

FACULTY SENATE

UNAPPROVED Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:35 pm on September 7, 2006 in the Mississippi/Illinois Room of the Morris University Center by Susan Breck, President.

Present:

AbuSharbain, Anop, Arras, Baier, Blankson, Bolander, Breck, Bueno, Chen, Cooper, Covington, Degarmo, DeWeese, Dixon, Duvernell, Edmonds, Fields, Giacobbe, Hanson, Harrison, Kerber, Ketchum, LaFond, Lindell, Love, Musa, Pietroburgo, Puchner, Regulus, Roseboro, Rowland, Shaw, Valk, Tunney, Voss, Watson, Welch, Fujinok, Holt, Rehg, Wrobbel, Wu, B. Zhou, Bharati, McAndrews.

Not Present:

Afolayan, Blankson, J. Zhou, Falconer, Keene, McPherson, Hale, Pendergast.

Guests:

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, Sue Thomas, Laura Strom

A. Announcements:

Paul W. Ferguson, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, will be attending the October 5, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting.

Susan Breck welcomed the new Senators to the Faculty Senate and welcomed back the returning Senators. Susan Breck asked the Senators to seek feedback from their constituents, asked that they attend all of the meetings and to check the website to be sure all of their contact information is correct.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by George Watson, and seconded to approve the minutes of May 4, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

C. Guest:

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift welcomed the Faculty Senate back to campus. The Chancellor said, "Shared government pervades every aspect of life." In appreciation of all the dedicated work done by the Senate, the Chancellor extended an invitation to his home on November 2, 2006 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

The Chancellor discussed:

- The “Celebration of Entry” on campus, commenting on the how the facilities and grounds have been kept beautiful in times of drought, the new signage, and water tower.
- The Freshman Class being the best academically prepared class in the history of SIUE and continued diversity is the University’s goal. He said two years ago the SIUE had 4,000 students visit the campus; last year there were 10,000 visiting students who were more academically prepared.
- The Athletic Task Force, salary equity issues, the University Planning and Budget Committee.

D. Reports from the Standing Committees:

a. UPBC – Pug Edmonds

Pug Edmonds is the Chair of the University Planning and Budget Committee which is comprised of faculty, staff and students who act as advisors to the Chancellor. This is his last year, of a two year term; John Navin is designated to fill this position next year. Pug Edmonds reports monthly to the Faculty Senate and is currently working on the Fiscal 2009 budgets, which includes 2007, 2008 and 2009.

b. IBHE – Julian Bueno

Julian Bueno is the Faculty Senate representative on the Faculty Advisory Council. This council represents faculty throughout Illinois and is comprised of thirty-six members: twelve from state universities, twelve from private colleges/universities, and twelve from community colleges. The FAC meets monthly, September 9, 2006 through June 6, 2007, at various locations throughout the state. This council meets with legislators to discuss higher education to lobby budget issues. Topics discussed include: teacher preparation in Illinois, the rising cost of textbooks, faculty’s quality of life, and lack of funding to public education in Illinois.

c. Technology Advisory Council - Hiroshi Fujinoki

Hiroshi Fujinoki will be Bill White’s alternate this semester and he will present a report at the October 5, 2006 meeting.

E. Appointment of Kathy Ketchum as Chair of Curriculum Council

Susan Breck requested approval of the appointment of Kathy Ketchum as Chair of the Curriculum Council. David Dewese motioned to approve Kathy Ketchum as Chair of the CC, and it was seconded. **Motion carried.**

F. Reports:

a. Curriculum Council – Kathy Ketchum, Chair

The Curriculum Council is the recommending body to the Faculty Senate regarding undergraduate curriculum. There are multiple sub committees through which the Curriculum Council functions. The CC meets three Thursdays of each month.

b. Graduate Council – Jean Harrison, Chair

The Graduate Council has three charges from the Graduate Dean: to discuss and investigate the teacher-scholar model; to assess the effectiveness of Project SAGE; and work with different policy issues, one of which is to consider partial tuition waivers for Graduate Assistants who hold less than a 50% appointment.

c. Faculty Development Council – Marjorie Baier, Chair

The Faculty Development Committee includes 11 Senators, the Coordinator of the Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Program Director of the Excellence in Learning and Teaching Initiative, a representative from the Faculty Technology Center, and other faculty members interested in faculty development to insure representation across campus. She explained the functions of the FDC which include: working with the Office of the Provost to develop and promote programs relating to faculty roles and responsibilities, to serve as a liaison to SIUE faculty to identify faculty development interests, to coordinate the dissemination of information of campus, state, and national initiatives concerning faculty roles and responsibilities, to encourage broad faculty involvement and open discussion within the departments, to provide for the oversight of the Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program and to work with the EUE Coordinator, and also will be responsible for conducting the review of EUE proposals and to make recommendations to the Provost and Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the allocation of EUE funds.

d. Rules and Procedures – Eric Voss, Chair

- Handouts regarding Procedures for Dean Selection were distributed and discussed. The current procedures, (yellow handout) for Dean Selection are in the process of being revised (green handout).
- Would like to solicit input from the Faculty Senate regarding the revisions stated in the green handout, which is the clean document.

e. Welfare Council – Laurie Puchner, Chair

Nine Faculty Senators serve on the Welfare Council. The WC deals with policies for faculty evaluation, salary, promotions, tenure, leaves of absence, recruitment, employment, retraining, development, rights and responsibilities, general faculty benefits, discipline, severance, and grievances. The Welfare Council oversees the Faculty Ombudsman Service. Agenda items for the 2006-07 academic year include: revisions to the grievance policy, an Ombuds search, and development of policy on use of student evaluations of teaching. The WC currently monitors two task forces: one is developing guidelines for benefits and procedures related to emeritus and retired faculty, the second is examining methodologies for studying faculty salary equity. At the October meeting, Laurie Puchner will report on last year's activities.

f. Past President – Kathleen Tunney

- Scholarship of Service is a project which defines measures, improves and rewards service. She is getting together a group to investigate other universities to find how they reward faculty and show the importance of service.

g. President Elect – Kay Covington

- Is acting as liaison between the Faculty Senate and BRIDGE.
- Gave an update on BRIDGE: the timeline was approved today and over the next few months, BRIDGE representatives will be attending all departments to explain the three Design Team proposals.

G. New Business:

New business was conducted out of order to enable guests Sue Thomas and Laura Strom to speak to the Senate regarding the Dual Admission Agreement between Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Southwestern Illinois College.

a. Guests: Sue Thomas and Laura Strom, Dual Admission Agreement

Sue Thomas explained this agreement has not been finalized agreement is not a policy change; therefore, is not voted on by the Senators. The goal of the agreement is to target students early who want to attend SIUE. The agreement is the same as the transfer policy, but SIUE will be able to pick up these students early which will enable SIUE to plan earlier for their enrollment. There will be no admissions changes. The agreement will help students decide what classes to take at SIUE so as not to be missing what they need to come to SIUE. There will be no additional burdens on anyone who works at SIUE. The agreement will ease the transfer of students from SWIC, who is our largest population of transfer students, to SIUE. This type of agreement is becoming very common among colleges now, adding that after the agreement with SWIC, Lewis and Clark will be next. Two similar agreements already in place are between SWIC and St. Louis University and between Lewis and Clark and Greenville.

Laura Strom spoke on remedial classes at SWIC preparing students for SIUE and that SWIC does not have mandatory advisements for students. She said that 40% of our (SIUE) students are transfer students and reiterated the agreement would help the students prepare for transfer to SIUE, and it would help SIUE prepare for the transferring students earlier than if they were just transferring in at the third year level. She added the agreement will only show admission to SIUE, not a particular major and would be a “four year lock from the junior year on for an undergraduate degree only. Currently, there is no limit to transfer students, if they meet the requirements.

b. Introductions:

New Senators were introduced.

Betsy Tozzini was introduced as the new secretary for the Faculty Senate.

H. Old Business

a. Salary Equity Task Force – Greg Fields

- The Faculty Senate voted in May 2006 to establish a task force to study the

methodological issues involved in determining faculty salary equity. SETF is under the Welfare Council and he Co-Chairs this group with Andrea Reaka.

- The SETF will include faculty members from each academic unit and will seek consultation as needed to answer specific questions. A handout was distributed.

Consultations would include the Office of Institutional Research, Provost and Chancellor's Offices, and other resources.

- The SETF will give a progress report to the Faculty Senate in the Fall and a final report will be available as soon as possible thereafter.

- He anticipates the study/recommendations to be complete by mid-Spring.

I. Other Business –

BRIDGE membership has had a change due to graduation of student representative, Scott Herbert. Kay Covington recommended Nellie Shaul, from the Chemistry Department. Nellie had been involved in the original design group and would be an excellent student member. A motion to have Nellie Shaul as the student member of BRIDGE was made by Larry Lafond, and seconded. **Motion approved.**

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Betsy Tozzini, Secretary for the Faculty Senate.