

## Faculty Senate (FS)-- For Your Information and Updates

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## **I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN THE JULY MEETING**

1. The FS met on July 12. All meeting information is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>). The minutes for the meeting of May 10 were approved and also available there.
2. At the meeting on July 12, Associate Chancellor Wendel Williams was invited as a special guest to talk about No-Show Compliance and Impact. **Here are the key points we faculty members need to be aware of:**

“SIU-C, starting with the Fall 2022 semester will institute a process to document students who have not begun attendance during the first 10 days of class. While the process is being finalized and discussed with the faculty association, the general outline is below:

  1. The Registrar will solicit instructors to submit a grade reporting no show students as well as students who are participating prior to census.
  2. The Faculty Grade Entry for Midterm Grades will be used for this purpose. It will be opened for reporting on Wednesday of week two of the term and closed on Wednesday of week three. This will allow for any adjustments to be made to Title IV funds for students who have not participated in class.
  3. The Registrar's Office will monitor and submit any missing sections that have not been reported to the Provost Office.
  4. The Provost, along with the Deans, will be responsible for following up on missing submissions.
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  6. The process will allow instructors to submit an NS report for any student who has not attended at all/not submitted any class related participation/test/paper/quiz/evidence of attending class.”
3. Our next FS meeting is on September 13. If you have anything important to put on our September meeting agenda, please let us know by August 25 via email ([facultysenate@siu.edu](mailto:facultysenate@siu.edu)).

## **II. DR. LEE'S REMARKS AT THE SIU BOT MEETING ON JULY 21**

Presentation to the BOT at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 11:50am  
Yueh-Ting Lee, SIUC Faculty Senate President ([leey@siu.edu](mailto:leey@siu.edu))

Good morning, Honorable SIU Board of Trustees, Distinguished Guests and other Attendees and Viewers:

I am here to make a few remarks on behalf of the SIU Carbondale's faculty members and Faculty Senate. First, I would like to inform you, the Board of Trustees, about the activities and actions of the Faculty Senate during the last academic year. Through shared governance and concerted efforts our Faculty Senate introduced and implemented several important initiatives (in addition to regular FS business matters), including the following: an Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Ranking/Education Quality; Advocacy for the SIU Faculty members through the Reduction of Racial Profiling related to China-Initiative; Amendment of the FS Operating Paper; Advocacy for Undergraduate Academic Success and Mental Wellness at the Faculty-Student Town Hall Meetings by working with the USG and FS; and Advocacy for SIU's Shared Governance, Shared Responsibility/Accountability and Shared Future Vision at the IBHE forum by working with Chancellor Lane.

Second, SIU Carbondale, like many other institutions in the nation, faces a few challenges and opportunities which require all of us to work as partners through shared governance, shared responsibility, and accountability. More specifically, our student support, student enrollment, student retention, and graduation rate are the areas where both our faculty members and campus leaders will work collaboratively and innovatively. Our faculty hires, retention, and equity issues are also challenging and will need improvements in the next few years. The equity issue impacts the morale of campus employees. Exploration of faculty equity issues has shown an increased salary gap between faculty and administrators, especially between faculty members and lower-level administrators, such as chairs and directors. As a research R2 university, some of our research faculty members make less than those faculty members of community colleges. Some senior faculty members make less than some newly hired junior faculty members.

However, SIU Carbondale is moving in a promising direction through the SIU System strategic plan and SIUC's Imagine 2030. We support SIU System's vision-i.e., "Empower people. Transform the world!" We appreciate Chancellor Lane for his efforts to improve diversity and equity initiatives—including adjusting salaries of civil service employees and administrative professional employees. We are working on a plan to address faculty equity issues. We faculty members are willing to work collaboratively and innovatively with all constituencies and offices, including the Board of Trustees to address faculty equity issues. You, SIU Board of Trustees, can advocate for state resources for our faculty members in front of our state legislators and government officers because SIU is a Southern Illinois economic engine, and our faculty members play an essential role in economic success and cultural/educational vitality and growth in Southern Illinois. Thank you.

### **III. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE**

#### **ENROLLMENT, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

- **Fall 2022 outlook (data as of July 22, 2022):**

- New first-time, full-time student data (as compared to this time last year)
  - Applications are up 19%.
  - Actionable applications are up 41% and are the highest in the past 5 years.
  - Admissions are up 36%, the highest in the past 5 years.
  - Registrations are up.
  - Southern Illinois students are up 5.2%.
    - News item: <https://news.siu.edu/today/index.php>
  - On campus transfer students: apps are down but registrations are up.
  - Online transfer students: apps up 29% and registrations are up.
  - Graduate Student applications are up 27% but registrations are down.
  - Housing figures show an increase of new contracts (“freshmen”) and an overall increase of more than 4% (new + returning students).
- **Outreach and strategic planning efforts continue:**
  - Applications continue to be received and processed.
  - Yielding events are a major focus, including in person and virtual new student orientation events.
  - Seymour Bryson Saluki Summer Bridge program going strong. News item: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/07/071322-Seymour-Bryson-Scholars-get-a-jump-start-toward-success-by-visiting-SIU-campus-in-July.php>
  - Partnerships with educational institutions continue. News items:
    - <https://www.lonestar.edu/news/66861.htm> (TEXAS)
    - <https://news.siu.edu/2022/06/063022-GSU-partners-with-Southern-Illinois-University-to-offer-JD-degrees-to-students.php> (ILLINOIS)
    - <https://news.siu.edu/2022/06/063022-Black-Hawk-College,-SIU-Carbondale-leaders-sign-Saluki-Step-Ahead-agreement-offering-new-opportunities-for-students.php> (ILLINOIS)
    - <https://news.siu.edu/2022/06/060122-Media-Advisory-Saluki-Step-Ahead-agreement-SIU-Southeastern-Illinois-College.php> (ILLINOIS)
  - Summer programs for community college students spur interest in transferring to SIU Carbondale: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/06/062722-Community-college-students-spend-summer-at-SIU-in-intense-research.php>
  - Summer camps build stronger relationships with future Salukis. News items: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/07/071922-Youths-with-diabetes-may-register-now-for-SIUs-Camp-BETA.php> and <https://news.siu.edu/2022/07/070722-Media-Advisory-SIU-summer-camps-July-10-23.php>

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- **Housing, Information Technology implement infrastructure upgrades are in process, as approved by the BOT:** <https://news.siu.edu/2022/05/051922-Towers-network-infrastructure-upgrade-underway.php> **and more here:** <https://news.siu.edu/2022/06/060722-Media-Advisory-Upgrading-internet-access-in-SIU-Carbondale-Towers-residence-halls.php>

### **COVID-19**

- Summer vaccination rates are 84% for students and 83% for employees.
- Effective on July 14 in conjunction with the governor's executive order issued the day before, SIU Carbondale no longer requires weekly testing for most employees and students who have not been fully vaccinated.
- N95/KN95 masks continue to be available for free to all employees and students and will be in ample supply throughout the fall semester.

### **OTHER**

- Ombudspersons named: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/05/050522-Kibby,-Foster-appointed-as-faculty,-staff-ombudspersons.php>
- The new Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate School Dean begins on Aug. 1: <https://news.siu.edu/2022/05/052622-Veteran-researcher-to-serve-as-SIUs-new-vice-chancellor-for-research-and-grad-school-dean.html>

**We wish to enjoy the rest of the summer. Stay Cool, Healthy and Safe! Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!**