

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

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I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN THE FEBRUARY MEETING

1. The FS met on Feb. 14, 2023. All meeting information, including the approved minutes from the December 13th meeting 2022, is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>).
2. Our next FS meeting is on March 21, 2023, which will be held both in person and by zoom (hybrid). If you have an important matter that you would like discussed at our February meeting, please let us know soon via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).
3. Faculty Senate also approved the standing committees' recommendations—see II below.

II. FS UPDATES —UPEC AND AD HOC COMMITTEE

For the FS meeting on Feb. 14, the FS members voted for the following NUI/RME/resolution documents by Undergraduate Educational and Policy Committee (UEPC).

1. NUI for B.S. in Cybersecurity
2. RME for Digital Narrative and Gamification Specialization within the B.A. in English
3. RME to Eliminate the Quality Management Specialization in the B.S. in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering
4. RME for Specialization in Astrophysics
5. RME for Concurrent B.A./J.D. Program – Political Science and School of Law
6. Resolution to Recommend Approval of Major GPA 2.0 Policy Change

The 2023 Ad Hoc Committee of Institutional Ranking and Educational Quality includes the following members: Adam Roloff, Chilman Bae, Michael Hysin, Shuling Wu, Yueh-Ting Lee, Elaine Jurkowski, Susan Howell and Vjollca Konjufca. Both the Ad Hoc Committee and the Faculty Senate Members voted for Yueh-Ting Lee and Elaine Jurkowski as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee of Institutional Ranking and Educational Quality.

III. APPRECIATION TO FACULTY MEMBERS FOR THE PROVOST SEARCH ENGAGEMENT

We appreciate our faculty members for their time and efforts invested in the provost search process. First as the search committee chair to represent the Faculty Senate and other faculty members, I wish to express my appreciation to the following faculty members for their precious time and great service on the search committee—Professors Marvis Adjei, Craig Gingrich-Philbrook, Ada Chen, Francesca Dennstedt, Donna Lewis, Robert Lopez, Matthew Romero, Lashonda Stewart, Cherie Watson, Michael Eichholz, Rolando Gonzalez-Torres and Hale Yilmaz. Second, we thank faculty members for their participation in two open forums at noon and/or at 3pm virtually and in person on February 21 through 27. For the 3pm faculty sessions which were hosted by the Faculty Senate, Faculty Association and Graduate Council, many faculty members asked the five candidates very interesting and important questions related to faculty affairs. I would like to express my great appreciation to FA President Jeffrey Punske and Graduate Council Chair Craig Gingrich-Philbrook for cohosting the 3pm sessions with me. Below is the information for those faculty sessions with five provost candidates:

T 2/21 3pm – 3:45pm (faculty)

- <https://youtube.com/live/5FxaRUZxFoo?feature=share>

W 2/22 3pm – 3:45 (faculty)

- <https://youtube.com/live/nuJ-dBJm0SA?feature=share>

TH 2/23 3pm – 3:45pm (faculty)

- <https://youtube.com/live/CUdmNTqpOp8?feature=share>

F 2/24 3pm – 3:45 (faculty)

- https://youtube.com/live/zZevC_Rt6c4?feature=share

M 2/27 3pm – 3:45 (faculty)

- <https://youtube.com/live/7bnYHeAzjcU?feature=share>

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Administration Update to the Faculty Senate

February 21, 2023

Recruitment and Outreach

1. New student enrollment continues to look promising for the Fall 2023 semester.
 - With 27 weeks before the start of the semester, admitted students for the first-time college student group (“freshmen”) up 10.3% over the same point last year.
 - New student applications are up more than 22%.
2. On campus transfer student applications and admissions are up 30.8% and 14.3% respectively.
3. Off-campus/online transfer student applications are up 2.0%, but admissions are down 2.4%.
4. Graduate student applications and admissions are up 13.4% and 102%.
5. Southern Illinois student numbers:
 - Undergraduate student applications and admissions up 12.3% and 3.4% respectively.
 - Graduate student application are down 16.4% and admissions are up 8.3%.

Research and Graduate School

Support for faculty research equipment

1. The **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research** has a program to provide support to faculty to purchase, replace, repair or upgrade research equipment. This program is supported by 7% of indirect funds returned into a BP dedicated to maintenance, repair or replacement of major shared research equipment, along with the purchase of new research equipment. Funding is limited. The Graduate Council's research committee evaluates these requests on a quarterly basis. [Program details](#) are available on the [research support page](#).

Graduate Applications

2. Academic programs evaluated 539 Spring 2023 graduate applications, up from 371 the previous year, and 148 new graduate students enrolled in Spring 2023, a slight improvement from the previous year (137). As of the week of February 20th there are 1,637 graduate applicants for Fall 2023, compared to 1,446 applicants the previous year (please keep in mind that not all applicants have submitted or will submit a complete application, so the numbers will change). So far we have admitted 241 students, more than double from the previous year (112).

Research Performance

3. By January 31, 2023 the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research had processed through OSPA 184 submitted proposals totaling \$64,889,052, and accepted 175 awards totaling \$41,908,974.

Faculty travel support

4. Two new programs were unveiled this Spring:
 - A program providing partial funding to assist researchers to travel to funding agencies or other sources of extramural support. Travel grants cover up to 1/2 of the total travel costs, to be matched by Centers, Schools, Colleges, or the traveler.
 - A program providing partial support to our faculty to attend regional, state, national, or international conferences, professional meetings, or related creative events. These travel grants are up to \$500 for one presenter and one event per year. So far more than 35 of our faculty have applied for and received an award.

Events

1. On February 13 the Graduate School and the Graduate and Professional Student Council co-sponsored an action planning event on **Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention**. The event was day-long and broken into two parts: recruiting and retention. There were conversations/presentations by the Graduate School (recruiting on-campus students), Extended Campus (recruiting off-campus students), CIE (recruiting international students), and from a faculty-led Graduate Student Recruiting Committee. These were followed by a panel of graduate students. The morning ended with a brainstorming session leading to recruiting action items. The afternoon was focused on retention. We discussed retention statistics, the results of a graduate student survey, and retention best practices. We then had a panel of faculty,

students, and staff engaged with graduate student academics and life. Finally, the afternoon ended with a brainstorming session leading to retention action items.

2. On February 1 we organized a "Let's Talk Research" a workshop on **Managing your Online Research Identity**. This which provided information on the ORCID platform and new federal requirements for the use of digital identifiers.
3. On March 3 our next "Let's Talk Research" meeting, called **Beyond NSF**, is focusing on proposing to agencies other than the National Science Foundation. SIUC faculty colleagues who have had success receiving funding from NIH, DoE, NASA, EPA, and USDA will be offering their thoughts on how to work with these agencies, and how to structure proposals to them.

Other items

1. Provost search is underway. More information is [online](#) about the candidates and process.
2. A [new director](#) for the Center for International Education has been hired.
3. A [Town Hall](#) on campus climate survey to be held on Feb. 28.
4. The [Accounting Challenge](#) brings 200 high school students to campus.
5. A campus ["active threat exercise"](#) to be held in April.

We wish you a great Spring Semester! Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!