

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

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I A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS IN MARCH 2022

1. FS Meetings. The FS met on March 15. All the meeting information is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>). Our next meeting is on April 12. If you have anything important to put on our April meeting agenda, please let us know by the end of this month via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

2. At the March 15 meeting, the FS members approved two resolutions presented by the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee; an RME to create minor in Cultural Competencies and RME for temporary IBHE status for the Consortium for Embedded Systems. The RME on discontinuing minor in Global Studies was presented but not voted on due to the fact that Faculty Senate Executive Council members voted against bringing to the FS for its consideration. Finally, the FS members approved a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to examine the names of streets on campus.

II. FACULTY SENATE ELECTION IN APRIL 2022

Based on our record of the FS membership, there will be approximately nine vacancies of the seats— see the web info here (https://facultysenate.siu.edu/common/documents/2021-22_fs_roster5.pdf).

We encourage you to consider running or re-running for the vacant seats of the FS members whose terms will expire by the end of April. Our election committee is working on this process so please stay tuned, or contact our office via email (facultysenate@siu.edu). As faculty members it is important for all of us to stay engaged in our faculty affairs to advocate for our faculty members' interest.

III. UPDATE FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Faculty Senate update
March 21, 2022

COVID-19

- Campus message sent on Friday, March 18 was a follow up to the message sent prior to spring break. Friday's message shared the latest data from on-campus testing and the recent

community information provided by SIH which shows the trends to continue improving significantly. All COVID-related campus messages can be view [here](#).

- Employee vaccination rate stands at 84% and student vaccination rate remains at 77%
- On campus testing continues to be available to all who are required to test weekly and is open to any SIU employee or student who wishes to be tested and has no symptoms.
- Results from the on-campus COVID testing is available [here](#).
- N95/KN95 masks continue to be available on an as-needed basis for all employees and students.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- New student enrollment looks promising for the Fall 2022 semester. With 23 weeks before the start of the semester. The number of admitted students for the first time college student group (“freshmen”) are up nearly a third over the same point last year and even more remarkable is the number of admitted students is up more than 20% over the **10th class day** last year.
- On campus transfer student applications and admissions are down but off-campus/online transfer student numbers are up.
- Graduate student applications and admissions are down.
- With the exception of one county in far northwest Illinois, we have applicants from every county in Illinois. This is a major improvement as last year we had 26 counties that had no applicants to SIU Carbondale.
- As a follow-up to the "Enrollment Management Workshop" conducted last fall, another workshop focused on the Student Success and Engagement in the SIU Carbondale Strategic Plan Pillar will be held on Thursday, March 24. The university’s new Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plan will be discussed.
- Important updates:
 - **Eligibility to Enroll without Readmission:** Students who remain in good standing may interrupt their studies for up to two years and still be considered as continuing students who are eligible for registration without the need for readmission. <https://catalog.siu.edu/admissions/special-cat-admissions.php>
 - **Eligibility for Capstone Courses:** Resident students concurrently enrolled in an AAS degree and a bachelor’s degree program approved to participate in the Capstone Option will be provisionally approved pending completion of the associate level requirements. Eligibility may be established with 60 semester hours of combined transfer and resident work. <https://catalog.siu.edu/admissions/special-cat-admissions.php>
 - **Undergraduate Admission Policy for Transfer Students- Change to Transfer GPA Calculation:** The grade point average as awarded by the prior institution will be accepted for Admission purposes. Students admitted for Summer 2022 and later with student types T=Transfer and N=New will be subject to this policy change. Re-entry and Continuing students will continue to have all subsequent transfer work calculated under the old transfer grade point average policy to ensure integrity of academic record. <https://catalog.siu.edu/admissions/transfer-admissions.php>
 - **Transfer Admission Requirement:** For admission to SIUC as an undergraduate transfer student, reduce the minimum number of transfer credit hours required to be completed with 2.0 GPA from 26 to 12 semester hours. <https://catalog.siu.edu/admissions/transfer-admissions.php>

RESEARCH UPDATES

- Save the Date: SIU Research and Creative Activity Forum: April 14, 2022

GENERAL UPDATES

- SIU Carbondale's Strategic Plan was recently announced to campus. You can learn more about it here: <https://imagine2030.siu.edu/>.
- Please join in helping to welcome Sue Zamora as the Director of Procurement who started on Monday, March 21.
- A two-day workshop with Gray Associates is planned for April for faculty and administrators to review the firm's analysis and insights into the data review it has conducted for the university. The Faculty Senate and Graduate Council are each naming participants to these sessions.

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