Faculty Senate Executive Committee
November 12, 2015
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on November 12, 2015 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Stacie Kirk, president.

Present: Foster, Glassman, Jain, Kerber, Kirk, Pettibone, Sabby, Navin
Excused: Taylor

Announcements:

- University Wide Congress meets Friday, December 11, 1:00-4:30pm
- A letter was passed around from Jay Hoffman, legislator; a reply to President Stacie Kirk’s letter.

Approval of Minutes: The October 22, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

Stacie Kirk introduced Lynn Bartels and then turned the floor over to Jack Glassman, FDC Chair. Jack initiated the conversation with Lynn by asking a few questions;

“Are FDC and the Faculty Senate content with the roles and responsibilities of FDC or does FDC need to be disbanded or reestablished? Are faculty development initiatives being handled adequately from the Provost’s Office or do we want to be handled by the Provost’s office?”

Guest Speaker: Lynn Bartels (Faculty Development and Innovation) disbursed a handout about the “Center for Faculty Development and Innovation,” addressed questions on how to combine Faculty Development Council and the Provost’s Office faculty development initiatives. Questions surfaced about FDC expanding tasks, as well as, possibly being overseen by the Provost office. Lynn discussed the possible creation of a faculty center in the library. There are ideas of a virtual faculty development center through a website or a physical center in the library. The stumbling block for the center is the money for the renovations. November 19th at the regular Faculty Development Council meeting, there will be representatives from the Provost’s office in attendance, in hopes that they will continuously meet every month with the FDC. The Advisory Board for the faculty development center is also included in the proposal with participants being from Faculty Development Council, Grant Development, Peer Consultants and Mentors, Graduate School, Diversity & Inclusion, and student senators. The previous inclusion was not part of the original proposal but it is a good idea to have someone from each area. The task force came up with a proposal but it never got off the ground.

Reports from Councils:

UPBC: John Navin, Chair Designate, reported that tuition will increase; the Chancellor’s Office and a team will work on student fees and bring results to the UPBC in the spring. The posting of tuition increase would be in December to go for a vote in January. There is a prospect 7% tuition increase for incoming freshman, 2% fee increase. This recommendation will need approval by the President. December 11th Morris Taylor and John Navin will give the presentation at the meeting of the Congress.

Faculty Development Council: No report.

Curriculum Council: No report.

Rules & Procedures: Nomination period is closed for graduate at large seat on the Senate. Maracus Scott contacted someone else in ITS to help with the election, further decisions will be made after Thanksgiving Break.
**Welfare Council:** Steve Kerber reported that Tom Jordan has spoken with the Welfare Council about last year’s policies. General Council will come in January for Ombuds discussion.

**Graduate Council:** Poonam Jain reported that the meeting will be held on November 19th now that the Congress meeting has been rescheduled. Marketing has been invited to the January meeting to answer questions about promoting Graduate Programs.

**Past President:** No report

**President Elect:** We need to start advertising for new president elect. Johnathan will bring it up at the next rules and procedures meeting.

**President:** President Stacie Kirk met with Denise Cobb last week; they opened up about what the Faculty Senate is working on at this time. Zenia is back in curriculum form processing at this time to help with the backlog. Stacie and Denise had a discussion about the Director of Assessment vacancy. A suggestion from the floor was not to have an interim; Stacie will relay this at her next meeting with the Interim Provost which will be Monday. There was a discussion about pulling faculty to do administrative work at 33.5% hurts the departments because it is causing an overload for the faculty who are left in the department.

**Unfinished Business**

ICI cross-listing- Stacie will post the formal charge from Denise to SharePoint.

Programs and Course Submission deadlines/Fast tracking discussion- 400/500 level courses are ongoing issues. There has been a 3 week course concern; Stacie will forward examples to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

**New Business**

Concerns about the Faculty Development Center by-laws being sent to the Faculty Senate for approval were discussed?

**Other-** Positive comments were made about the first Congress meeting. Strategic, innovative, scaling is a more positive way of making changes to programs regarding realignment of budget. The cost of living has risen and there has been no raise in 3 years. Questions surfaced about graduates coming back to work at SIUE.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm Jeffrey/Poonam

*Approved as submitted December 10, 2015*

*Vicki Kruse/University Governance*