

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Room 3118, Alumni Hall

Zoom Meeting ID 920 3685 0196

January 27, 2022 – 2:30pm

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:35pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Room 3118 in Alumni Hall and via Zoom by President E. Duff Wrobbel.

Present: E. Duff Wrobbel, Laurie Rice, Jingyi Jia, Igor Crk, Keith Hecht, Barbara McCracken, Alison Reiheld, Kamran Shavezipur

Absent: Robert Bitter, Kim Carter

Guest: Ann Popkess

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes for the January 13, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Action Items:

There were no action items.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Constituency heads are meeting weekly with the Chancellor and Provost, and the incoming Chancellor was present at the last meeting as well. Feedback from e-mail and previous discussions were passed along. Testing is mandatory, but no one is following up. There is no longer a contact tracer because there is no money for it, and the federal money that was covering testing is almost gone. Mike Schultz is still coordinating the COVID response. In order for a positive test to count toward the University total it has to be self-reported even if the results come from SHIELD testing; it is an extra step and most do not know they need to self-report. The most recent email from the Chancellor says SIUE is following their own guidelines, but it does not appear to be the case. Faculty are expected to teach online without any recovery time suggested, and Schools are not encouraging professors to make decisions for their classes. The process for what happens when someone gets sick seems to be lost, and it could become the norm if not addressed.

Policy 1C1 tracks with the Faculty Association contract. There is a way to interpret it that you must use accrued sick time and still teach, but it is not said explicitly. Instructions to departments are not clear

whether there is an expectation to use sick leave and still work. Changing to online teaching is a change in modality and not considered a cancellation of class or use of sick time. Faculty do not work in a set time period or on a time clock, so it is often difficult to track.

Reports:

Popkess was a guest at the Rules and Procedures meeting, and there was agreement that there did not need to be a separate annual review of the Chancellor and Provost; representatives on the Committee for Higher Administrator Performance Appraisal (CHAPA) can be utilized. There was a request for a progress report in years where there is no scheduled review. There was some concern that graduate students do not have as much of an opportunity to review administrators, and Popkess will reach out directly to students to get feedback.

The University Planning and Budget Council (UPBC) received a budget report from the Chancellor, which will be presented at the February Board of Trustees meeting. There is a request for a 7.9% increase on textbook fees, a 4.5% increase on housing fees, and a 3% increase for Dining Services. There have been no fee increases for 4 years, and there are concerns about mortgage payments on housing buildings. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) recommended a 5% budget increase for higher education. The Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT) process was updated to require a written report within 24 hours and notification to the campus.

Rules and Procedures Council discussed electing the next Chair for the Council and will draft an email for President-Elect nominations.

The Faculty Development Council discussed reorganization and will convey concerns to the Faculty Senate Restructuring Ad-Hoc Committee (FSRAC). A suggestion was made to make a member of the Council the Teaching Excellence Award Committee (TEAC) Chair, which would include a shift of responsibilities.

The Curriculum Council heard program reviews for Physics and Political Science. Reviews of Criminal Justice and Nursing will take place in February.

The Grievance Committee was presented with a grievance, but it was deemed non-grievable.

The Graduate Council had their first request to attend via Zoom. They require a quorum in the room, and those who oversee the Council want to have in-person meetings regardless of the current Open Meetings Act exemption.

President Wrobbel noted that there was another racial incident on campus. He also met with the incoming Chancellor.

Reiheld shared that the perimeter offices in Peck Hall are consistently very cold, ranging from 50-60 degrees. Faculty should report issues to their Chairs, which should be reported to Building Services. Many do not know the chain of reporting, and the scale of the problem is unknown.

There were no other reports.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT***
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 - a. January 13, 2022
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. COVID and On-Ground Concerns
- VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS**
 - a. UPBC – Ann Popkess
 - b. Faculty Development Council – Kim Carter & Alison Reiheld
 - c. Curriculum Council – Keith Hecht
 - d. Rules & Procedures Council – Kamran Shavezipur
 - e. Welfare and Governance Council – Robert Bitter & Igor Crk
 - f. Graduate Council – Barbara McCracken
 - g. Past-President – Laurie Rice
 - h. President-Elect – Jane Jia
 - i. President – Duff Wrobbel
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*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@siue.edu prior to the start of the meeting.