

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

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I. A QUICK SUMMARY OF FS MATTERS ON OCTOBER 15, 2024 AND HEADS UP FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING

1. The FS met on October 15, 2024. All meeting information, after it is approved by the FS, is available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>). The minutes for the September 10 meeting that were approved in October are also available there.
2. We invited the following groups as our special guests: Mr. Jeffrey Harmon (Executive Director and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer) and Mr. Wil Clark (Chief Information Officer). Their presentation information is available upon request via email (facultysenate@siu.edu). Several resolutions were voted and approved by the FS at the meeting on October 15, 2024—see below.
3. Heads up for our next FS meeting: It is on November 12, 2024. If you have anything important to put on our November meeting agenda, please let us know by October 31, 2024 via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

II. RESOLUTIONS APPROVED ON OCTOBER 15, 2024

1. Resolution Supporting the Update of the Academic Standing Policy (see below)
2. Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Sport Administration Minor
3. Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Public Health Minor
4. Resolution Supporting the Creation of a B.S. in Environmental Engineering
5. Resolution Supporting the Renaming of the B.A. in University Studies

Resolution Supporting the Update of the Academic Standing Policy

Whereas, navigating the complexities of higher education highlights the critical importance of achieving satisfactory academic outcomes and ensuring degree completion for all students;

Whereas, the implementation of policies to monitor essential academic metrics, such as GPA, can significantly enhance student success and establish pivotal benchmarks for our institution;

Whereas, GPA serves as a vital gauge of academic performance, providing insights into students' overall progress within their programs of study;

Whereas, identifying students who may be facing challenges and are at risk of academic setbacks enables timely institutional intervention, fostering a supportive learning environment;

Whereas, the proposed update to the Academic Standing policy presents a proactive framework designed to strengthen strategies that promote knowledge acquisition and skill development;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we support the proposed update to the Academic Standing policy. This update will:

1. Establish clear benchmarks for academic performance to enhance student accountability.
2. Provide necessary resources and support for students identified as at risk of academic challenges.
3. Foster a culture of academic excellence and continuous improvement within our institution.
4. Aim to elevate overall student performance and facilitate successful degree completion.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be submitted to the appropriate academic committees and administrative offices for consideration and implementation.

If you want to have a copy of Resolutions 2, 3, 4, and 5, please feel free to contact the Faculty Senate Office via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

III. CHANCELLOR LANE WILL HAVE COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH FACULTY ON NOVEMBER 6 AT 8:30 A.M. IN SC OLD MAIN

INVITATION AND FYI:



Chancellor Lane will have coffee and conversation with our Faculty Senate. All our faculty members are invited and welcomed if your time and interest permit. It will be in Student Center—Old Main Room at 8:30-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. For more information, please email us at faculty senate@siu.edu. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and chat informally with our university administrative leadership team and our faculty senate leadership team.

IV. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

October 24, 2024

Retention Summit

Thank you to all faculty who were able to participate in the retention summit on October 16. The day was a huge success and will help us improve student success strategies and focus more on those populations that need help the most.

Communications and Marketing Brand Training

University Communications and Marketing (UComm) is conducting brand training session on November 5 and 6 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. in Guyon Auditorium. UComm has developed a new compelling brand messaging platform that accurately describes what makes Saluki graduates and their student experience special. UComm will discuss how we can apply the brand to our advertising and other communications in written format, as well as visually, to ensure maximum effectiveness with our target audiences.

Additionally, attendees will hear updates from each area in UComm. There will be time for questions as well.

ADEI

Native American Heritage Month starts November 1. It celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. National Native American Heritage Month was recognized federally for the first time in the United States in 1990. For more information, visit <https://www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>. Details about SIU's celebration will be posted when they are available.

Homecoming

Homecoming was an incredible success that started with a very well attended concert downtown. The Modern Day Saints opened the show, and the Jungle Dogs closed out the evening in front of a huge crowd. The evening was made possible due to a collaboration between the City of Carbondale and the SIU Alumni Association.

Salukis Take Over Memphis

The chancellor and several university leaders and faculty, including Dr. Lee, traveled to Memphis on Oct 21-24 to visit high schools and community colleges for the Saluki Takeover Tour. There was an alumni event at Meddlesome Brewing Company on Wednesday, and the Takeover wrapped up with the chancellor's reception October 24, 2024 Thursday evening at King Jerry Lawler's Hall of Fame Bar and Grille. This take over was amazingly successful.

We wish you a great fall semester. Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!