Faculty Senate
February 4, 2016
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:34 p.m. on February 4, 2016 in the Mississippi Illinois Room, Morris University Center by Stacie Kirk, president.


Excused: Anop, Nastasia, Rowbotham

Absent: Hildebrandt, Kerr, Madupalli, Mishra, O’Brien, Spurgas, Taylor, Wulfsong, Yu

Guests: Lynn Bartels, Denise Cobb, John C. Navin, Ann Popkess, Eric W. Ruckh

Announcements

Guest Speaker: Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Denise Cobb presented overall responsibilities for Academic Affairs with following topics covered:

- Budget realignment
- General Education caps, keep or not
- Retention and Graduation
- Academic master plan
- Preserve what SIUE’s historical commitment
- Teacher Scholar
- Academic Affairs Retreat Fall 2015
- Initiate change without created rules hindering changes
- Student Success
- Experiential learning
- Sustainable budget model
- Programs that could attract more students
- Internationalization is less focused at this time
- Enrollment Management plan
- Grow a program and generate resources
- Grow strategically
- Increase 2+2 programs
- Class scheduling, grid for adequate seating is challenging
- Optimize large classroom spaces
- Increase cap sizing
- Academic quality is important
- Student Affairs and Academic Affairs partnering
- High impact practices
- Adaptive learning plan
- In February meet with the Chancellor for discussions, revenue sharing programs
- Online programs
- Corporate partners
- Psychology/Business, Bachelor in Integrated Studies
- Cluster hiring initiatives
- Charting a new course, Honors for example
- New Reality, previous task force
- Congress
- Student centeredness
- Shared data, NSSE data
- Continuous Improvement Conference
- Emporium model, math
- Faculty development include junior faculty
- Chair development
- Diversity retention
- Preserve and strengthen shared governance cultivate trust
Q and A Session

Q. What about flexible scheduling?

A: There are possible options already available; 8 week, 16 week and possibly 6 week. There might be a possibility in future for the idea to block 4 classes a semester but one at a time.

Q. Dual enrollment?

A: There could be an issue with qualified faculty since IBHE has increased criteria. Since Lewis and Clark Community College has a relationship with Edwardsville High School and dual enrollment, SIUE may not want to disrupt that and SIUE’s relationship with LCCC.

Q: Does program prioritization mean ‘cuts’?

A: More strengthening and new initiatives and possibly investment opportunities, but not there yet. Should SIUE preserve programs that are at the core of the university while IBHE creates metrics for low performing programs? The Provost wants a collective conversation with faculty in the process of strengthening programs.

Q: Have you seen the article of Chicago State and financial exigency and what are your thoughts?

A: Have not seen yet.

Q: Would an exigency affect a system or individual university?

A: In the SIU Board of Trustees statutes, it states the BOT can declare for individual university.

Q: What are the reasons behind the Deans of Pharmacy and Dental reporting lines to the Chancellor and not the Provost?

A: It was encouraged by the SIU president and the BOT approved. Carbondale’s School of Medicine and School of Law made the transition so Edwardsville would follow. It could have been different concerns and demands from accrediting bodies.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections were made to the minutes from email correspondence. The December 3, 2016 minutes were approved as amended.

Action Items

A. 1C1, Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications proposed revisions initially approved by Graduate Council are approved unanimously by the Faculty Senate.

B. Honors Policies: 1R2 Honors Program and 1H2 General Education Requirements for Honors Students are both approved unanimously by the Faculty Senate.

It was agreed to change the order of the agenda and take care of item #7 Unfinished Business:

A. SET Report: The report is accepted unanimously. (Ann will send a new document with a few typo corrections before sending forward.

B. SET Report Recommendations: The recommendations are approved unanimously with one change of wording in #3.
#1. Use of the 11 item SET-Online instrument for courses delivered in an online format.
#2. SET subcommittee should continue to evaluate the low response rates typically seen in the online administration of all SET assessments.
#3. Consider gender demographics of instructor and student as variables in the next evaluation of the SET instrument. (*gender was replaced with demographics, faculty suggested with mutual agreement of SET committee member)

The SET committee is a standing committee and takes questions and concerns for the next three year review. Contacts are Lynn Bartels and Ann Popkess.

Reports from Standing Committees

UPBC: None

IBHE-FAC: Sue Wiediger submitted a report to SharePoint and highlighted that she is unable to attend the May meeting in Belleville; if anyone is interested please contact Sue. IBHE recommendation for better communications, access your representatives in their local offices instead of sending groups to the capitol.

Reports from Council Chairs

Faculty Development Council: Nicole Klein submitted a report and it is posted to SharePoint; Nicole added that the Spring Symposium is March 18 and the EUE deadlines have passed with TEAC evaluating the submissions, now.

Graduate Council: Poonam Jain submitted a report and it is posted to SharePoint. Poonam highlighted that an Intellectual Property policy will be created. Two faculty names will be sent to President Dunn. Another policy has been created for drone use on campuses (inside and outside buildings) for research and recreation. FAA exemption will be pursued.

Curriculum Council: Jeffrey Sabby reported the UPC approved 23 programs since September and UCC has approved 99 since September. Work is in progress for the Form 91A EZ and 90C EZ to expedite simple technical changes. At this time some suggested revisions from Graduate Council are being ironed out. The proposal should be ready for a vote by the end of this semester.

Rules & Procedures Council: Jonathan Pettibone submitted a report and it is posted on SharePoint. The list of faculty with clinical faculty has been requested from Phil Brown for upcoming elections and evaluations of the Chancellor and Provost.

Welfare Council: Steve Kerber reported that the Ombuds Service Policy approved revisions that were sent to the Provost last year and declined at the advice of General Counsel was a topic of discussion at the Council meeting. The Council decided to not pursue another revision at this time and the previous policy will stay in effect.

Past President: No report.

President Elect: No report.

President: Stacie Kirk reported that the Meridian Scholar Day will have more diversity this year in coordination with the Diversity Council. The interviews are on February 12 with 160 invitees. Stacie posted the Faculty Development workshop schedule on SharePoint.
New Business

Slate for President-Elect: Jonathan Pettibone, chair of Rules & Procedures Council introduced Marcus Agustin as a nominee. Jonathan opened the floor for other nominations. There were none; Jonathan closed nominations. Election will be held next month.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. (Kerber/Jain).

Approved as submitted March 3, 2016
Vicki Kruse/University Governance