

2022-2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Video Conference Via Zoom

Time: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Session 1 (Chaired by Yueh-Ting Lee) Open to all from 1:00 – 2:00 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, Ying Chen, Farhan Chowdhury, Jon Davey, Lisabeth DiLalla, Scott Gilbert, 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, Jennifer Walker, Lichang Wang, Cherie Watson, Rachel Whaley

Members Absent with Proxy: Robert Broomfield (Proxy Alicia Cremeens), Walter Ray (Proxy Mary Taylor), Diana Sarko (Proxy Amber Pond)

Members Absent: Eric Black, Michael Eichholz, Michael Hylin, Amanda Pangrazio, Joseph Sramek

Guests: Daniel Bronke, Jose Franco, Josh Frick, Austin Lane, Julie Lindsey, Marc Morris, Amber Pond, Tomas Velasco, Carroll Walker, Karl Williard, Andrew Youpa

III. Approval of Minutes from April 11

Motion: B. Rader

Second: M. Eichholz

A vote commenced: 19 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The minutes from 04/11/2023 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as presented.

IV. President's Report: Yueh-Ting Lee

Y. Lee reported this being his last report as FS President and has enjoyed working with FS members. Y. Lee mentioned three areas; accomplishments, appreciations, and challenges or opportunities. Collectively FS accomplished a lot because of you as faculty senators. Our monthly newsletter covered what we did. Each standing committee has sent their annual report which will be posted on the FS website. Y. Lee extended great appreciation to Josh Frick, Professor Julie Tate, and Professor Bethany Rader for their team efforts. Y. Lee expressed appreciation to those FSEC members as standing committee chairs for their excellent work: UEPC co-chairs Amy Bro, Jennifer Walker, and Joseph Sramek; FSW co-chairs Scott Gilbert, Arash Komae; BC co-chairs Michael Eichholz, Farhan Chowdhury; GC co-chairs Patrick McGrath, Khalid Meksem; CoC co-chairs Seung-Hee Lee, Elaine Jurkowski; IBHE representative Lichang Wang. Y. Lee thanked those faculty senators whose term will soon expire: CALPS Khalid Meksem, Lichang Wang; CBA Sylvia Smith; 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. Y. Lee stated three challenges or opportunities, how to get more faculty members engaged, how to advocate for faculty voice/shared governance, interest, equity, faculty retention, and increase campus morale, and reorganization is not finished. Y. Lee voiced the need for involvement in the new operating papers for the benefit of faculty

members. Y. Lee reported it is time to take a break and let the new president address new challenges and will support whoever will be elected as new officers.

V. Remarks from Chancellor and Co-Provost

- A. Chancellor Austin Lane additional comments – Chancellor Lane thanked Dr. Lee for his service as Faculty Senate President for the past 2 years. The Chancellor highlighted the recipients of the faculty excellence awards and the ceremony last week. The active threat assessment wrapped up last week and Chancellor Lane thanked everyone involved in the training. The legislative session will wrap up next month and the Chancellor attended the SIU day in Springfield last week and is optimistic for the proposed 5.5M increase in state appropriations. Two commencement ceremonies will take place on Saturday, May 13 and Chancellor Lane encouraged faculty to attend. They have hired a new chief human resource officer coming from Ohio University that will begin in June. The Chancellor added the new chief marketing officer will be starting soon and comes from the University of Missouri, and the search committee for the institutional effectiveness research and planning director has recommended 3 candidates for interviews. Chancellor Lane stated the Saluki Ball in Chicago was successful and they raised a significant amount of money that will help close the gap for students. G. Miller encouraged support for students moving forward with the academic probation policies. Chancellor Lane responded they are utilizing services available to students. K. Meksem asked for an update on new buildings and the green house projects for SIUC. Chancellor Lane said the green house is top on the wish list along with the Communication's Building. The new Foundation Building is being funded through private sources.
- B. Co-Provosts Morris or Morgan – M. Morris thanked Y. Lee for serving in his role as FS President. Morris welcomed a meeting with the Budget Committee co-chairs to receive feedback from the faculty salary compression study. M. Morris reported receiving 7 operating papers for units and will pass along to the FS Governance Committee for review and recommendations. Morris welcomed any feedback on the academic standing policy. M. Eichholz shared his budget report, Eichholz will send the final report to committee members tomorrow requesting final comments back so a final draft can be submitted to administration next week.

VI. Reports

- A. Executive Committee: Chair, Yueh-Ting Lee – See Item IV.
- B. Election Committee: Chair, Bethany Rader – B. Rader reported having the general election and in some colleges the election has been extended because no or not enough nominees. As of now, we will have 14 of the 17 open seats filled and 11 of those new members will be joining us in the next half. The remaining 3 are through the extended election and if no other nominees are nominated we will fill the remaining seats with a special election in the fall. Y. Lee thanked B. Rader and G. Miller for their work on faculty elections over the past few years, especially during reorganization.
- C. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee: Co-Chairs, Scott Gilbert and Arash Komae – S. Gilbert had no report.
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- D. Undergraduate Education Policy Committee: Chair Jennifer Walker – J. Walker reported three pending RMEs in Cannabis Science. The committee had questions and received answers from the program director and that information has been forwarded to J. Frick.

- L. DiLalla encouraged a full complement of members, ample participation, and complete attendance in selecting members for this committee next year.
- E. Budget Committee: Co-Chairs, Michael Eichholz and Farhan Chowdhury – See Item V-B.
- F. Committee on Committees: Co-Chairs, Elaine Jurkowski and Seung-Hee Lee – E. Jurkowski reported a call for volunteers has been sent out for university-wide committees. S. Lee thanked all committee members for their work. R. Whaley encouraged the formation of the ad hoc committee on consensual relationship policy this spring.
- G. Governance Committee: Co-Chairs, Patrick McGrath and Khalid Meksem – P. McGrath reported submitting the committee’s annual report.
- H. VC of Research: Costa Tsatsoulis – No report.
- I. Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE: Lichang Wang – L. Wang reported meeting on April 19, 2023 at Western Illinois University. There was a guest presentation by the director of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Dr. Chris Merrett, on promoting local rural development in Illinois. Interesting to learn the population decline of various rural counties in Illinois and some examples on revitalizing the rural economy. One interesting item being shared is the strikes or pending strikes among the campuses, Chicago State University, Governor State University, and Eastern Illinois University. The next meeting is May 19, 2023.
- J. Graduate Council Representative: Tomas Velasco – T. Velasco had no report.
- K. Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Educational Quality (Co-chairs: Y-T Lee and Elaine Jurkowski) – Y. Lee reported meeting last Thursday and the 3 subgroups reported on their areas; student success, academic reputation and campus safety, faculty quality and compensation. More will be shared in May and this meeting was recorded if anyone is interested.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

- A. Recognition of outgoing Senators – Thank you for your service! – Y. Lee recognized the outgoing senate members; Khalid Meksem, Lichang Wang, Sylvia Smith, Yueh-Ting Lee, Jennifer Walker, Grant Miller, Farhan Chowdhury, Patrick McGrath, Joseph Sramek, Eric Black, Lisabeth DiLalla, Amanda Pangrazio, Mike Phillips, Julie Tate, Cherie Watson.
- B. Other Comments or Announcements - None

IX. Adjournment

Motion: B. Rader

Second: L. DiLalla

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Session 2 (Chaired by Yueh-Ting Lee) Immediately following adjournment of the 2022-2023 FS from 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. (same Zoom link)

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: Nwamaka Anaza, Mehdi Ashayeri, Daniel Bronke, Ying Chen, Jon Davey, Michael Eichholz, Marissa Ellermann, Scott Gilbert, Ghassan Ishak, Michael Hylin, Elaine Jurkowski, Arash Komaaee, Seung-Hee Lee, Yueh-Ting Lee, Stacey McKinney, Amber Pond, Louis Premkumar, Jeffrey Punske, Bethany Rader, Lorelei Ritchie, Seyed Yaser Samadi, Jennifer Walker, Cherie Watson, Rachel Whaley, Geoffrey Young

Members Absent with Proxy: Robert Broomfield (Proxy Alicia Cremeens), Walter Ray (Proxy Mary Taylor)

Members Absent: Randall Auxier, Diana Sarko, Christopher Wienke

Guests: Josh Frick, Julie Tate, Carroll Walker

III. Orientation: Yueh-Ting Lee

A. Recognition of New Senators – Y. Lee recognized the new/returning Senators; Yueh-Ting Lee, Jennifer Walker, Nwamaka Anaza, Amber Pond, Randall Auxier, Christopher Wienke, Cherie Watson, Daniel Bronke, Marissa Ellermann, Ghassan Ishak, Geoffrey Young.

B. 2023-2024 Orientation Packet

1. Role of Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senator – Y. Lee stated the importance of reading, understanding, and following the FS Operating Paper.
2. Roles of the Faculty Senate Officers – Refer to the Orientation Packet and FS OP.
3. Roles of Standing Committees – Refer to the Orientation Packet and FS OP.

IV. Election of Officers: Yueh-Ting Lee and Bethany Rader

A. Voting Procedure – Y. Lee reviewed the FS Officer voting procedures and reported three candidates interested in running for each officer position. B. Rader added that any Senate member may nominate or self-nominate at this time. Y. Lee opened the floor for nominations other than the three previously received for officer positions. No nominations were voiced. Y. Lee closed nominations and proceeded with elections.

B. Elections

1. President – B. Rader is running for Faculty Senate President. B. Rader's bio was previous sent to all Senate members and gave a brief self-introduction. Y. Lee voiced support for B. Rader in this role and advocated for the serving president to receive a course release.

2. Vice President – E. Jurkowski is running form Faculty Senate Vice President. E. Jurkowski's bio was previous sent to all Senate members and gave a brief self-introduction. Y. Lee voiced support for E. Jurkowski in this role.

3. Secretary – M. Hylin is running for Faculty Senate Secretary. M. Hylin's bio was previous sent to all Senate members and B. Rader spoke on his behalf. J. Frick shared a

link in the chat for voting. Results were sent to Y. Lee and he announced the officer election results: Bethany Rader was elected FS President; Elaine Jurkowski was elected FS Vice President; Michael Hylin was elected FS Secretary.

Election of Committee on Committees

A. The seven members of the Committee on Committees shall be elected by and from the Faculty Senate. Members of the Committee on Committees shall serve a two-year term, with approximately half of the committee being elected each year.

[Operating Paper of the Faculty | Policies | SIU](#) – Y. Lee reviewed the roll for CoC and asked for six volunteers. A. Pond, C. Watson, J. Davey, R. Whaley, M. Ellermann, J. Walker volunteered and L. Ritchie will continue her two-year term. B. Rader reviewed the role of chair/co-chair for CoC. C. Watson and A. Pond volunteered to serve as co-chairs for CoC. CoC will stay on the call after the meeting to briefly discuss committee matters.

Motion: Y. Lee

Second: M. Eichholz

A vote commenced: 17 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions; The six new CoC members were approved and A. Pond and C. Watson were approved as co-chairs for CoC.

V. Committee Preference Sheet (see attached)

A. Please complete and send to joshfrick@siu.edu if you have not already submitted one. – Y. Lee asked members to send in committee preference sheets if haven't already done so.

VI. New Business

R. Whaley suggested the formation of the ad hoc committee on consensual relationship policy this semester so work can begin as soon as possible.

VII. Announcements

Y. Lee thanked B. Rader, J. Tate, and J. Frick for their support in the previous year.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: N. Anaza

Second: E. Jurkowski