

## **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Zoom Meeting ID 920 3685 0196**

**March 11, 2021 – 2:30pm**

### **Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:30pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021 in Zoom by President Laurie Rice.

Present: Laurie Rice, Jocelyn DeGroot-Brown, E. Duff Wrobbel, Keith Hecht, Jingyi Jia, Stephen Kerber, Mike Shaw, Ezra Temko

Absent: Tim Jacks

Guests: Ann Popkess (UPBC)

#### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

#### **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

#### **Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes for the February 25, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

#### **Action Items:**

There were no action items.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Temko and Rice met with the Provost and shared a visual of what is being considered for the Faculty Senate reorganization. The Provost suggested the Curriculum Council be split into two Councils: Undergraduate Academic Review (to include Undergraduate Program Review Committee, Undergraduate Courses Committee, and the Graduation Appeals Committee) and Undergraduate Academic Policy and Planning (to include Committee on Assessment, General Education Committee, and Academic Standards and Policies Committee). There was a discussion about the work load of the current Curriculum Council, and it was noted that the regular work of the subcommittees is not falling heavily on Senators. The Provost would like to include more things in shared governance, but as there is not a logical place for many of them it ends up being addressed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee or ad hoc committees. There was discussion about connections with University committees and the potential inclusion of Staff Senate and Student Senate representatives. Voting members on some committees may need to be adjusted to maintain faulty proportions. There are concerns about having administrators or their designees on Councils as it could stifle discussion, but it was noted that they can be a valuable resource. Temko will report again once the Reorganization Committee meets.

The assessment of the library was sent to the Committee on Assessment.

#### **New Business:**

Textbook Services suddenly dropped digital inclusive access, which includes course packs and online learning items like quizzes. This will have a large impact on the College of Arts and Sciences, but it impacts other units as well. The Provost and faculty were excluded from the decision, and it is unclear whether the Textbook Advisory Committee voted on it and understood what the change meant. Textbook Services has attempted policy changes twice before without input, once for Honors student books and once with seminar style classes, but both were stopped by the Provost. The Textbook Services policy states that digital inclusive access is decided on a case-by-case basis. The Provost is looking to see if there is a way to split the cost with Textbook Services for courses where it is critical as well as looking at funding to help with summer courses since the change can alter entire course builds. A request to move Textbook Services under the Provost is being considered. The change will apply to both undergraduate and graduate courses. There was a discussion about the Textbook Services model, and it was noted that they are focused on budget rather than student needs. It is unknown whether Student Government has been informed, however this equates to applying an additional student fee. The change was communicated to office support, and faculty were only informed as they were making textbook requests. Information about the Textbook Advisory Committee could not be found online, and there was consensus that Faculty Senate should be making appointments. It was moved and seconded to make a statement, and it was adopted unanimously: "The Faculty Senate Executive Committee expresses it is concerned about the recent change Textbook Services made regarding digital inclusive access, and we are asking for this change to be paused or suspended until there is more information and discussion."

**Reports:**

The University Planning and Budget Council (UPBC) report was posted and is attached.

The Admissions Criteria Committee is still missing deadlines, and it will be necessary to move forward without a second reading in order to get it done on schedule.

The evaluation surveys for the Provost and Chancellor are closed. Ballots for President-Elect will be coming out soon.

The Graduate Council will be releasing the Graduate Dean's evaluation soon.

Councils should be electing Chairs for the 2021-2022 year to recommend to the FSEC. A vote will take place at the May Faculty Senate meeting to approve Chairs. Chairs can serve consecutive terms.

The President shared frustrations about Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day.

There were no other reports.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

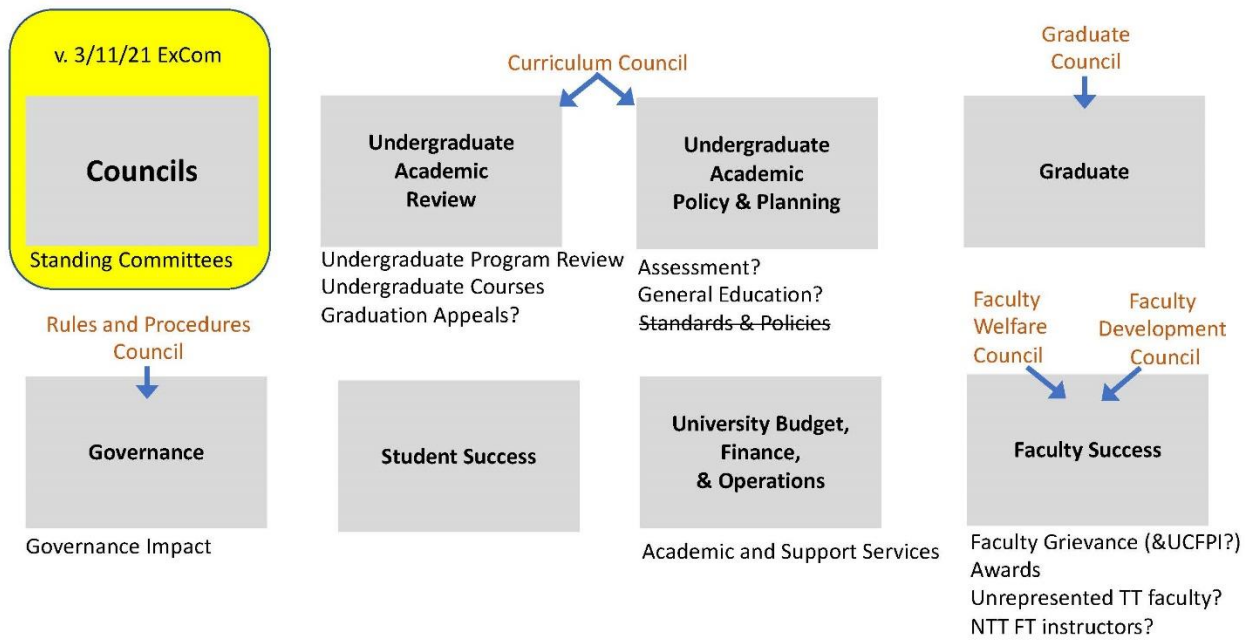
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Magnolia Room, Morris University Center  
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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT\*
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
  - a. February 25, 2021
- V. ACTION ITEMS
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. Faculty Senate reorganization
  - b. Assessment of the library
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Textbook Services Discussion
- VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS
  - a. UPBC – Ann Popkess
  - b. Faculty Development Council – Tim Jacks
  - c. Curriculum Council – Keith Hecht
  - d. Rules & Procedures Council – Ezra Temko
  - e. Welfare and Governance Council – Steve Kerber & Jingyi Jia
  - f. Graduate Council – Yuliang Liu
  - g. Past-President – Jocelyn DeGroot Brown
  - h. President-Elect – Duff Wrobbel
  - i. President – Laurie Rice
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

\*Due to Restore Illinois Phase 4 restrictions, the Faculty Senate is accepting public comments via email to encourage social distancing and safety. Submitted comments will be read aloud during the meeting and added to the minutes. Please submit any comments to the University Governance Office at [anhunte@sue.edu](mailto:anhunte@sue.edu) prior to the start of the meeting. Meetings will be accessible via Zoom, and login information is included in the agenda.



UPBC Faculty Senate Report

3/11/2021

UPBC met March 5 2021 and heard a report from Dr. Gireesh Gupchup, VP for Academic Innovation, Planning and Partnerships for SIU System. Dr. Gupchup shared the work thus far on the system strategic plan. More information is provided on the system website:

<https://siusystem.edu/about/strategic-plan/index.shtml>

The goal is to have the plan ready for dissemination in July 2021

Motion passed that recommends the priority funding requests from the VC's reports as follows.

Academic Affairs: Focus on student support services and technology enhancement/support (in priority order)

1 ) ITS- -\$373,000

-Enrollment Management:

2) Summer Success Programs- 246, 000

3) Tutoring - 150,000

4) Starfish (retention) – 40,000-110,000

5) EAB- 537,000

6) Call Center- 95,000

Other items/budget issues brought from VC were prioritized with the chancellor and VC's to be addressed through alternate funding sources.

CHAPA survey for Provost Eval to NTT/Staff/Students may be extended beyond March 15 due to some technical issues

Next meeting will be March 19 2021.

## **Rules & Procedures Council**

3/11/21 report for ExCom

### Constitution & Bylaws Committee

The FS Reorganization working group, along with Laurie Rice, met with Denise Cobb, Elza Ibroscheva, and Tom Jordan today. The working group is scheduled to meet again on 3/18 and 3/25.

### Nominations Committee

Dr. Jingyi (Jane) Jia is the committee's nominee for FS president-elect. Language and Qualtrics survey for president-election were confirmed with Maracus Scott and the election survey should go out soon.

### Evaluation & Liaison Committee

The evaluations surveys for the provost and the chancellor have concluded. We have 91 responses for the chancellor and 105 responses for the provost. We got access to the results today.

### Personnel Committee

Election notices for Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and Faculty Grievance Committee went out to all schools/colleges on 2/28.

**President's Report to FSEC**

March 11, 2021

*Meetings since March 5*

***March 11: Faculty Staff Appreciation Day Committee***

Feedback from the Chancellor's Council was discussed.

***March 11: Faculty Senate Reorganization Working Group and Provost's Office***

*Upcoming meetings include:*

***March 17: KPI Working Group Goal 2***

***March 23: Constituency Heads Meeting with Chancellor***