

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

MISSISSIPPI ILLINOIS ROOM

MORRIS UNIVERSITY CENTER

Approved Minutes

March 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:31 p.m. on March 1, 2012 at the Morris University Center Mississippi Illinois room by Jane Gillespie, President.

Present: Agustin, Anop, Banker, Celik, Cheah, Comrie, Jen Gapin alt for Chleboun, Duckham, Darron Luesse alt for Duvernell, E. Ferguson, Mck. Ferguson, Fries, Karen Kelly alt for Gaehle, Gillespie, Foster, Goebel-Parker, Guehlstorf, Hinz, Donna Jewell alt for Harrison, Hershberger, Jain, Kerber, E. Kirk, S. Kirk, Kolling, Liebl, Judy Crane alt for Littmann, Connie Frey-Spurlock alt for Maatita, Miner, Moffett, Pettibone, Savoie, Schober, Schoenecker, Taylor, Susanne James alt for Thomeczek, Adam Weyhaupt alt for Latorre, Wiediger, Wrobbel, Clay Williams alt for Yager

Excused: Bharati, Hunt, Jarrell, Staples

Absent: Carstens-Wickham, Chen, Demirer, Durbin, Bryan Jack alt for Frick, Hildebrandt, Jason Yu alt for Kapatomoyo, O'Brien, Charles Thornton alt for Seyer, Willmott, Pannirselvam, Yan

Announcements: Jane Gillespie reminded everyone that an IBHE representative is still needed; please let anyone on the Executive Committee know if anyone is interested. Jane announced that President Poshard's presentation will either be video streamed or the power point presentation will be made available and possibly posted on the Chancellor's web site.

Consideration of the Minutes: The February 2, 2012 minutes will stand approved as submitted.

Action Items

Undergraduate Proficiency Examination Policy – 1K4: The policy revisions were brought forth by Curriculum Council. The policy revisions were approved.

Ombuds Service Policy: Revision to Faculty Handbook: The policy revisions were brought forth by Welfare Council. The policy revisions were approved.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Statement on Shared Governance, first reading: E. Duff Wrobbel gave a brief summary of how the statement came about. A Task Force was created between the Provost Office and Duff as a representative of the Faculty Senate agreed upon a definition of shared governance in order to have a

guide to help restructure the Faculty Senate. The statement was posted on the Faculty Senate Blackboard for review for the first reading today. There were some revisions suggested by Senate members. The statement with the revisions will come forward in the April meeting as an action item. The statement with revisions follows:

Statement on Shared Governance at SIUE

Shared governance is the collaborative effort of all constituents toward interpreting and achieving the university mission. The strengths of all constituents are acknowledged and respected, and all strive for a clear and common understanding of their respective contributions to decision-making. While it is understood that some decisions are the sole or ultimate responsibility of a single constituent, and that specific authority is often established by either policy or charge, both faculty and administrators remain continuously invested in **successful** shared governance, and make every effort to provide the appropriate input needed to insure the best outcomes. Because it takes full advantage of the collective expertise and diverse experiences of all constituents, shared governance maximizes the quality of decision-making, reinforces the collective value of all members of the academic community, and encourages shared ownership of and responsibility for SIUE's mission, vision and values. **Good** Shared governance both assumes ethical conduct by all constituents and accommodates reasoned disagreement. It also supports respectful interaction and timely decision-making by all constituents vested in a given decision. When authority and responsibility for decision-making rest in separate constituencies, efforts are made to communicate across constituencies during the decision-making process. Whenever there is shared authority and responsibility for a decision, the precise nature of that sharing, whenever not already designated by policy or charge, should be negotiated in good faith and agreed upon by **all involved constituencies**. Finally, **good** shared governance assumes that policies will be operationalized in a manner that provides balance in the voice, responsibility, and authority of all involved in the academic mission of the university.

Revisions made at the March 1, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. The statement with revisions will be brought forward as an action item at the April Faculty Senate meeting.

Other: Susan Wiediger announced that the departments no longer have to send multiple copies of the Form 90s (courses) to the Governance Office, but continue sending multiple copies of the Form 91s (programs)

Rhonda Comrie announced that the University Quality Council has a new AQIP project for creating guidelines for successful searches to improve diversity. They would like the Faculty Senate to provide someone to serve on the committee. If anyone is interested and willing to work on the committee, please contact Rhonda.

Adjournment: Marcus Agustin made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Susan Wiediger. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

*Approved as submitted April 5, 2012 by the Faculty Senate
Vicki Kruse/University Governance*