FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
2nd Floor Lovejoy Library (Redmond Learning Center)
July 18, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on July 18, 2018 in the Lovejoy Library 2nd Floor (Redmond Learning Center) by Marcus Agustin, president.

Present: Agustin, Kerber, Mishra, Nastasia, Rice, Sabby, Segrist

Excused: De Meo, Love

Guests: Library Information Services Dean Lydia Jackson, UPBC Chair Nancy Lutz, Jocelyn De Groot Brown, Wai Cheah, Shadrack Msengi

1) Announcements: None

2) Guest Speaker: Dean Lydia Jackson, Library Information Services opened by welcoming everyone to the library. She informed the FSEC of the new changes and renovations being done. There will be a New Student Innovation Lab with new technologies for students on the 1st floor. Also an addition of a Coffee Shop, Friend’s Corner and seating for students collaborative efforts, faculty and staff discussions. She welcomed any questions or suggestions and invited the group to utilize the new space for future meetings.

3) New Business
   a) Special SIU Board of Trustees meeting

   Agustin opened the discussion with a summary of events that led up to President Dunn’s announcement to step down from his position. Prior to this meeting Agustin emailed a proposed document to the members of FSEC that addressed the committee’s appreciation for Dunn’s service. The proposed statement welcomed Interim President Kevin Dorsey, along with expressing concerns to continue to work towards fairness and equality within the SIU system. Agustin stated that the memo should be tactful but make an impact to express to Dorsey and the BOT that we are concerned with what is happening and not going to settle for the status quo. He then opened the discussion for input to FSEC members.

   Kerber indicated that the memo should be more specific and provided a sample directive with a list of narratives to consider incorporating in the final memo. He expressed that we want people to listen so we need to be consistent with our message.

   Several committee members want to take a cautious but direct approach in addressing SIUE’s mission, vision, structure and support for the future. The directive is to express concern for equality, fairness and funding for the university system as a whole.

   Other members expressed their concern and wanted to take a more vigilant approach to get their point across about fairness and equality within the SIU system as a whole. In addition, some members feel strongly to address the fact that we are proud of SIUE and the work by Chancellor Pembrook.

   It is the consensus of the FSEC members to establish a timeline for the BOT to move forward to hire an impartial consultant, accept and implement the recommendations by or within FY 19.
Agustin read the final proposed statement:

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Faculty Senate Executive Committee (SIUE FSEC) would like to thank Dr. Randy Dunn for his service as Southern Illinois University (SIU) President for the past four years.

The SIUE FSEC is looking forward to working with SIU Interim President Kevin Dorsey for the continued advancement of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and the SIU System.

The SIUE FSEC urges Interim President Dorsey and the SIU Board of Trustees to work towards genuine fairness and equity in the SIU System with particular emphasis on funding allocation, governance structure, and support.

The SIUE FSEC calls upon the SIU Board of Trustees to acknowledge publicly that the present and future roles of universities in the SIU system must evolve and are not forever defined, bound, and limited by previous circumstances, outdated decisions, and obsolete mission statements.

The SIUE FSEC challenges the SIU Board of Trustees to move forward expeditiously on the commitment to hire, within 6 months, an impartial expert consultant charged to devise a dynamic, data-driven budget allocation formula for the system and to accept and implement the consultant’s recommendations without delay.

The SIUE FSEC further calls upon the members of the Illinois General Assembly to observe the establishment of a forward looking, healthy, and sustainable partnership among equal universities in the SIU system.

All members approved and accepted the statement as read.

4) Public Comments:

Hunter, SSEC President, stated that SSEC is putting together a similar statement to reinforce the system expectations and our strong commitment to work together as a whole.

Toberman, said there is a concern with individuals involved with the movement already in process to hire a consultant.

5) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. (Agustin/Kerber).

Approved as submitted
University Governance

Next FSEC meeting will be Thursday, August 23, 2018, 2:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library