Members Present: Kathryn Brady, Kevin Cannon, John Foster, Chaya Gopalan, Keith Hecht (chair), Jennifer Hernandez, Kevin Hockenberry, Amy Hubert, Joshua Kryah, Kelley McGuire, Corey Ragsdale, Deborah Sellnow-Richmond, Doug Simms, Chris Leopold, Maureen Bell-Werner, Effie Hortis, Elza Ibroscheva, Chad Verbais, Eric Voss

Absent: Kathryn Brady, Nima Lotfi Yagin, Mary Ettling, Eric Ruckh, Carson Brimm, Nicole Obert

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:31 by the chair of the council, Keith Hecht (KH).

2. Minutes of 09/17/2020 and 09/29/2020 meetings were approved as submitted.

3. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Undergraduate Programs Committee (John Foster, Chair)
      • 3 form 91As have been approved
      • 1 form 92B is pending
   b. Undergraduate Courses Committee (Debbie Sellnow-Richmond, Chair)
   c. Academic Standards and Policies Committee (Kevin Hockenberry, Chair)
      • Committee has not yet met
   d. General Education Committee (Eric Voss, Chair)
      • A new Microsoft Teams site has been created and will be used by the committee
      • Committee will be meeting soon
   e. Committee on Assessment (Kelley McGuire, committee liaison)
      • Interim reviews were accepted for English, Art & Design, Applied Communication Studies, and Music
      • The Committee on Assessment is working to establish the Student Evaluations of Teaching Review Committee
   f. Graduation Appeals Committee (Maureen Bell-Werner, committee liaison)
      • No new appeals have been received

4. University Reports
   g. Enrollment Management (Chris Leopold)
      • Spring 2021
         o Freshman admits are up by 10%
         o Undergraduate international admits are up by 26%
         o Graduate admits (including international and all degree levels) are up by 14%
      • Fall 2021
         o Freshman admits are up by 22%, including:
            o 31% increase in local countries (Madison, Monroe, & St. Clair)
            o 39% increase in Springfield area
            o 26% increase in Missouri
            o 91% decrease in denied applications
         • SIUE hosted its annual statewide community college conference virtually on 10/01/20; representatives from 39 colleges and 4 organizations were in attendance.
         • The Office of Undergraduate Admissions hosted the first of its three Fall Preview events yesterday, October 12; the next two virtual Preview events are scheduled for Saturday, October 24 and Monday, November 9, respectively.
   h. Registrar (Maureen Bell-Werner)
      • 1st 8 week grades due 10/18/2020 noon
      • Registration will open for Spring 2021 on 11/02/2020
      • Will seek feedback on Fall 2021 semester from scheduling partners beginning on 11/09/2020
   i. Educational Outreach (Mary Ettling)
ii.  Academic Advising (Effie Hortis)  
- Nothing to report

iii. Learning Support Services (LSS) and Supplemental Education – Chad Verbais  
- Reminder: LSS is working with students online and in person.  
- Face-to-face hours will be expanding to include hours until 10pm on some days to allow more access to students.  
- Recent change (2018) in policy 111 required students on academic probation to enroll in a college success course through LSS. 246 students have been affected by this policy change with 110 students being able to move off probation.

iv. Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Academic Planning – Elza Ibrocheva  
- Academic program proposals continue to be reviewed and routed through appropriate processes.  
- Work is continuing on responding to student responses to survey regarding their well-being during current environment, especially in relation to asynchronous courses.  
- There were 120 requests (covering 300 courses) from faculty to utilize a mid-semester feedback survey.

5. Unfinished Business  
a. None

6. Announcements and New Business  
a. No announcements  
b. Update on Committee Appointments:  
   a. Undergraduate Courses Committee: addition of Maureen Bell-Werner  
   b. Undergraduate Programs Committee: addition of Maureen Bell-Werner and Chris Leopold  
   c. Academic Standards and Policies Committee: addition of Geoff Edwards, Chris Leopold, Heather Yeager, Ruben Gomez, Timothy Lewis, and Justin Shiau  
   d. Graduation Appeals Committee: addition of Emily Petrocelli, Marc Ortegren, and Rebecca Luebert  
   e. Kevin Cannon made a motion to approve the committee appointments as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Debbie Sellnow-Richmond. The motion passed by unanimous vote of council members present.

c. Discussion of request to eliminate Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education  
   a. Form 92Bs (request to eliminate a program) require an open forum of discussion so this matter is brought to the full Curriculum Council for that purpose.  
   b. Previously Illinois required such a program to be housed by an institution in order to offer a middle school certification. Now Illinois offers a middle school endorsement achievable outside of degree program. The BS in Middle Level Education at SIUE has never had a student enrolled. No opposition to elimination of this program was expressed.  
   c. Decision regarding the proposal will proceed through Undergraduate Courses Committee.

d. Discussion of interdisciplinary minor credit hours  
   a. Elza Ibrocheva brought this issue for discussion to Curriculum Council to seek feedback from the Council regarding how to advise creation of new interdisciplinary minors in regards to the counting of credit hours that can double count (count towards a major as well as count towards a minor).  
   b. Corey Ragsdale described how hours are counted towards a minor in forensics which requires students to take courses from 4 different departments as well as 6 additional credits that can come from any of the 4 departments.  
   c. The issue was discussed. Some of the comments focused on concern about creating 1 standard to apply to all interdisciplinary minors as well as students obtaining minors without the additional rigor that is typically associated with obtaining a minor.  
   d. Joshua Kryah offered to reach out to originators of a recent interdisciplinary minor to gather further information on their thought process.  
   e. Chris Leopold offered to inventory current interdisciplinary minors regarding their process of counting credit hours.

7. Public Comments  
   None, no public present

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm by Keith Hecht.