

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

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### **I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN OCTOBER 2021**

1. FS Meetings. The minutes for the FS meeting on Sept 14 were approved and are available at the website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/fs-minutes-09142021.pdf>). The FS met on October 12 and a copy of the meeting agenda is available online (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/fs-agenda-10122021.pdf>). The meeting minutes for this meeting will be available after the FS approves the minutes in November.
2. SIUC Faculty Senate passed a “**Resolution to Recommend Approval of Policy Proposal to Recommend Reduction from 26 Credit Hours to 12 for Admission of Transfer Students into SIUC**” at the FS meeting on October 12. For more information on this, please contact [facultysenate@siu.edu](mailto:facultysenate@siu.edu)
3. The meeting for the FS Executive Council will be held on November 2 and the general FS meeting will be held on November 9. If you have anything important to be included as part of the FS agenda for discussion or decision, please send it to us ([facultysenate@siu.edu](mailto:facultysenate@siu.edu)) by the end of October.

### **II. NINE FACULTY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHANCELLOR'S AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW INSTITUTIONAL RANKING**

Based on the FS Resolution passed on July 13 (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/fs-minutes-07132021.pdf>), the Chancellor's ad hoc committee to review SIUC's ranking will be composed of representatives from the Executive Council of the Faculty Senate, at least six SIUC faculty members who are not members of the Faculty Senate and at least two undergraduate students. Three FSEC representatives will be approved by the FS and the six faculty members were approved in October. They are:

#### **Faculty Senate Executive Council Representatives**

Yueh-Ting Lee ([Leey@siu.edu](mailto:Leey@siu.edu) , FSEC)

Elaine Jurkowski ([etjurkow@siu.edu](mailto:etjurkow@siu.edu) , FSEC )

Joseph Sramek ([sramek@siu.edu](mailto:sramek@siu.edu) FSEC)

#### **Six University-wide Faculty Members**

Chilman Bae ([chilman.bae@siu.edu](mailto:chilman.bae@siu.edu), Engineering)

Michael Brazley ([mdbraz7@siu.edu](mailto:mdbraz7@siu.edu), Architecture and Interior Design)

Michael Hylin ([mhylin@siu.edu](mailto:mhylin@siu.edu), Psychology and Neuroscience)

Lindsay King ([lindsay.king@siu.edu](mailto:lindsay.king@siu.edu), Journalism)

Jennifer Presar ( [jpresar@siu.edu](mailto:jpresar@siu.edu), Music)

Shu-Ling Wu ( [shulingwu@siu.edu](mailto:shulingwu@siu.edu) , Languages and Cultures)

**Two Undergraduate Students from Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Organization** (to be decided by USG Organization)

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

#### **1. COVID-19**

- As of Oct. 21, employee vaccination rate is now more than 80%
- As of Oct. 21, student vaccination rate is now about 75%
- On campus testing continues to be available to all who are required to test weekly
- Positive cases remain very low on campus
- Jackson County transmission risk level has been reduced from “high” to “substantial” by the CDC. We are now one of about a dozen counties in Illinois in this classification. There are no Illinois counties classified better than the substantial risk category and all border state counties in the region are classified as “high risk” for transmission.

#### **2. Enrollment and Retention**

- Spring 2022 semester registration begins Oct. 25. Faculty are being asked to encourage students to register by December 15 “so you get the classes you want!”
- A reminder of opportunities SIU offers for student support:
  - The Writing Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Morris Library (online at [write.siu.edu](http://write.siu.edu)) that offers students face to face and virtual assistance.
  - The Tutoring Center that is part of the Center for Learning Support Services on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of Morris Library that offers in person services.
- Recruitment number highlights:
  - First time college student applications are up 30%; admissions up 70%
    - *Note: in addition to the proactive efforts and new initiatives employed by undergraduate admissions, all Illinois schools are now part of the state's “common application” and we are realizing increases due to this new strategy as well.*
  - On-campus transfer student application are up 10%
  - Off-campus transfer student application are up 72%
  - Graduate Student applications are up 50%
- Our national outreach efforts coupled with a focus on our state and region -- in particular our attention to Southern Illinois high schools and community colleges as well as those throughout the state with our in-person visits in the Chicago region,

Peoria, Decatur and the Metro East areas have made tremendous positive impact. Key messages to students:

- October 1: FAFSA is open - complete it now as some state resources are “first-come-first serve”
  - October 31: admission application fee is waived until the end of the month
  - November 1: complete a scholarship application
  - Register before May 1: if not registered by then, scholarship dollars may be reissued to other qualifying applicants.
- For the 2022 cycle, 17,236 have been made inquiries to SIU Carbondale---up 10.3% from this same point last year.
  - Interactions with students to help them complete their applications are up 66%
  - A day-long professional development program is planned in early November for deans, school directors/chairs, academic advisors and recruitment and retention coordinators, and several other stakeholders including faculty, students, admissions, student affairs, and university communication. The focus is the Fall 2022 cycle, enhancements to our registration process for continuing students, retention efforts and other matters directly related to ensuring we are collaborating across campus to recruit and retain all the students we have the opportunity to call Salukis.

### 3. Training reminders

- Ethics training for employees and graduate assistants is due **by Nov. 1**
- Preventing Harassment and Discrimination for Higher Education training is **due by Nov. 1** (this covers both the federal and state training requirements, unlike last year when there were two)

### 4. General updates

- A search for a faculty ombudsman is on-going. Following a Spring semester search that didn't result in a hire, we are creating a new Administrative Professional position that will be advertised soon. It will include a course release and a month of summer salary.
- The university procurement office is working to finalizing a contract to engage Gray Associates to provide insights to campus on opportunities regarding program offerings.
- Search updates: We should announce hires for the following units soon: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, WSIU, Facilities and Energy Management and Chief Information Officer. Search committees are set to meet soon to start the process on selecting the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate School Dean, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and Athletic Director.
- The final editing to the Strategic Plan is wrapping up. The feedback from the Chancellor's Leadership Council members and those in the constituency groups were invaluable to the final version.
- News items related to ongoing recruitment and relationship building:
  - <https://news.siu.edu/2021/05/052721-SIU,-Shawnee-Community-College-sign-agreement-for-students-to-earn-two-degrees.html>

- <https://www.kfvs12.com/2021/10/05/siuc-chicago-college-sign-agreement-improve-access-students-accounting/>
- <https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20211001/harper-oakton-to-ink-deal-with-siu-for-online-degree-pathways>
- <https://www.riverbender.com/articles/details/new-siu-carbondale-program-puts-4year-degree-closer-to-home-for-illinois-community-college-students-53478.cfm>
- <https://news.siu.edu/2021/10/102021-SIU-Carbondale-to-provide-educational-opportunities-for-Cahokia-junior-high,-high-school-students.php>
- <https://apnews.com/article/business-carbondale-illinois-chicago-49b663ee1b9f8851f98086cab83d17cd>
- <https://news.siu.edu/2021/10/100621-siu-carbondale-3-Chicagoland-community-colleges-to-improve-access-for-students.html>
- Video highlights of Saluki Takeover Tour  
CHICAGO: <https://fb.watch/8OveLADzC2/>

**Happy Halloween! We wish you a great and safe Fall Semester!  
Thank you for your service and commitment to SIU and our Students**