

Faculty Senate Summary of Actions 2025-2026:

DATE	SUMMARY OF ACTIONS by Faculty Senate
4/29/2025	<p>New Senators were welcomed: David M. Johnson, Jia Liu, Haibo Wang, Erica Blumenstock, Frances T. Lee, Erin Hascup, Nicole Roberts, Seung-Hee Lee, Catherine (Cassie) Wagner, Katherine (Katie) Moore, Cheryl (Shelly) Page, & Lavern Byfield</p>
	<p>2025-2026 Officer Election Results: (Officer Elections took place via Teams ballot.) Faculty Senate President: Khalid Meksem Vice President: Jennifer Sherry Secretary: John Farrish</p>
	<p>Committee on Committees (CoC) members were approved (2-yr. term): Seung-Hee Lee, Jonathan Remo, & Mohtashim Shamsi (Gary Apgar, Laurel Fredrickson & Lingguo Bu have 1 year left to serve.)</p>
	<p>2025-2026 meeting schedule was approved for Faculty Senate & Faculty Senate Executive Council.</p>
5/13/2025	<p>Standing Committee members and Chairs/Co-Chairs were approved:</p>
	<p>Budget Committee: Chair Geoffrey Young (<i>see update on 9/9/25</i>), Christopher Wienke, Benna Williams, David M. Johnson, Erica Blumenstock, Erin Hascup, Haibo Wang, Jennifer Walker</p>
	<p>Faculty Status & Welfare Committee (FSWC): Co-Chairs Frances T. Lee & Gary Apgar (<i>see update on 2/10/26</i>), Catherine (Cassie) Wagner, Cheryl (Shelly) Page, Lavern Byfield, Nicole Roberts, Laurel Fredrickson, Marissa Ellermann, Mohtashim Shamsi</p>
	<p>Governance Committee: Co-Chairs Jun Qin & Randall Auxier, Ghassan Ishak, Kaitlyn Poirier, Katherine (Katie) Moore, Nwamaka Anaza, Seung-Hee Lee, Jia Liu, Ahmed Torky</p>
	<p>Undergraduate Education Policy Committee (UEPC): Co-Chairs Jonathan Remo & Yueh-Ting Lee (<i>see update on 9/9/25</i>), Christopher Chiasson, Kwangho Choiy, Cinzia Padovani, Daniel Bronke, Lingguo Bu</p>
	<p>Cheryl (Shelly) Page was approved to be added as a member to the Committee on Committees. (Jennifer Sherry resigned from CoC. She is the current Faculty Senate Vice President.)</p>
<p>Jonathan Remo & Cheryl (Shelly) Page were approved to serve as Co-Chairs on Committee on Committees.</p>	
<p>Jennifer Sherry's resignation from Committee on Committees and Faculty Status & Welfare Committee was approved. (She is the current Vice President.)</p>	
7/15/2025	<p>Faculty Senate President, Khalid Meksem, stated there will be two Senate seats to fill (Yueh-Ting Lee - CHHS & Marissa Ellermann – NTT, Library Affairs). Yueh-Ting Lee will be leaving SIU and Marissa Ellermann who was Non-Tenured Track is now Tenured Track. (<i>Yueh-Ting Lee left Senate on 8/1/25 and SIU on 9/1/25.</i>)</p>
	<p>NOTE: <i>Provost Tucker announced Course Dog has been approved. The new software will allow us to do academic scheduling, course demand projections, curriculum management, catalog management, syllabus management, and curricular analytics. The catalog piece will probably be Fall 2027.</i></p>
	<p>A new Chair for JRB (Judicial Review Board) was approved - Lilitiana Leticariu.</p>
	<p>Timothy Hurley will finish his Senate term Spring 2027 (Benna Williams stepped down as Proxy).</p>
	<p>Geoffrey Young stepped down from serving as Budget Committee Chair. David M. Johnson was approved to be the <i>new</i> Chair.</p>
	<p>Jonathan Remo is now Chair of UEPC instead of being a Co-Chair (Yueh-Ting Lee left SIU).</p>
	<p>Kang Sun was elected to replace Yueh-Ting Lee's seat (term 2025-2026).</p>

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<p>9/9/2025</p>	<p>Laurel Fredrickson's proxy for Fall 2025 is Sarah Lewison.</p> <p><u>The following people were approved to serve:</u> -Student rep. for UEPC (UGSG VP of Student Affairs): Abby Tate -Faculty at large to serve on UEPC: Erin Perry & Katherine Martin -Faculty at large to serve on FSWC: Vjollca Konjufca & Heeyoung Han -Faculty at large to serve on Elections Committee: Moria Fiscus, Justin Sextro, & Irene Miller -Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award Committee: Ranjiv Matthews (3-yr term to finish Dr. Lee's term) & Cassie Wagner (4-yr term) -Technology Advisory Committee: Jennifer Sherry (continuing to serve) & Ruopu Li [both 2-yr terms] -Recreational Sports & Services Advisory Board: Cheryl (Shelly) Page (2-yr term) -Academic Calendar & Final Exam Committee: Kwangho Choi (2-yr term) -Public Safety Advisory Board: Marissa Ellermann (2-yr term) -Traffic & Parking Committee: Matthew Gorzalski (3-yr term) -Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee: Taeho Yoh (3-yr term)</p> <p>*NOTE: Chancellor's Taskforce on Diversity & Inclusion - No longer exists. : Library Affairs Advisory Committee - removed from Faculty Senate's website - hasn't met in years per Dean Walters</p> <p>The document regarding Gaza was approved to be tabled until the October meeting.</p>
<p>10/14/2025</p>	<p>Kwangho Choi was approved to serve on the Search Committee for the Executive Director of Online & Extended Campus.</p> <p>The motion to add the "Send Proof" link to course evaluations was approved.</p> <p>(2) NTT seats were approved to replace Marissa Ellermann & Daniel Bronke Welcome: Angela Shultz & Jenna Jamieson (both terms are until Spring 2026)</p> <p><u>The following RMEs were approved:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create BFA Media Arts, eliminate Cinema BA 2. Digital Marketing Specialization 3. Minor in 3D Computer Animation 4. Minor in Animation & Game Design 5. Rename Minor in Cinema to Minor in Cinematic Arts 6. Rename BA RTD and Specializations (Rename the BA Radio, TV, and Digital Media to Media Arts and rename the following specializations: Digital Media Arts and Animation to Animation and Game Design; Production: Radio/Audio to Audio Arts; Production: Television/Video to Cinematic Arts) 7. TESOL UG & GR Certificate (Add a BA/MA Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages) 8. Rename Specialization and Minor Art Education (Rename the Specialization Art Education in the BA and BFA in Art and the Minor Art Education to Art and Design Education) 9. Minor in Applied Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management 10. Rename BS & Minor Crop, Soil, and Environmental Management to Agronomy <p>Standing Committee appointments were approved: Kang Sun & Jenna Jamieson will serve on UEPC & Angela Shultz will serve on FSWC.</p> <p>Faculty Emeritus Status Resolution was approved (from FSWC).</p> <p>Reform & Modernization of Business Practices at SIU Resolution was approved.</p> <p>Resolution Against the Genocide of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip - it was approved to move the resolution to the <i>next meeting</i> . Per K. Meksem "next meeting" was undefined unless a group of faculty members bring this back to the Senate.</p>
<p>10/31/2025</p>	<p>Faculty Senate President Khalid Meksem signed the ICE Resolution on 10/31/25. This resolution was approved by Senate on 3/18/25 during a different presidency. (Instructor Course Evaluations)</p>
	<p>The motion was approved to have the Judicial Review Board change from 12 members to 11 members. (10 people + 1 Chair - to fit with the current reorg. structure)</p> <p>The NUI-BS Artificial Intelligence was approved.</p> <p>The Resolution to Revise UCC Requirements was approved.</p>

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<p>11/18/2025</p>	<p>The new wording to define "faculty" for membership in the Faculty Senate <u>Operating Paper</u> was approved. (The rest of the operating paper – same paragraph – will remain the same.) *Note: The faculty on campus will now need to vote to approve the change to the Faculty Senate Operating Paper. (See vote outcome on 12/9/25.)</p> <p><i>[The proposed change will state “. . . faculty shall consist of all faculty appointees as tenured, tenure track, and non-tenure track with at least 50% appointment through the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor or the School of Medicine. Research, visiting, adjunct, and clinical categories holding the above-mentioned ranks in academic units (college, department, or school level) shall also be considered faculty, providing faculty bearing those titles hold at least 50% appointment through the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor or the School of Medicine.]</i></p> <p>The Business Practice Ad Hoc Committee was approved.</p> <p>The Global Engagement Ad Hoc Committee was approved.</p>
<p>12/9/2025</p>	<p>The resolution/charge for the Business Practice Ad Hoc Committee was approved.</p> <p>The resolution/charge for the Ad Hoc Global Engagement Committee was approved.</p> <p>Faculty Senate Executive Council voted on the representative for the COLA Dean Search Committee. It was reported at the Faculty Senate meeting that David M. Johnson will serve on this committee.</p> <p>After Faculty Senate approved the "faculty" definition in the operating paper (11/18/25), the faculty at large (including the School of Medicine) voted and approved the changes to the "faculty" definition. The Faculty Senate Operating Paper was updated on the website.</p> <p>(Note: "Quiet Week" proposal update: It did <i>not</i> pass in the UEPC; it did not go to full Senate.)</p> <p>JRB (Judicial Review Board) Election took place during the meeting via an electronic vote. New JRB Members: Terry Clark - COBA; Liliana Lefticariu - CALPS (2nd term); Cheng-Yao Lin - SOE; Getahun Benti - COLA (2nd term)</p> <p>JRB Report was given by Chair Liliana Lefticariu - no grievance case was referred.</p> <p>The following RMEs were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RME Move Art History from School of Art & Design to School of History & Philosophy 2. RME Minor Aviation Human Factors 3. RME Rename Minor East Asian Civilization 4. RME UG Certificate of Multiliteracy <p>RME Minor AI in Creative Fields was TABLED until the next meeting.</p> <p>(6) Resolutions for the DFW Report Recommendations were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution in Support of the Active Learning Strategy for Reducing DFW Rates 2. Resolution in Support of the Review of DFW Data on a Regular Basis 3. Resolution for Advising Support 4. Resolution in Support of Faculty Training on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Inclusive Course Design to Reduce DFW Rates 5. Resolution in Support of Redesign Assistance for Courses with High DFW Rates 6. Resolution in Support of Long-Term Accountability for the Reduction of DFW Rates <p>Low Producing Programs Committee is now known as <i>Priority Review Programs Committee</i> .</p> <p>Faculty Senate President Meksem asked for the resignation from the current Co-Chairs of the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee (due to lack of attendance).</p>
	<p>Promotion & Tenure Policies Ad Hoc Committee: Erin Hascup volunteered to serve as a Faculty Senate rep.</p> <p>Policy on Selecting University Distinguished Professors - draft policy from Provost Tucker on 1.20.26 was approved.</p> <p>Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards Committee: Jennifer Sherry volunteered to serve.</p> <p>Early Career Faculty Excellence Award Committee: Jennifer Sherry volunteered to serve.</p> <p>Judicial Review Board (JRB) Officer Election: Senate approved the following officers.</p> <p>Chair: Liliana Lefticariu Vice-Chair: Asghar Esmaeeli Secretary: Cindy Buys</p> <p>RME Minor AI in Creative Fields – (discussion continued from Dec. 2025 - now approved).</p>

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2/10/2026	<p><u>Business Practice Ad Hoc Committee members</u> approved: Susan Howell, Jenna Jamieson, Jessica Alwerdt, Andrea Imre, Mohtashim Shamsi, Matthew Brown, Scott Hamilton-Brehm, & Hussein Soliman</p> <p><u>Global Engagement Ad Hoc Committee members</u> approved: Amer AbuGhazaleh, Ahmed Al-Asfour, Jebaraj Asirvatham, Randall Auxier, John Baluyut, Nilanjana Bardhan, Sakshi Bhati, Maria Franca, Juhi Kidwai, Jiyong Lee, Seung-Hee Lee, Khalid Meksem, Martia Albiol Tapia, Louise Yoho, & Geoffrey Young.</p> <p>University Level Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award Committee member approved: Katherine (Katie) Moore</p> <p>University Level Non-Tenure Track Teaching Excellence Award Committee member approved: Jenna Jamieson</p> <p>University Level Scholar Excellence Award Committee member approved: Kwangho Choi</p> <p>Approved <i>new</i> Faculty Status & Welfare Committee Chair: Mohtashim Shamsi <i>Note: Vjollca Konjufca, a member of FSWC, could not serve as Chair due to not being a Senator.</i></p> <p>NTT Jenna Jamieson was approved to extend her Senate term until Spring 2028 to make a full 3-yr term (original term was until SP26) .</p> <p>Resolution of the Faculty Senate of SIU Carbondale Regarding Inclusivity was approved.</p>
3/17/2026	<p>Job Posting Language - approve proposed changes from HR which resulted from the Resolution of the Faculty Senate of SIU Carbondale Regarding Inclusivity . President Meksem stated the language for the job postings was approved by the Executive Council.</p> <p>Discussed a proposed updated Resolution Form to include signature lines for the Provost & Chancellor to show their approval of the resolutions. A new form was created for Resolutions based on this request from Faculty Senate President Khalid Meksem.</p> <p>Frances T. Lee resigned from Faculty Senate due to work schedule conflict.</p> <p>Cinzia Padovani will be on sabbatical for Fall 2026. Her proxy will be Kevin Mercer.</p> <p>Laurel Fredrickson will not be in CAM for 2026-2027 and will not be serving on Senate.</p> <p>Election for (1) JRB member to satisfy from the college where the Chair came from - CALPS. Derek James Fisher was approved to be added as a member of the Judicial Review Board. (Term Dec. 2026-Dec. 2028)</p> <p><u>The following RMEs were approved:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RME Rename Minor in Mythology to Mythology and Religious Studies 2. RME Rename Sustainable Horticulture Systems Specialization to Urban Horticulture 3. RME UG Certificate AI Social Media Strategist 4. RME Specialization Companion Animal <p>Resolution Calling for Faculty Oversight of Risepoint Programs was approved.</p> <p>Resolution Regarding Recent Instability in SIU's Academic Leadership was approved.</p> <p>Resolution of the SIU Faculty Senate on Senate Support & Leadership was approved. (includes a budget)</p> <p>Resolution of the SIU Faculty Senate on Senate Support Staff was approved.</p> <p>Senate discussed the idea of merging Graduate Council with Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Resolution Regarding Delivery of Online Programs & Courses was approved.</p>
NOTE	<p>On 3/24/26, notification was received stating the <u>Emeritus Faculty Policy</u> was posted online. https://policies.siu.edu/policies/emeritus-faculty.php</p>
NOTE	<p>On 3/25/26, "Feed the Pack: SIU Faculty Senate Food Drive" was announced on the Faculty Listserv. Senators Jennifer Sherry and Jenna Jamieson worked with Emily Spann, Associate Director of the Student Center, to get this project going. A flyer and a QR code were created. The QR code was used to collect monetary donations. Collection sites for the non-perishable food were located at Pulliam Room 312/307 and at the Student Center Administrative Office, 2nd floor from April 1 - May 1, 2026.</p>

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<p>4/14/2026</p>	<p><u>Announcement:</u> There will be <i>no guest speakers</i> at the next Faculty Senate meeting on <i>April 28, 2026</i>. This time will be used to complete Senate work, do elections for officers and chairs/co-chairs of standing committees, and welcome new Senators.</p> <p>Faculty Senate Election Results - Spring 2026 (NEW SENATORS) CALPS: Khalid Meksem (returning Senator) & Vjollca Konjufca CAM: Qian (Jenny) Huang & Julia Rendleman COBA: Md Shariful (Sharif) Islam CHHS: Steven Goetz & Irene Miller COLA: Chris Stantis & Andrew Youpa SOM: Duda Kvitsiani NTT Faculty: Brittainy Spears, Diedra Hopes, *<i>Carissa Scroggins</i> <i>[*Note: Carissa Scroggins stepped down as of 4/15/26. Geoffrey Young (returning Senator) accepted the 3-year term as of 4/15/26. He was next in line due to the votes.]</i></p> <p>The following RMEs were approved: 1. RME Rename School of Journalism & Advertising 2. RME Merge BS Sport Admin & BS Recreation Professions 3. RME for Minor Interior Design</p> <p>Resolution for the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Concerns Related to Risepoint Programs was approved.</p> <p>Resolution Supporting the New UCC Course Requirements – effective FALL 2026 (request for resolution from APAP Julie Dunston) -- Faculty Senate approved to TABLE the discussion until the next meeting.</p>
<p>4/28/2026</p>	<p><u>Note:</u> After the original Interim Provost Search Committee resigned, a few Senators, including the Faculty Senate President, participated in the interview process for the three candidates from the Carbondale campus from April 28-30, 2026.</p> <p>Resolution Supporting the New UCC Course Requirements – effective FALL 2026 (request for resolution from APAP Julie Dunston) -- The tabled discussion from 4/14/26 continued. Adjustments to the requirements were made by the UCC Office to address faculty requests that were brought up at the last meeting, therefore, the resolution is going back to UEPC to consider the new changes.</p> <p>Faculty Survey Regarding CBIZ Compensation Study was completed by FSWC and shared with Senate.</p> <p><u>Recognition of outgoing Senators</u> - Thank you for your service! Angela Shultz, Christopher Wienke, Frances T. Lee, Gary Apgar, Ghassan Ishak, Jennifer Walker, Kang Sun, Laurel Fredrickson, Lingguo Bu, Nwamaka Anza, and Randall Auxier.</p>