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Susan Yager, 2013-14 Faculty Senate President
Phil Brown, Director of Institutional Research & Studies
Jerry Weinberg, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
Ann Boyle, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- Nice to be here. 06:39PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Musonda

- Welcome to the 2013-14 All Faculty Meeting! 06:48PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Susan

- When a student enrolled on 2010 and took two years off returns, do they pay the 2010 rate? 07:17PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Musonda

  Yager: My understanding from our discussion at the meeting is that the guaranteed tuition price is valid for 4 consecutive years. If an undergraduate student begins in 2010-11 and then takes 2 years off, they would have one more year at their original guaranteed tuition rate. After that, for the next two years, they would pay the tuition rate being charged to the class that entered in 2011-2012. Once a total of 6 years has passed, the student is no longer eligible for a guaranteed tuition rate (Boyle). See the Bursar’s website for explanation of tuition. [http://www.siue.edu/apply/tuition/illinois/undergraduate-tuition-and-fees-2013-2014.shtml](http://www.siue.edu/apply/tuition/illinois/undergraduate-tuition-and-fees-2013-2014.shtml)

- Aren't veterans eligible for the GI Bill? 07:29PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Anon

  Yager: My understanding from our discussion at the meeting is that multiple funding sources available for veterans include a specific order of application/sourcing. In Illinois, the state mandate for free tuition for veterans requires us to provide that benefit first, regardless of other funding sources for which the student is eligible.

- How does the relationship with Carbondale and Springfield impact our budget? 07:35PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Anon

  Yager: Following lively discussion, I requested that our Faculty representatives on the SIU Presidential Search Advisory Committee ask about the process for reviewing and
considering revisions to the SIU budget allocation among the multiple campuses.

- You Seem To Be Making An Argument That WE Become A Private Univ. = Less Oversight On Budget, More Certainty On Budget 07:36PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Involved Faculty Member

Yager: The purpose of the budget explanation and discussion was to help faculty understand the constraints and restrictions under which we must operate – not to promote or suggest a change in the current status of SIUE.

- What's the ratio in actual $$ between faculty and administrators emoluments? 07:44PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Musonda

Yager: Questions about amounts paid for all salaries are public records and available. I suggest talking with a librarian for any needed assistance in accessing that information.

Brown: Consideration of who is counted as an administrator might be in order. Most of those counted as administrators have faculty rank: Chancellor, Provosts, Deans, Chairs, and faculty directors.

- Maybe faculty should offer more Continuing Education courses for their professional fields 07:45PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Anon

Yager: This is one good idea for us to consider!

- Are graduate students grandfathered in under tuition rates for periods of time in the same way undergraduate students? 07:51PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Faculty

Weinberg: No. Illinois Public Act 093-0228, also known as the Truth-in-Tuition Act, only addresses guaranteed tuition for undergraduates.

- Grants are charged $1400/mo. for health insurance. Comparable private insurance <$500/mo. Do we have ability to find opts to healthlink? 07:52PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Anon

Weinberg: Per the Illinois Group Insurance Act (5 ILCS 375/11) (from Ch. 127, par. 531)) Illinois requires that the fringe benefit cost associated with the percent effort of time paid from an externally sponsored project be covered by the external funding agency.
As salary dollars are expended from the grant, the budgeted fringe benefits associated with the effort are drawn from the granting agency and paid to the State of Illinois CMS.

In 2012 SIUE went to a flat rate for fringe benefits on externally sponsored projects, which is the same as other Illinois public institutions as well as many other institutions across the U.S. An external consultant evaluated data from SIUE to determine the rate needed to cover the fringe benefits that must be paid, and then the rate was negotiated with the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which approves the rates we may charge for F&A and fringe benefits. A report is to be filed each December with DHHS, which adjusts the allowable rate accordingly. Given the rise in health care costs, this rate will go up.

An announcement about the new method was sent to the announce list on November 1, 2012. A more complete explanation can also be found in the archives of the SIUE Researcher at http://www.siue.edu/researcher/grant-management100.shtml#WhatistheStorywiththeNewFringeBenefitRate

For announcements regarding sponsored projects, I encourage everyone to sign-up for The SIUE Researcher at www.siue.edu/researcher

- What is the percentage of new faculty hired versus instructors hired? 08:01PM Thu, 10 October 2013 GMT by Anon
  
  Brown: This varies by year. Pages 94-95 of the Fact Book list the numbers of full-time instructional faculty by rank and gender, by school, for the last ten years.

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