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# 1. MESSAGE FROM DR. YUEH-TING LEE, FS PRESIDENT

Welcome back to the Fall Semester! We hope you had a good time in the summer and are off to a good start this Fall. As you may know, we want to promote academic excellence and diversity, shared governance and collaboration, faculty welfare and safety, and integrity/ethics and transparency. We keep you informed as much as we can, but we need your collaboration and support. In this update, we share the reviewed and approved programs and centers form last academic years. We also send information about FS and our FS committees. We thank you for your service and contribution to the University and our students. If you have any questions or suggestions for us, please contact me directly at <a href="Leey@siu.edu">Leey@siu.edu</a>. Have a safe, fun, and productive semester!

## 2. PROGRAMS/CENTERS REVIEWED AND APPROVED IN 2020-2021

Africana Studies (B.A.); Animal Science (B.S. and M.S.); Architectural Studies (B.S.); Aviation Management (B.S.); Beef Evaluation Center; Communication Disorders and Sciences (B.S.); Fermentation Science (B.S.); Forestry (M.S.); Illinois Soybean Center; Linguistics (B.A. and M.A.), TESOL (M.A.); Philosophy (B.A., M.A., and Ph.D.); Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems (M.S.); Recreation Professions (B.S. and M.S.Ed.); Technical Resource Management (B.S.); Touch of Nature Environmental Center. For more information, please contact the office of Associate Provost for Academic Programs via APAP@siu.edu .

#### 3. UPDATE FROM THE FS AND ITS COMMITTEES

- 1. The meeting for the FS Executive Council will be held on September 7 and the general FS meeting will be held on September 14. For the FS agenda or other information, please contact our FS office via <a href="mailto:facultysenate@siu.edu">facultysenate@siu.edu</a>
- 2. Our Committee on Committees are in the middle of updating various committees at large. Please watch for an email for committee requests in the coming weeks from Committee Co-Chairs Professors S-H Lee (<a href="mailto:shlee@siu.edu">shlee@siu.edu</a>) and E. Jurkowski (<a href="mailto:etjurkow@siu.edu">etjurkow@siu.edu</a>).
- 3. UPEC has received six new RME proposals (i.e., RME for Fashion Design and Merchandising; RME to Eliminate Public Service Specialization; RME for Specialization in International Studies; RME to Rename

School of Journalism; RME for Minor in Business Analytics; RME for Addition of Financial Economics ). For more information, please contact UPEC Co-Chairs Dr. Joe Sramek (<a href="mailto:sramek@siu.edu">sramek@siu.edu</a>) and Amy Bro (<a href="mailto:amylake@siu.edu">amylake@siu.edu</a>)

## 4. UPDATE FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

- In regards to the university strategic plan, we will provide the Chancellor's Leadership Council in September an update of the plan and timeframe for its rollout to campus. We will also provide an opportunity for the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council to get a preview of the near final plan in the near future.
- We have been sending campus wide COVID safety update emails regularly. Please refer to www.siu.edu/coronavirus and review the attached documents for more information.
- Paul Frazier joined SIU as the new Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion last month
  and is actively engaged with the students, faculty and staff. He will continue his work on
  learning more about SIU's rich history as he crafts plans for how to positively impact diversity,
  inclusion and equity matters on our campus in the years ahead.
- Now in our second week of the semester, the enrollment picture is starting to become more clear. We know nothing is final until we get to the official 10<sup>th</sup> day numbers, but there are a number of good news items we anticipate sharing next week with the campus and community as we rollout our final fall 2021 semester numbers.
- We were very happy to welcome almost two dozen tenure-track faculty hires to campus this fall
  and we continue to work on a number of key hires, including the ongoing searches for the vice
  chancellor for administration and finance; the vice chancellor for student affairs; the director of
  Facilities and Energy Management; the director of labor and employee relations; the director of
  WSIU and the Chief Information Officer.
- The next meeting of the SIU Board of Trustees is on Thursday, September 16. During that meeting the system and university budget for FY22 will be discussed. Overall, with a flat state appropriation in FY22, the budget outlook for SIU Carbondale is stable. However, as tuition and fee income is critical to the university's operations, we will know more about the overall budget outlook after receiving the 10<sup>th</sup> day enrollment report and having time to analyze the final projections for the fiscal year.

## **5. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS, FYI**

- 1. Appendix 1 as Instructor Guide Fall 2021
- 2. Appendix 2 as COVID Impact Bargaining Agreement
- 3. Appendix 3 as Agreement for P-T Review 2021

We wish you a happy and safe Fall Semester!
Thank you for your service and commitment to SIU and our Students