Members Present: Kevin Cannon, Heidy Carruthers, Chaya Gopalan, Keith Hecht (chair), Jennifer Hernandez, Shrikant Jategaonkar, Joshua Kryah, Yuliang Liu, Nima Lotfi-Yagin, Kelley McGuire, Corey Ragsdale, Johanna Schmitz, Deborah Sellnow-Richmond, Amy Winn, Maureen Bell-Werner, Mary Ettling, Effie Hortis, Elza Ibroscheva, Chris Leopold, Matthew Schunke, Chad Verbais, Brianna Abrego

Guests: Zenia Agustin

Absent: Eric Ruckh

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

2. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Members of the Curriculum Council were appointed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at its meeting on August 26, 2021.
      i. Keith Hecht was appointed and confirmed as Chair of the FSCC.
      ii. New members appointed: Shrikant Jategaonkar, Yuliang Liu, and Johanna Schmitz
      iii. Returning members: Kevin Cannon, Heidy Carruthers, Chaya Gopalan, Keith Hecht, Jennifer Hernandez, Joshua Kryah, Nima Lotfi Yagin, Kelley McGuire, Corey Ragsdale, Deborah Sellnow-Richmond, Amy Winn, Maureen Bell-Werner, Mary Ettling, Effie Hortis, Elza Ibroscheva, Chris Leopold, Matthew Schunke, Chad Verbais, Brianna Abrego
   b. Meetings for 2021-2022
      i. KH Announced Curriculum Council meetings will be conducted via Zoom if the Governor of Illinois has issued an active Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation for the state of Illinois
      ii. KH announced that while meetings are conducted via Zoom, all votes not anticipated to be contentious would be bundled to save time.

3. Zenia Agustin provided an orientation to CurricUNET. If CC member have trouble navigating CurricUNET, they are encouraged to contact Dr. Agustin.

4. Minutes of 04/15/2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Subcommittee Appointments
   a. Confirmation of Standing Committee Membership and Chairs: A roll call vote was conducted to approve the subcommittees membership and leadership as listed below. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Curriculum Council
      i. Secretary: No nominee
      ii. Undergraduate Programs Committee
         1. Chair: Jennifer Hernandez
         2. Additional Members: Joshua Kryah, Nima Lotfi Yagin, Kelley McGuire, Corey Ragsdale, Johanna Schmitz
      iii. Undergraduate Courses Committee
         1. Chair: Debbie Sellnow-Richmond
         2. Additional Members: Kevin Cannon, Chaya Gopalan, Shrikant Jategaonkar, Yuliang Liu, Amy Winn
      iv. Academic Standards and Policies Committee
         1. Chair: Heidy Carruthers
      v. General Education Committee
         1. Chair: Matthew Schunke
2. Additional: Jerrica Ampadu, Rakesh Bharati, Nicole Burbach, Lydia Jackson, David Jennings, Min Liu (Wai Cheah substituting in fall 2021 due to sabbatical), Mackenzie Richards, Melissa Thomeczek, David Sherrill, Eric Voss, Maureen Bell-Werner, Elza Ibroscheva, Effie Hortis, Jenniefer Rehg

vi. Graduation Appeals Committee Liaison: Maureen Bell-Werner

b. Subcommittee Reports
   i. Committee on Assessment Liaison: Kelly McGuire continues to serve as the Curriculum Council liaison to CoA (appointed 2020). However, she has a fall teaching conflict. Joshua Kryah agreed to serve on CoA for the Fall 2021 semester.

c. Additional Reports
   i. Enrollment Management – Chris Leopold
      • Fall census was taken on 10th day, Friday, September 3, 2021
         o Overall enrollment landed at 13,010, up by 150 students or 1.2%
         o Undergraduate enrollment saw an increase of 25 students
         o Graduate enrollment was up by 134 students or 5.6%
         o There are 1,992 students in the Class of 2025, which represents 438 more first-year students compared to last year and the largest first-year class since 2016
         o Fall 2021 transfer student enrollment was down by 11.3% or 130 students
         o International student enrollment was up by almost 50%, reaching a total of 529 students across all levels, which ties for our highest international student enrollment ever
         • 74% of last year’s first-year class retained to Fall 2021, which is a decrease from the 78% retention rate we saw last year
         • Preliminary look at Fall 2021 first year cohort’s composition (students who attended Springboard) based on factors relative to the test-optional admission policy change:
            o 22% did not submit standardized test score, avg high school GPA = 3.38
            o 19% had ACT score 17 or below, avg high school GPA = 3.25
            o 59% had ACT score 18 or higher, avg high school GPA = 3.70
   ii. Registrar – Maureen Bell-Werner
      • Working on summer 2022 schedule
      • Forms 90C and 91A easy forms have been updated with small changes. Updated forms available electronically through the Provost’s office
   iii. Educational Outreach - Mary Ettling
      • The office continued online student services serving 4 degree completion programs, 170 students, 1663 credit hours
   iv. Academic Advising – Effie Hortis
      • Advising started after Labor Day
      • Appointments are offered in person or remotely via Zoom
   v. Learning Support Services and Supplemental Education – Chad Verbais
      • LSS experienced a 93% increase in student population with some courses experiencing an even more dramatic increase in students.
      • Free tutoring was offered to incoming students this summer to prepare for the math placement test, however participation rate was low.
   vi. Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Academic Planning – Elza Ibroscheva
      • There will be 8 programs for program review (physics, political science, criminal justice, sociology, geography, history, nursing, and social work). Nursing and Social Work will be abbreviated program reviews due to recent external accreditation.
      • There will be 2 interim program reviews conducted by Committee on Assessment (liberal studies and theatre).
      • Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has issued clarification of the definition of “substantive” in regards to reporting of substantive changes to HLC, defining substantive as a change of 25% or more in credit/content hours as well as learning objectives.
      • HLC is now requiring reporting of post baccalaureate certificates.
5. Unfinished Business
   a. None

6. Announcements and New Business
   a. All new Faculty Senate Curriculum Council members need to complete Open Meetings Act training. Following successful completion of OMA training, please forward a copy of the certificate (.pdf file) to Anne Hunter (anhunte@siue.edu). Shrikant Jategaonkar will serve as our FSCC OMA designee.
   b. Curriculum Committee Goals AY2021-2022
      i. Work with Provost Office and other stakeholders on improving curricular policies and practices at SIUE
      ii. Complete reviews of course and program proposals in a timely and professional manner
      iii. Provide meaningful feedback on program reviews
      iv. Ensure operations are consistent with our bylaws and identify any changes needed for effective operations and consistency with other policies and practices.
   c. Council Year Preview
      i. SIUE will be conducting a search for the Director of General Education and the Director of Assessment. It is the responsibility of the Curriculum Council to appoint a chairperson for the search committees for these two positions. If anyone is interested in serving in one of these positions (or knows someone who would be a good candidate) please forward to KH.
      ii. Curriculum Council should expect to consider potential changes to the curriculum resulting from recommendations from the Antiracism Task Force.
      iii. A new program called Community-Oriented Digital Engagement Scholars (CODES) is being developed as an alternative to the general education pathway. This program is being reviewed soon by the General Education Committee and could be submitted to Curriculum Council for approval as soon as the October 2021 Council meeting.
      iv. An assessment plan for the library was drafted and could be submitted to Curriculum Council for review in 2021-2022.
      v. The SET Continuous Review Committee was constituted by Committee on Assessment in 2020-2021, recommendations regarding modifications to Student Evaluations of Teaching may be coming in 2021-2022.

7. Public Comments
   None, no public present

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm by Keith Hecht.