

Faculty Senate  
December 4, 2014  
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:34 p.m. on December 4, 2014 in the Mississippi Illinois Rooms, Morris University Center by Tom Foster, President.

**Present:** Agustin, Anop, Banker, Berger, Cairo, Huyck for Carr, Carstens-Wickham, Cho, Cummings, Foster, Fuchs, Gaehle, Gillespie, Glassman, Goebel-Parker, Heil, Hester, Hildebrandt, Ibroscheva, Jack, Jain, James, Kerber, Kerr, Ko, Logue, Lueck, Moffett, Joe Schober for Nieto, G. O'Brien, L. O'Brien, Ozcan, Pailden, Rehg, Sabby, Santanello, Taylor, Thornton, Williams, Wiediger, Wulfsong, Yager

**Excused:** Chleboun, DeMeo, Kirk, Leem, Nastasia

**Absent:** Bell-Scriber, Igor Crk for Celik, Madupalli, Msengi, Pettibone, Powell, Springer, Yu

**Guests:** Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe, Dean Regina McBride, Provost Parviz Ansari, Vice Chancellor Kenn Neher

Tom Foster introduced the guest speakers:

**Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe** brought some enrollment statistics to the Senate. She highlighted that there were three searches in progress at this time: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean for the School of Business, a Dean for the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior and a Dean for College of Arts & Sciences. Other topics the Chancellor briefly covered were: unfunded mandates; 20% budget reduction scenario; Glenn Poshard is on the transition team for Governor Elect Rauner; Illinois Budget in February; asking everyone to cut back on spending until more is known when budget comes out in February; Jim Pennekamp, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, SIUE University Park Executive Director announced his retirement and his position will not be replaced; seven hundred (700) students are enrolled for the winter session pilot.

Q: Any plans for the faculty searches to be cut?

A: Provost Parviz answered that the searches will be strategically looked at in regards to the needs of the department. Strategic means in line with the University mission, department and the State, but making sure the core and quality is maintained.

Q: Will there be exercises or scenarios of cuts 'across the board'?

A: The areas that will be looked at are the third tier activities and administrative savings. Classrooms will be protected as well as academic support services.

Q: Does the State allocations go to the System first or are they divided first to each individual university.

A: Kenn Neher responded that they are divided up at the State and appropriated to each university and the system.

The Chancellor reminded everyone of the holiday reception downstairs today.

Dean Regina McBride, Library Information Services informed the Senate about the finished draft of the policy and implementation for the Open Access Act. The Act will be in effect on January 1, 2015. The draft will go before the SIU Board of Trustees next week for approval. Workshops will follow with Dean McBride delivering. The workshops will offer help for faculty on how to get to the publishers or opting out. Someone asked for the definition of 'open access.' Dean McBride will forward the definition to him. Briefly, open access is scholarly articles only open to the world and would not be a collection. At a later date, may be asked to provide a document that supports open access in the tenure process. If anyone has any questions before the workshops, they are to contact Dean McBride by phone.

Consideration of Minutes: The November 6, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Action Items**

Sabbatical Policy Revisions were brought forth by the Welfare Council. The revisions were **approved** unanimously.

University Committee for Family-Friendly Policy Implementation Operating Papers were brought forth by the Welfare Council. The revisions were **approved** unanimously.

### **Reports from Standing Committees**

**UPBC:** No report.

Tom Foster added that the governor has talked about a 20% reduction in higher education's operating costs across the state (one of many scenarios). If cuts are necessary they will look at what has been done well and leave alone, but what has not been done well will change. A decision is not planned until summer. Tom emphasized that the UPBC is only advisory and makes recommendations to the Chancellor. There was a discussion. The UPBC will be looking at administrative tasks. There was a discussion about internal versus external candidates for the Dean positions.

**IBHE-FAC:** Susan Wiediger submitted a report, and it is posted to SharePoint and filed with the minutes. Susan pointed out that the Faculty Fellowship has no applicants so far if no applicants by January may jeopardize that kind of program in the future. They are looking for investigators of the budget effecting people and that have an impact on students, please send them to Susan.

In regards to unnecessary spending, there was a question about replacing bricks on the Quad. Tom Foster will look into this and follow up.

## **Reports from Council Chairs**

**Faculty Development Council:** Elza Ibroscheva submitted a report which was posted to SharePoint and filed with the minutes. In addition, there was a discussion about International travel. A point was made about policy versus procedure. Policy is enforceable but procedure is not. There may be a need for a faculty international policy. The Faculty Senate represents faculty interests. There was discussion. Tom in his role as Faculty Senate president meets with the Provost on a regular basis. The senators thanked Elza for her report.

**Past President:** No report.

**President Elect:** No report.

**President:** No report.

## **New Business**

Curriculum Council brought forth two revisions for a first read. If there are any questions or concerns, please send them to Jeffrey Sabby, Chair:

1K4, Undergraduate Proficiency Examination Policy, *first read*

1H1, General Education Program, *first read*

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. (Berger/Anop).

*Approved as submitted February 5, 2015*

*Vicki Kruse/University Governance*