The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:31 p.m. on December 1, 2011 at the Morris University Center Mississippi Illinois Room by Jane Gillespie, President.


Excused: Carstens-Wickham, Kapatamoyo

Absent: Chleboun, Frick, Jack Glassman alt for Foster, Allen Hunt alt for Demirer, Jain, Jarrell, Miner, O'Brien, Yan

Announcements: Susan Wiediger a correction that Curriculum Council only approved 9 course forms instead of 10.

Jane Gillespie announced that a new IBHE-FAC representative is needed beginning next fall. Please, contact Jane or one of the Executive Committee members to let them know if anyone is interested or have any questions.

The Chancellor Search Committee has been appointed; the faculty who are representing the Faculty Senate are Rhonda Comrie, John Navin, Florence Maatita, Elio Reyes, Joseph Schober and Calvin Jarrell. Rhonda Comrie, Calvin Jarrell and Florence Maatita are presently on the Senate and would like to know any concerns from the Senate.

Approval of Minutes: A correction was made to the November 3 minutes in the attendance list to note Goebl-Parker present. The minutes were approved as amended.

Action Items

CC#10-11/12, SET Implementation: The SET Implementation was brought forth through the Curriculum Council for approval. There was no discussion. All approved, therefore passed.

WC#01-11/12, Welfare Council Operating Papers Proposed Revision: The revisions were brought forth by the Welfare Council for approval. There was no discussion. All approved, therefore passed.
Reports from Standing Committees

UPBC: Timothy Schoenecker first thanked Adam for his summaries of the performance based funding from his IBHE-FAC report. Tim expanded on that report that as much as $1.3 to $2 million may be at risk, but that it could be earned back. Tim gave examples from the past two years. There was a question asked about how the new Board of Trustees stands on tuition increases and Tim reflected on how the vote on the increase went last year. The UPBC finished hearing the Vice Chancellors plans and choices for the next year. According to Patrick Hundley, Vice Chancellor for University Relations, the Capital Campaign has raised approximately 60% of its goal. Nobbe Emanuel has concerns with the increased enrollment possibly putting stresses on Health Services and Counseling Services. Greek Housing is still on the table while researching continues. A question was asked about the Capital Campaign but Tim responded that it wasn’t something that fell under the oversight of the UPBC.

IBHE-FAC: Adam Weyhaupt gave a report and submitted a report. The report is filed with the minutes.

ATSIC: No report.

Video Surveillance Committee: Steve Kerber reported that Sherrie Senkfor has not been able to schedule a committee meeting due to everyone’s schedules.

Reports from Council Chairs

Faculty Development Council: No report.

Graduate Council: Marcus Agustin reported that the Graduate Council approved that the Graduate Faculty must be tenured or tenured track. And a grant was approved; the CARI grant (Competitive Application Resubmission Incentive Grant).

Curriculum Council: Susan Wiediger reported that the Lincoln designations approvals are posted on Blackboard. The whole list is on the Registrar’s site. Curriculum Council approved two pieces of business; 1H2 and 1H3, to be voted on under New Business. They are presently having a discussion on proficiency exams that will come to the Senate in the spring. Presently, Curriculum Council is requesting information from departments about the proficiency exams.

Rules and Procedures Council: Morris Taylor reported that the Speech Communication name change may become a model for making the department name change. Rules & Procedures continue to work on approving the change to bring to the Senate.

Welfare Council: Ken Moffett reported meeting before the break about the Family Leave Policy. Welfare Council has also been working on modifications to the TEAC operating papers, potential changes to the Grievance Policy, and recommendations for an interim representative for the Ombuds program for the spring and summer terms. There was a discussion about the Teaching Excellence Award, the process used to determine award and where it is currently housed.
Past President: No report.

President Elect: Rhonda Comrie reported the importance to hear your major issues and concerns as they go forward with the Chancellor Search Committee.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

Jane Gillespie requested a change in the order of business with everyone’s approval.

B. Approval of Bryan Duckham as Chair of the Faculty Development Council. Bryan is to replace Musonda Kapatamoyo for the spring semester. It was approved.

A. Teaching Excellence Award Committee Operating Papers Proposed Revision: There was a discussion for more revisions. Those suggested revisions will go back to committee for further review, but the proposed minor revision will come back to Senate in February as an action item.

C. General Education Requirements for Honors Scholars Students – 1H2: It outlines the General Education requirements and the revision makes it in line with the new Lincoln Program. This will be an action item in February.

D. Transfer Equivalency for General Education Requirements – 1H3: The policy addresses transfer student issues and the revision makes it in line with the new Lincoln Program. This will be an action item in February.

Adjournment: Marcus Agustin made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Approved as amended February 2, 2012 by the Faculty Senate

Vicki Kruse/University Governance

IBHE-FAC report submitted by Adam Weyhaupt:

The last IBHE-FAC meeting was on November 18 at Aurora College in Aurora, Illinois.

1) We briefly discussed some internal problems at the IBHE. They are short on staff and have had high turnover; there have been no raises for IBHE staff in several years. We agreed to explore the issue and IBHE-FAC leadership may discuss it with the Executive Director of IBHE.

2) The IBHE will consider a proposal from Governor’s State to move from being a 2-year upper division university to a 4-year university at their next meeting. It appears that there is no opposition and so the proposal is likely to be approved. The impact of the change on future higher ed funding is not clear.
3) The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing updates on Performance Based Funding (PBF). The steering committee plans to issue a final report in December. The PBF steering committee met on November 30, and according to documents from that meeting, it appears that the measures are likely to involve:

   a) the number of bachelor's degrees produced
   b) the number of masters, doctoral, and professional degrees produced
   c) the number of degree per 100 FTE hours
   d) cost per degree
   e) research expenditures

The steering committee says adamantly that they "will not use rates" and are interested in the number of degrees produced. They plan to award some sort of "premium" for degrees produced when the students are "low-income, adult, hispanic, or black" (so that a hispanic student might count for 1.4 degrees produced instead of 1 degree) and when the degree field is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) field or health care field.

The current discussion is to then have each institution apply their own unique weights to these numbers, scale the numbers (somehow), and use this formula to carve up the pot of funding.

The FAC expressed support for the process and encouraged the metrics to be non-significant at the beginning so that little harm is done and to continue to work to improve the metrics. (For what it's worth, I voted against the FAC statement because I felt it didn't address some serious deficiencies in the process, but I was the lone 'no' vote. In particular, I think the current formula under discussion has some serious problems, but my concerns are fairly technical and so I won't discuss them here.)

As I've suggested before, I don't think any of this will seriously affect SIUE. We are talking about a small percentage (a few percent) of the declining piece of the pie that SIUE receives anyway from the state. I can not imagine that the initial implementation will do much at all to change the allocations among the universities.

If you would like more details about the PBF discussion, there are lots of documents available at:

http://www.ibhe.state.il.us/PerformanceFunding/schedule.htm

I'm happy to answer questions as well.

Adam