The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:33 p.m. on March 23, 2017 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Jeffrey Sabby, president.

PRESENT: Agustin, Kerber, Kirk, Rehg, Sabby, Lutz

EXCUSED: Logue, Lueck, Nastasia, Pettibone, Taylor

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
a) February 23, 2017 approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. Resolutions – will discuss under President’s Report.
b. Letter to SIU President and Letter to Governor – executive committee continuing to sign before mailing
c. Formation of Healthcare Insurance Ad Hoc Committee – no report or update at this time

NEW BUSINESS
a. Input on System-Wide Initiatives: Jennifer Rehg presented a draft of a possible procedure for actions regarding academic affairs system-wide. There was a discussion, then, decided that Jeffrey would share at his meeting with the Provost next week before moving any further.
b. Use of Space in Lovejoy: Steve Kerber presented information about possible space of 2700 square feet on the first floor in the library considered for a Faculty Development Center by the Chancellor. The library faculty are suggesting it be on the third floor, which has 1800 square feet available with two small side windows. This space does not affect any one particular department. The area established is not defined, yet. The Honors Program has space on the second floor of Lovejoy Library. Steve will follow up.
c. Diversity Discussion: At the Senate presidents’ monthly meeting with the Chancellor, the Chancellor informed them of the new constituent group Black Faculty and Staff Association. The group is working on operating papers. The new constituent group will have a seat at the Board of Trustees meetings as the Student Government, Faculty Senate, Graduate Council and Staff Senate do, now. Discussion included possible senate structure changes of an additional council and/or an added seat on the executive committee.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS
a. UPBC – Nancy Lutz updated her report with an email 3/24/2017 10:29 a.m.: The last UPBC meeting was on March 3 with Provost Denise Cobb. The next meeting will be April 7 with VC Jeffrey Waple. Nancy reminded the executive committee to start thinking of faculty who could replace faculty whose terms will be up soon.
b. Faculty Development Council – Jennifer Logue submitted the program for the Continuous Improvement Conference, and it is posted on SharePoint. Jennifer Rehg moved to cover an increase in the catering order for breakfast if attendance increases for the Continuous Improvement Conference on March 31, 2017. Steve Kerber seconded. The motion carried. (The original motion passed at the FSEC January 26, 2017 meeting to spend the same amount on catering/breakfast as spent at the previous (2015) conference and for the funds to come out of the Faculty Research & Program Development Fund #3058).
c. Curriculum Council – Sorin Nastasia posted a report on SharePoint. Nancy Lutz highlighted that Curriculum Council recommended the program review for Biology a rating of “In Good Standing.”


e. Welfare Council – Stephen Kerber reported that Sherrie Senkfor presented three SIUE policies in response to changes in state law. Sherrie is scheduled for the April 6 Senate meeting to present them to the full body. The Sabbatical Policy revisions will be up for action at the April 6 meeting. The discipline and dismissal policy and faculty salary data sets are pending a response from the Provost. The Ombuds search interviews continue.

f. Graduate Council – Jennifer Rehg submitted a report and it is posted to SharePoint. Additionally, Jennifer reported that the Graduate Council approved a one year trial period regarding to allow external accreditation materials to work for internal program reviews parallel to Curriculum Council approval for undergraduate program reviews. Next meeting will be a video conference with the Dean of graduate school at Carbondale and their graduate council to improve collaboration.

g. Past-President – No report

h. President Elect – Marcus Agustin reported the UQC (University Quality Council) finishing the KPIs and updates for the strategic plan. Attended the Curriculum Council meeting this month and will attend the Welfare Council meeting next month.

i. President – Jeffrey Sabby reported that the Chancellor approved the Student Employment Policy regarding the 20 hours increasing to 28. Tom Jordan will talk about it at the Faculty Senate April 6 meeting. Jeffrey provided handouts for survey results and the resolutions proposals. Out of 513 people, 280 responded to the survey. There was a discussion. Jeffrey requested comments and question be sent to him. Jeffrey provided a packet of the three resolution proposals: 1) “In Support of a Cost of Living Adjustment for Faculty”; 2) “Concerning SIU System Fiscal Emergency or Exigency”; 3) “In Support of a SIU System Reapportionment”. Questions or feedback (if find any factual inconsistency) are to be sent to Jeffrey.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

April Faculty Senate Meeting:
   a. Action Item: Sabbatical Policy
   b. Informational Item: Tom Jordan will present 4B3 Student Employment Policy

OTHER
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
No one from the public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Accepted as submitted April 13, 2017
Vicki Kruse/University Governance

Rules and Procedures Council Report
FSEC Meeting 3/23/2017

1. The election for Faculty Senate President Elect has been completed, with Sorin Nastasia winning the plurality.

2. Notices have been sent to all schools in regards to elections for Senate, Graduate Council, and the Grievance Committee. I will send a reminder to the schools on April 1st. Results are due for the May Senate meeting

3. The evaluations of the Provost and Chancellor have been completed. Reports for each have been written and were sent for review on 3/20. Their responses are due on April 3rd. We will review the responses at the April meeting of
the R & P council. Final reports will be provided at the May Senate meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Pettibone
Chair

FSCC Report
Chair: Sorin Nastasia
03/23/2017

Announcements
The Program Review for Mathematics and Statistics will take place during the FSCC meeting in April
FSCC members will need to elect a new Chair for 2017-2018

Program Review for Biological Sciences
FSCC members had access to review materials: self-study, internal review team report, Chair response, Dean response, and enrolment data.
Department Chair, Dave Duvernell, was present at FSCC meeting
The Council (16 members present) voted to recommend the rating “In Good Standing” (will stay on a standard schedule with approximately 8 years until the next review)
The Council also voted to recommend for Enrollment the rating of “Sustainable at Present Levels” and for Retention/Completion the rating of “Satisfactory.”
Currently working on letter.

Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC) Report
Chair: Igor Crk

The committee reviewed two proposals:
CAS 16-270(R): Department of Historical Studies splitting the two 3-credit course music history sequence into three 2-credit courses. Approved pending minor changes to match the text of the proposal with recently approved course changes.
CAS 16-321: Department of Political Science changing the required GPA for admission from 2.5 to 2.0 to match their retention GPA requirement. Approved as is.

Undergraduate Courses Committee (UCC) Report
Chair: Jake Williams

No report. Workload in progress.

General Education Committee (GEC) Report
Chair: Matthew Schunke

The committee approved three student appeals and course designations for five courses.

Committee on Assessment (CoA) Report – Erin Behnen
COA completed a full review of the Integrative Studies Assessment Plan and a group review of the Annual Performance Reports and Assessment Plans for Mathematics and Statistics, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Civil Engineering.

Office of Academic Advising Report - Maureen Bell-Werner

In the time that advising opened to when registration began (January 23rd - March 10th), the Office of Academic Advising has had 1,060 continuing student appointments. During that same period, there have been 56 new student appointments, primarily new transfer and students re-entering SIUE after a period of at least one year.

Testing Services implemented Accuplacer, the new placement testing system, on Friday, March 10th. To date, six students have taken the placement test and the few who have also had an advising appointment have registered for their appropriate classes without issue.

Graduate Council
Thursday, March 16, 2017

I. Announcements
   a. Online course offering (forms 94) approved for CAS (4 courses) SoB (2), SEHHB (5), SoE (1), SoN (2); new courses approved for CAS (3) and SoE (1); and course revisions approved for SoP (2).
   b. Graduate Committee on Assessment (GCOA) Report: Program assessment plan for Computer Management and Information Systems require major revisions; assessment plans for Applied Communications Studies, and Masters of Business Administration programs accepted pending minor revisions.
   c. Enrollment Management Report: None
   d. Graduate School – Jerry Weinberg
      i. Judging for Visual Research Impacts competition has been completed by the alumni panel. There were two winners, Jeremy Jewell and Howard Ash won Best Representation of Research, and Erin Vigneau Dimick won most Creative Representation of Research.
      ii. Mike Shaw and Bill Retzlaff have been conferred as Distinguished Research Professors.
      iii. Dr. Yan Zhang will be returning to NCERC as Director of Research and Assistant Research Professor. She will lead the NCERC research lab in developing an agenda of original research and seeking external funds to support the lab.
      iv. Janet Holt – Director of IERC – retiring in May. The Grad School is now working to decide how to move forward in terms of that position.
      v. Awards: The Graduate School received a merit award for its cover of Research & Creative Activities magazine in The 32nd Annual Educational Advertising Awards. NCERC has received recognition from FOCUS St. Louis, with a “What’s Right with the Region” award.
      e. Frank Lyerla – Healthcare Informatics is seeking accreditation of their program. A Letter of Intent has been signed and the program accreditation should occur sometime in the next year.
      f. Jen - The Chancellor has invited the Chair of Graduate Council and a representative for the Black Faculty and Staff Association to his monthly meetings with SIU Board of Trustees constituency group representatives (which already include Presidents of Faculty, Staff, and Student Senates).

II. Programs Committee - The following program changes approved and program review reports accepted:
   a. SON-G17-01 and SON-G16-02 – Request to remove requirement for licensure in MO or IL, as many students completing program online from other states with different licensure requirements.
   b. Program reviews:
      a. Kinesiology: In good standing; sustainable enrollment.
      b. Environmental Sciences: In good standing; sustainable enrollment
      c. Environmental Science Management: Priority review; enrollment low.
      d. Biological Sciences: In good standing; sustainable enrollment.

III. Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee - All of the following approved:
   a. GR1617-11 – Implementation Guidelines Concerning Research – 1M5
      Regular review with minor wording changes.
GR1617-12 Guidelines for Faculty Exchange with Industry – 1M6
Regular review with minor wording changes. Rehg suggested that paragraph 4a. (#11): “Assigned research time.” 4a “Initiate and/or conduct promising research.” Leave off “projects”
Rehg made a motion to accept the two policies as amended, with a second by Chris Theodorakis. The motion carried.

IV. Continuing Business

a. There will be a Zoom meeting with the Carbondale Graduate School Dean at the April GC meeting. Yu Ting Li postponed to April so that the chair and vice chair of their Graduate Council could attend. This item will be first on the April agenda.

b. There has been a request from the Provost’s Office for a change to the graduate program review process that would allow accreditation materials for programs that have external accreditation to satisfy internal program review. Additional internal review components would be needed still in cases in which external accreditation did not address all required aspects of internal program review. This would eliminate some work for the internal teams, and the review/accreditation materials would still go to Programs Committee and the Graduate Council for consideration and approval.

There were no concerns expressed. The Undergraduate Curriculum Council has approved this on a one-year trial basis for undergraduate program reviews.

A motion was made by Mary Sue Love and seconded by Duff Wrobbel to approve on a one-year trial basis to align with what was approved by Curriculum Council for undergraduate programs. The motion carried.

c. Diversity Strategic Plan Draft – Questions and comments from the February Grad Council meeting were forwarded to Venessa Brown. The questions included a definition of diversity and whether or not governance bodies (such as Faculty Senate) would have an opportunity to vote on the strategic plan. Venessa Brown did not have immediate answers to the questions but indicated she would follow up. The Grad Council will be updated when a response has been received.

V. New Business

a. It has been requested that the Graduate Council appoint a person for review of research centers and institutes. These reviews parallel program reviews. This would be in place of normal program review committee responsibilities for the assigned person.

The first committee meeting will be held in April. The Programs Committee will assign someone to sit on that committee. That appointee will be a liaison for Graduate Council and the Programs Committee.

The Programs Committee will make a small change in its operating papers to include this position and its responsibilities.

Mary Sue Love will ask for a volunteer for the first review, which is of the STEM Center. The Center is applying for full center status to be submitted at the Board of Trustees May meeting. If needed, another committee member will be selected to fill this position for the full term of service beginning in the fall of 2017. If Programs Committee cannot get a volunteer, Rehg will email graduate faculty requesting a volunteer for this year only.

A motion was made to give Mary Sue Love the authority to appoint a person from within the Programs Committee or from the Graduate Faculty to this responsibility. The motion was made by Barbara McCracken and seconded by Reza Osouli. The motion carried.

b. Nominations for Committee members - ERP will be looking at CVs of volunteers for R&D and RPAB committees, then bringing those qualified forward to the Graduate Council with recommendations following vetting. Graduate Council will vote on those positions at the next meeting.