

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

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I. SEASON'S GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION

Holiday Greetings and 2024 FS-Faculty Appreciation

Yueh-Ting Lee, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology and Faculty Senate President

As 2024 has come to an end and 2025 is approaching, I wish all of you, our faculty, a **happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season**. Our Faculty Senate (FS) is one of the constituencies on campus which supports the University's strategic plan *Imagine 2030*, our students and community, and we advocate for our faculty's interest, faculty's success, and shared governance. We do so via concerted efforts. I would like to acknowledge and recognize our colleagues' fantastic work in 2024 as follows:

First, I am very appreciative of our prior FS President Bethany Rader, our prior Vice President Elaine Jurkowski, and the prior Constituency Office Staff Member Mr. Josh Frick for their good work in Spring 2024. Second, I am very fortunate to work with our current Constituency staff member Ms. Melissa Laake and officers, FS Vice President Amber Pond and Secretary Michael Hylin. They are wonderful and helpful colleagues for us. I am very grateful to them for their great work. Third, our FS has a strong leadership team of chairs or co-chairs on our **FS Executive Council (FSEC)**. The FSEC includes: Senator Jennifer Sherry and Senator Gary Apgar as the co-chairs of Committee on Committees who deal with our weekly or monthly personnel appointments on various university committee vacancies or seats; Senator Jeffrey Punske as the chair of Undergraduate Education and Policy Committee (UEPC) who deals with many UEPC resolutions; Senator Christopher Wienke as the chair of the Governance Committee who helped to work on and to pass the *Resolution for Faculty-Related AP Positions via Shared Governance and Faculty Involvement*; Budget Committee co-chairs, Senator Rachel Whaley and Senator Khalid Meksem; and Faculty Status and Welfare Committee co-chairs, Senator Dale Aschmann and Senator Gary Apgar. We cannot function without these committee chairs or co-chairs' efforts, for which I am appreciative.

I would like to recognize and thank the chair of the **Judicial Review Board**, John Fraedrich, and Vice Chair James Condor for their due diligence and hard work. I appreciate the ad hoc committee chairs and committee members for their work—i.e., Chair Cassie

Wagner and the AI ad hoc Committee members, Chair Shu-Ling Wu and the Instructor Course Evaluation ad hoc Committee members, and Chair Wesley Calvert and the DFW rates ad hoc Committee members.

Finally, our winter **commencement** on December 14, 2024 was a great success! I wish to express my genuine appreciation to many of our faculty members, including our Faculty Senators, for their participation in the ceremony. It meant a lot to those students who graduated last Saturday. In conclusion, we want to thank everyone for your support and commitment to SIU Carbondale and to our students.

Thank you and Happy New Year 2025!



II. A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE FS MATTERS ON DECEMBER 10 AND HEADS UP FOR FEBRUARY'S MEETING

1. The FS met on December 10, 2024. All meeting information, after it is approved by the FS, will be available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>). The minutes for the November 12th meeting which were approved in December are also available there.
2. We invited the following people as our special guests: Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Wendell Williams and Director of Institutional Research and Planning David Shirley. Their presentation information is available upon request via email (facultysenate@siu.edu). One resolution was voted on and approved by the FS at the meeting on December 10, 2024-- *Resolution to Support Changes to the Second Bachelor's Degree Policy at Southern Illinois University Carbondale*. If you need a copy of this resolution, please feel free to contact us via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).
3. Heads up for our next FS meeting: It is on February 11, 2025. If you have anything important to put on our February meeting agenda, please let us know by January 20, 2025 via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

III. NEW FS MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the following new FS members who were elected in Fall 2024 and will assume their duties in Spring 2025.

CALPS: Mohtashim Shamsi and Jonathan Remo;

CECTM: Kwangho Choiy;

COBA: John Farrish;

SOL: Kaitlyn Poirier;

CAM: Sarah Lewison and Julia Rendleman;

SOM: Ahmed Torky

The new Faculty Senators were approved by the Elections Committee, and the Faculty Senate voted for and certificated this election. Congratulations to these new FS members! We thank them for their willingness to serve on the Faculty Senate in advance!

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

By December 18, 2024

From the Chancellor's Office

We were extremely pleased with the turnout for the holiday breakfast and the 2024 Retirement & Service Recognition Award this month! We celebrated 279 Service Awards (4,875 combined years of service) and 91 Retirement Recognitions (2,063 years of service).

Saluki Step Ahead

SIU Carbondale signed two new Saluki Step Ahead Partners – John Wood Community College and Parkland College. We look forward to assisting and enrolling transfer students from these colleges.

Naming of The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Lobby

John and Nancy Jackson's names are synonymous with education and service around Southern Illinois University and the city of Carbondale. On Thursday, Nov. 7, they were honored with the naming of the John and Nancy Jackson Lobby at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The event was incredibly well attended as expected.

Communications and Marketing

You may have noticed a new SIU + JALC digital billboard on highway 13. We will continue with this collaboration via additional marketing channels when appropriate.

Commencement

The academic achievements of nearly 1,600 Southern Illinois University Carbondale students were celebrated at fall 2024 commencement exercises on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Banterra Center.

The ceremony honored graduates for both summer and fall 2024 semesters. As of early December, there were 1,596 candidates for degrees: 945 for bachelor's degrees, 470 for master's degrees, 111 for doctoral degrees, five for law degrees and 65 for associate degrees. The youngest graduate was 19, the oldest was 72, and there were students from seven different countries who earned their degrees.

Thanks to our faculty for all you do to educate and support our Salukis!

**We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year 2025.
Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU
and our students!**