the revisions and approval process to the probation and suspension policy. Dr. Morgan spoke about the importance for faculty, staff, and students opting in to the emergency notification system in time for the active threat drill. They are focused on enrollment with an emphasis on yielding students. There are a number of colleges engaged in new initiatives and partnerships that impact the Southern Illinois workforce and region. Dr. Morgan stated they have begun the initial stages for onboarding Provost Tucker.

VI. Special Guest: Lieutenant House/Chief Newman

- A. Department of Public Safety to present their Violence Prevention Program – Lieutenant Ryan House and Officer Kevin Cox gave a presentation concerning violence prevention.

VII. Reports

- A. Executive Committee: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See Item IV.
- B. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader shared her screen and reviewed the seat allocation, terms, open seats, and current nominations for annual Senate elections that are currently happening. An email reminder for nominations will go out tomorrow morning and Rader encouraged members to nominate. Members had a brief discussion about faculty lists and seat allocation.
- C. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Gilbert and Arash Komae – No report.
- D. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Chair, Jennifer Walker – A. Cremeens had no report and the committee will be meeting at the end of the month.
- E. Budget Committee: Co-Chairs, Michael Eichholz and Farhan Chowdhury – F. Chowdhury reported the committee is in the process of finalizing the final draft of the Faculty Salary Compression Study.
- F. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – E. Jurkowski reported working J. Frick on the list of university committees reviewing vacancies. Since some committees meet over the summer, CoC has a goal of putting out a call for volunteers before the current FS term ends.

- G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Patrick McGrath and Khalid Meksem – P. McGrath yielded the committees time to Myla Burton. M. Burton gave a brief presentation on forming an Ad Hoc Committee to revise the university’s policy on intimate supervisory/evaluative relationships. The resolution was screen shared, discussed, and edited by FS members.
Motion: P. McGrath
Second: J. Punske
A vote commenced: 23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The resolution to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review and revise the university’s policy on consenting relationships passed with two friendly amendments.
- H. VC of Research: Costas Tsatsoulis – C. Tsatsoulis shared his screen and discussed the graduate admissions funnel by semester by week. Tsatsoulis stated applicants and admissions are up from last year and they will have an LTR workshop focusing on NSF April 3. On May 5 planning LTR workshop focused on early career faculty awards. 22 REACH award winners will be announced today for undergraduate students. This Thursday is the Student Research and Creative Activities Forum open from 12:30-3pm at the Student Center Art Gallery and Renaissance Room. On May 25 a scheduled talk via Zoom will be held by NSF Program Director Dr. Debora Rodrigues.
- I. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported the next meeting will be on April 21, 2023.
- J. Graduate Council Representative: Tomas Velasco – T. Velasco reported meeting on April 6 and the committee approved to recommend the NUI for Master of Professional Accountancy.
- K. Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Educational Quality: Co-Chairs: Yueh-Ting Lee and Elaine Jurkowski – Y. Lee reported three sub committees have been formed; Student Success, Academic Reputation and Relationship, Faculty Quality and Faculty Conversation. E. Jurkowski added they have invited the Faculty Salary Compression group to discussion their report and findings and have looked at how faculty characteristics are reported in the US News and World Report.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

Senate members discussed the schedule and lay out for the next (last) FS meeting.

X. Adjournment

Motion: B. Rader

Second: L. DiLalla