March 2025 Faculty Senate FYI & Update from FS President Dr. Y-T Lee

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

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I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE FS MATTERS ON MARCH 18 AND HEADS UP FOR APRIL'S MEETING

- The FS met on March 18, 2025. All meeting information, after it is approved by the FS, will be available online via the FS website (<u>https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-</u><u>minutes/index.php</u>). The minutes for the February 11th meeting which were approved in March 2025 are also available there.
- 2. We invited SIU System President Dr. Daniel F. Mahony as our special guest (see below).
- 3. Three items were voted on and approved by the FS at the meeting on March 18, 2025:
 Revoking RESOLUTION ON FACULTY EMERITUS CRITERIA by the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council-- more discussion/time was needed.
 - Forming a special committee on the above item.
 - Resolution on Instructor Course Evaluations (ICE)

If you need a copy of the resolution on the ICE, please feel free to contact us via email (<u>facultysenate@siu.edu</u>).

4. Heads up for our next FS meeting: It is on April 15, 2025. If you have anything important to put on our April meeting agenda, please let us know by the end of this month via email (<u>facultysenate@siu.edu</u>).

II. SIU PRESIDENT DANIEL F. MAHONY ATTENDED THE FS MEETING



SIU President Dr. Daniel F. Mahony attended our FS meeting in person as a special guest on March 18, 2025. He delievered a brief update on what happened at Springfield, IL and Washington D.C. at the state and federal level—e.g., state budget allocation, the potential of community colleges to offer bachelor degrees, federal decisions, etc. Several faculty senators asked him quesitons which he graciously answered. Our meeting minutes including his comments/updates and responses to the FS questions will be available in our meeting minutes after the FS approves on April 15, 2025.

III. SIUC FS VOTED TO SUPPORT IBHE'S RESOLUTION ON DEI

Based on the IBHE-FAC resolution, our SIU Carbondale FS voted for the following resolution to support DEI on March 18, 2025.

Faculty Advisory Council Illinois Board of Higher Education



Resolution on DEI

Recognizing that historical and contemporary discrimination still impacts higher education, we the members of the IBHE-FAC recommend that the IBHE continue to support and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the recruitment, retention, and promotion of faculty and staff; and in the recruitment, retention, and education of students.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

By March 20, 2025

From the Chancellor's Office

SIU Day at the Capitol

Thursday, March 20 was SIU Day at the Illinois Capitol in Springfield. Students, faculty, and campus leaders shared information about the innovative research, teaching, and programs available across the SIU System.

Saluki Takeover STL

Hundreds of SIU's alumni and friends came together during another incredible "Saluki Takeover Tour St. Louis" during the week of the Arch Madness MVC Tournament. Chancellor Austin Lane and many other representatives from campus visited six high schools and one college. The SIU Foundation hosted two corporate and networking events, 12 donor visits, and the Chancellor's Reception on Wednesday, March 5, at the Budweiser 703 Club inside Busch Stadium. The entire week was a huge success!

Upcoming Southern Illinois Takeovers

We're doing it again! Salukis are taking over Carbondale, Marion, Benton, Chester, Anna Jonesboro and Murphysboro this April! Help us celebrate what SIU means to Southern Illinois at several private but free events. To sign up visit <u>https://siuf.org/southern-illinois/</u>.

Communications and Marketing

You may have noticed a new logo around campus. The S with the Dawg head within is our new Illinois Takeover Logo. You will begin to see more of it around campus during the next few months. It can be used in advertising on limited swag and clothing. If you have any questions, please reach out to University Communications and Marketing.

Women's History Month

We have been celebrating women, their accomplishments and strides they have made while also looking forward to a better tomorrow with a diverse assortment of special events in honor of Women's History Month this March. "Women Educating and Inspiring Generations" is the theme of the commemoration.

The month will wrap up with the Transgender Day of Visibility, co-sponsored by SIU's <u>Paulette Curkin Pride Resource Center</u> at the Carbondale Pavilion, 3-7 p.m. March 31. It's a time to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people while also highlighting the poverty, discrimination and violence this community often encounters.

Find the complete schedule of events and additional information on the <u>Student</u> <u>Multicultural Resource Center website</u>. For information, email smrc@siu.edu or call 618-453-3740.

We wish you a great spring semester. Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!