Members Present:

Nasir Almasri
Erin Behnen
Julie Furst-Bowe (ex officio)
Kathleen Gardner
Gireesh Gupchup
Nancy Lutz
Norris Manning
Stephen Marlette
Morris Taylor (Chair)
Michelle Welter
Bill Winter (ex officio)
Susan Yager

Members Absent:

Rakesh Bharati
Madeline McCune
Christian Slifer

Guests:

Nobby Emmanuel
Lora Miles

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. Additions to the Agenda
There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Approval of December 5, 2014 meeting minutes
The December 5, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements

a. Chancellor’s Announcements

i. The Board of Trustees met yesterday at Carbondale. Dr. Dunn provided a brief update on the budget. SIUE’s agenda items were approved.

ii. Approximately 900 graduates will be participating in the Commencement ceremonies tomorrow. Spring graduation numbers look good so far.

iii. Will be sending out a budget update next week. Many variables are still unknown. Chancellor’s Council will be reviewing all open Civil Service and administrative/professional staff positions. The Provost and Deans will be reviewing all open faculty positions. Dr. Dunn has asked each campus to look at “third tier” operations, or activities that are not directly tied to
instruction or direct support of students, with the goal of reducing or eliminating state funding for these activities.

iv. UMSL recently announced a hiring freeze due to a $2M budget shortfall.

b. Other Announcements

There were no other announcements.

V. New Business

a. Student Affairs Budget Requests: Two handouts were distributed by email on Dec. 11: “FY16 Fee Review” and “UPBC Funding Request Presentation for RAMP 16.”

The proposed fees for FY16 represent an overall increase of 5.8%. Seven of the proposed increases are 3% or less. The largest proposed increase is the Textbook Services fee, which is due to the cost of access codes for electronic textbooks. The proposed fees would keep SIUE the second lowest among the twelve Illinois public universities for total tuition and fees. The proposed housing and meal plan rates represent approximately a 3% increase over the FY15 rates. 

Motion to endorse proposed FY16 fees made by Erin, seconded by Kathleen. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chancellor Emmanuel presented the following budget requests for FY16:

i. Support for Student Opportunities for Academic Results (SOAR) program
ii. Staff support position for SOAR program
iii. Career Counselor position for Career Development Center
iv. Multi-Cultural Counselor position for Counseling Services (fee-funded)
v. Supplemental funds to employ part-time psychiatrist in Counseling Services (fee-funded)
vi. Support for MAP Works

b. Other New Business

There was no other new business.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 9, 2015 in the Chancellor’s Conference Room (tentative)