

Report of the SIUC Faculty Senate's Faculty Status and Welfare Committee ("FSWC")

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For the 2022-2023 period to date, representatives of the Faculty Senate Welfare Committee have participated in all Faculty Senate meetings¹ and all Faculty Senate Executive Committee meetings.² They have also discussed some matters via email, and have corresponded with SIUC administration and faculty about some matters, as follows:

- FSWC provided feedback to Dr. Constantinos Tsatsoulis, Vice Chancellor for Research & Dean of the Graduate School, on a proposed new grant program for faculty travel to conferences and related creative events. The grant program has subsequently become active and provided new financial support for faculty travel this year.
- FSWC reviewed and commented on an SIU Faculty Collaboration Award, currently in its second draft form, prepared by the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Southern Illinois University System, to facilitate cross-campus (SIUC, SIUE, Medical School) collaborations and to "recognize faculty for impactful collaborative endeavors across campuses in the areas of teaching, and/or scholarship and creative activities, and/or service, and/or antiracism, diversity, equity and inclusion".
- FSWC leadership communicated with a faculty member – who has expressed concern about being unable to return to teaching due to administrative decisions related to the faculty member's recent legal issues – about their faculty status and welfare.

¹ These include July 12th, September 13th, October 11th, November 15th, and December 13th in year 2022, plus February 14th, March 21st, and April 11th in year 2023.

² These include July 1st, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th in year 2022, plus February 7th, March 7th, and April 4th in year 2023.