

FACULTY SENATE

UNAPPROVED Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2006

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:35 pm on October 6, 2006 in the Mississippi/Illinois Room of the Morris University Center by Susan Breck, President.

Present:

AbuSharbain, Afolayan, Anop, Arras, Baier, Bharati, Blankson, Bolander, Breck, Bueno, Chen, Cooper, Covington, Crider, Degarmo, DeWeese, Duvernell, Edmonds, Fields, Fujinoki, Giacobbe, Hale, Hanson, Harrison, Keene, Kerber, Ketchum, LaFond, Lindell, Love, McCommas, McPherson, Musa, Pendergast, Pettibone, Pietroburgo, Puchner, Rehg, Rowland, Tunney, Valk, Voss, Watson, Welch, Wesley, Whitson, Wu, B.Zhou, J. Zhou, Yu

Not Present:

Aktuna, Dixon, McAndrews, Shaw, Starratt, Wrobbel

Guests:

Paul W. Ferguson, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Announcements and Approval of Minutes were conducted out of order to enable guest, Paul Ferguson to speak to the Senate. A motion to conduct the meeting out of order was made by David DeWeese, and seconded. **Motion carried.**

A. Announcements:

1. Present/Not Present clarification
 - To be considered excused, Senators need to phone or e-mail with reason for absence.
2. Athletic Task Force – Kay Covington

Six years ago an Athletic Task Force was formed to investigate athletics at the SIUE campus and one of the recommendations from that particular task force was that in five years we should investigate athletics again. The Chancellor then took the recommendation from that task force and has since formed an additional task force which is investigating three options for athletics which include: 1.) to move to a Division I model, 2.) to stay at Division II but to enhance the Division II status and resources, and 3.) is considered to be a hybrid model which means that we move no more than two sports to a Division I and all other sports remain at Division II. The Athletic Task Force is offering options, is in the process of concluding their deliberations and will be

submitting a report shortly. They are going to be meeting with some constituency groups about the middle of October to the end of November. The Chancellor will speak about the Athletic Task Force at the October 17th State of the University Address. She requests that when the report documents become available, the Senators should prepare for the next Faculty Senate meeting by reading the report prior to the meeting, get feedback from their constituents and bring it forward at the next meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Kay Covington, and seconded to approve the minutes of September 7, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

C. Guest:

Paul Ferguson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, thanked everyone for the warm welcome he has received and shared his thoughts regarding his role at SIUE.

1. Challenges and questions he has had over the past few months include:
 - Why are people doing what they are doing, what are our resources, where they are going, and are we using them to the best and highest use?
 - Is the Provost's Office meeting the needs of the Faculty, providing the right kind of service, leadership and initiatives?
 - Are we integrating the overall strategic plan of the University? The strategic planning process, with the Chancellor, Provost's Office and the Deans, is a very significant initiative and focus.
 - How do we facilitate our strategic planning with our budget? Where there has been no linkage prior, he would like to see strong linkage between planning, evaluation and budget, as well as with evaluation of personnel
2. Different aspects of SIUE he is looking into include:
 - The economy of scale and efficiencies
 - The assessment function and making sure that we are committed to the undergraduate, graduate and professional components, and defining the Teacher-Scholar Model.
 - The research component and how does research pervade our activities as scholars?
 - To assess the best and highest use of our resources and to provide to the faculty the services needed in scholarship and in classrooms.
3. The Provost wants to underscore his commitments:
 - That we are structured to meet the needs and we are structured to respond in a more efficient and rapid manner.
 - The Provost's Office is doing the kinds of things to enhance the understanding of what each other needs and how best he can serve the faculty and get the resources the faculty needs while we are facing tremendous growth and demand.
 - That his door is always open; he welcomes, encourages, and needs continued conversation regarding campus climate.
 - To assess and change in a dynamic way and to be much more efficient.

4. There was a brief question and answer period.

D. Reports from the Standing Committees:

UPBC – Pug Edmonds

- University Planning & Budget Council is an advisory council to the Chancellor and they meet on Friday's from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.
- The Senators were given a handout with information regarding the Operating Budget Time Line, Budget Development Process, SIUE Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditure Budget by Fund Group, descriptions of major fund groups, a comparison of recent fiscal year beginning operating budgets, and appropriated and income funds of the SIUE Operating Budget.
- Council deliberations are confidential.
- Council members need to be in touch with the faculty, staff and student to correct misinterpretations and be sure correct information is understood.
- He is attending the Student Senate tomorrow and the Staff Senate next month.
- There was a question and answer period.

IBHE – Julian Bueno

- The last IBHE/FAC meeting was September 8m 2006, at Lewis & Clark CC.
- The Council met with Senator Bill Haine from the State Senate Appropriations Committee and Representative Dan Beiser (Alton), from the Committee on Higher Education. Topics discussed were the State's financing of Higher Education and the possibility that the State may attempt to decrease the annual increase for pensioners from the current 3% annually, to 2%.
- Two handouts were distributed, one dealing with the IBHE/FAC's position paper on "Breaking the Cycle of Teacher Inequality," and an update on the Time Reporting Requirement for State Employees.
- A request was made for a volunteer to serve as an Alternate for Julian Bueno to attend IBHE/FAC meeting when necessary.

Technology Advisory Council – Hiroshi Fujinoki

- A report will be given at the November Faculty Senate Meeting.
- Spoke briefly in response to questions regarding current "spam" issues at SIUE.

Reports:

Curriculum Council – Kathy Ketchum, Chair

- A handout was distributed with contact information for the Standing Committees and also discussed "deferred status wording" that the School of Pharmacy requested be altered. This will need to go to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee before it can be voted on in the Faculty Senate next month.

Graduate Council – Jean Harrison, Chair

- There will be an unveiling of SIUE's Distinguished Research _____ tomorrow at 2:00 pm in Room 2220 of Rendleman Hall.
- Would like to remind faculty that all EGE money is committed to SAGE Project for the next three years and that this year the College of Arts and Sciences is getting all the money.

Faculty Development Council – Marjorie Baier, Chair

- The FDC's Annual Report from last year was distributed
- The FDC has a planning committee for the Spring Faculty Symposium which will lead into the all faculty meeting in the Spring semester. The date for the Symposium and details about the program will be announced before the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- The FDC will implement the Faculty Service Learning Award beginning this Fall, if possible.

Rules and Procedures Council – Eric Voss, Chair

- The copy of the rough draft of the rules and procedures for evaluating deans that was handed out at the last Faculty Senate meeting is not yet ready as a final copy for a vote this month. They did have a good cluster meeting and received good feedback that they have been working on. They are hoping to have a document for the Faculty Senate to vote on next month.

Welfare Council – Laurie Puchner, Chair

- Distributed a handout of the Council's Annual Report for the 2005-2006 Annual Report.
- The Council met on September 21, 2006 and voted to approve the annual report of last year's activities. They established Chair's and member of the two Standing Committees; the Faculty States? Committee is Anne Valk and the Facilities and Benefits Committee Chair is Ralph Giacobbe.

Past President – Kathleen Tunney

- E-mailed the people today who expressed an interest in being part of the Scholarship of Service group. They are planning on getting the group together in mid-October.
- The Scholarship of Service project has been established to find better ways to reward service to the University and Community, and particularly, to find ways to better define, measure and evaluate the service.

President Elect – Kay Covington

- The BRIDGE Committee is meeting with various departments to inform faculty of the the three proposals and to discuss the timeline that is associated with this project. The All Faculty Meeting, in the Spring, will revolve around this.
- The official timeline should be available for presentation at the November meeting.

New Business – none

Old Business –

- Bill _____ spoke regarding President Poshard's excellent installation speech in Carbondale, IL on September 28, 2006. He said the speech is online and can be found on the SIUC website, under President's Office.
- Susan Breck added she feels the University has a group of leaders who are poised to do some major things and that this is an exciting time for faculty. She encouraged the Senators to keep the conversation going with them and show enthusiasm. The Chancellor and Provost want to hear what the faculty has to say; they care about the faculty's wants and where the faculty wants to take this University. She encouraged the Senators to be vocal about the things we want and we need to be able to do the work that needs to be done.

Adjournment

Laurie Puchner motions to adjourn and her motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Tozzini, Secretary to Susan Breck, Faculty Senate President.

