The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:37 p.m. on April 6, 2017 in the Mississippi Illinois Rooms, Morris University Center by Jeffrey Sabby, president.

PRESENT: Agustin (4:00 pm), Anop, Banker, Bimpasis, Butler, Cali, Carter, Crk, Darabi, DeMeo, Christopher Theodorakis for Essner, Fowler, Gaehle, Gross, Erik Alexander for Jack, James, Kerber, Kerr, Kirk, Klein, Logue, Love, Lueck, Lutz, Lyerla, McCracken, Madupalli, Mann, Mishra, Navarre, O’Brien, Ousuli, Pailden, Pettibone, Rehg (4:00pm), Nicholas Guehlstorf for Rice, Sabby, Shavezipur, Siganga, Sololowski, Spurgas, Van Tuyle, Webb, Wiediger, Williams, Wrobbel, Kathryn Bentley for Wulfson, Yousef, Zeng

EXCUSED: Jenkins, Nastasia, Taylor, Thornton

ABSENT: Brown, Cho, John Foster for Huyck

GUESTS: Tom Jordan, Sherrie Senkfor, Shelly Goebl-Parker

GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Chancellor Pembrook and Provost Cobb were not able to attend because the Board of Trustees meeting ran long.

There were no objections to moving along with business until the scheduled time for next speakers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffrey Sabby announced a correction regarding action at the Board of Trustees meeting: the addition of Item DD#1 did not reach a unanimous approval by the Board; therefore did not go up for a vote. (Item “DD. Current and Pending Item: Authorization for the Loan of Unrestricted Funds Between Campuses and Notice of the Potential Need to Seek Declaration of a Short Term Fiscal Emergency for the Carbondale Campus, Excluding the School of Medicine, for Fiscal Year 2018”)

Resolutions from the executive committee are on the back table. Thanks to Steve Kerber for system budget information supplied for Jeffrey to compile for the graphs. Thanks to Jon Pettibone and Steve for language used in the reapportionment resolution. It may be possible to pass the resolution because it is considered a main motion coming from the executive committee. There will be an ‘at ease’ after presenting the resolutions and then the meeting will be called back to order. Jeffrey gave a brief introduction of each of the three resolutions that will be addressed under New Business.

Q. Would it be a good idea to add recruitment or retention concerns?

A. Idea is to keep each one narrowly focused. An additional resolution can be created.

Q. Timeline of June 30 to send a plan to the executive committee.

Jeffrey called an ‘At Ease’ at 3:00 pm

Q. Could we have a resolution regarding the use of SIUE unrestricted funds for loan to SIU Carbondale? And not wait until May meeting?

A. That would be a separate resolution and yes possibly call a Senate meeting before May.

Q. Add “equitable” to the last “Be it Further Resolved…on the #1 resolution regarding distribution

A. Yes to adding ‘equitable’ or ‘in an equitable manner’
Jeffrey called the meeting back to order at 3:10 pm

Resolution #1 In Support of a SIU System Reapportionment: Jeffrey called the main motion for the Resolution in Support of a SIU Reapportionment to include amendments. A second was made by E. Duff Wrobbel. No further discussion. The resolution passes unanimously.

Resolution #2 Concerning SIU System Fiscal Emergency or Exigency: Jeffrey called the main motion for the Resolution Concerning SIU System Fiscal Emergency or Exigency to include amendments. A second was made by E. Duff Wrobbel. The resolution passes unanimously.

Resolution #3 In Support of a Cost of Living Adjustment for Faculty: Jeffrey called the main motion for the Resolution in Support of a Cost of Living Adjustment for Faculty to include amendments. A second was made by E. Duff Wrobbel. The 3.71 is the minimum amount of raise. The resolution passes unanimously.

A senator expressed appreciation for the work put into the resolutions.

Returning to the scheduled speakers:

B. Tom Jordan – Relayed a message from the Provost that people from faculty, staff and student senates expressed concerns at the Board of Trustees meeting this morning. Trustee Shirley Portwood voted against the DD-1 being on the agenda. The Provost and Chancellor were both disappointed that they are not able to be at the Senate meeting. Tom presented the revisions to the 4B3 Student Employment Policy regarding increased work hours and loosening of restricted hours due to limited class schedules during semesters including summer. Tom will follow up with the question about the change taking effect for the remaining current semester.

C. Sherrie Senkfor presented Civil Air Patrol, Disaster Volunteer and Election Judge Leave policies. There were no questions or concerns.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. March 2, 2017 minutes approved as submitted

ACTION ITEMS

A. Sabbatical Policy Proposed Revisions brought forth by Welfare Council: Bryan Lueck answered questions about “substantially”. The revisions are approved with one opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions introduced out of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee - taken care of above.
   1. Cost of Living
   2. Fiscal Exigency and Emergency
   3. Reapportionment

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. UPBC: Nancy Lutz, chair designate reported that the last meeting was March 3 with Denise Cobb in attendance. Next meeting is Friday when Vice Chancellors Jeffrey Waple and Rachel Stack will be in attendance. After they have heard from all the Vice Chancellors, UPBC meets May 5 to talk about what kind of budget reductions they may be looking at.

B. IBHE Faculty Advisory Council: Susan Wiediger submitted a report and it is filed with the minutes. Sue answered a question about a Bill establishing digital discount programs. It is not a mandate; the Bill is only saying it is legal to do.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS (Read on SharePoint before the senate meeting)

A. Faculty Development Council: Jennifer Logue submitted a report, and it is filed with the minutes.

B. Graduate Council: Jen Rehg submitted a report, and it is filed with the minutes.

C. Curriculum Council: Nancy Lutz reported for Sorin Nastasia. Sorin posted a report to SharePoint and is filed with the minutes.
D. Rules and Procedures Council: Jonathan Pettibone reported 2nd notices for elections went out. Remind schools to do their work by May 1 to report at May 4 Faculty Senate meeting. The Chancellor has responded to the evaluation, but the Provost has not responded yet. Will bring to the May 4 Faculty Senate meeting after discussing in the Council meeting in April

E. Welfare Council: Stephen Kerber reported the Ombuds interviews are complete for the successor to Joel Hardman. The name will be shared at the executive committee and will present name to Faculty Senate at May 4 meeting. After that the name will be forwarded to the Provost.

F. Past President: Stacie Kirk, no report

G. President Elect: Marcus Agustin attended the Board of Trustees meeting this morning.

H. President: Jeffrey Sabby welcomed questions.

There was a discussion; topics included no loan definition, where is plan of Carbondale reinventing themselves, share resolutions and graphics, public being concerned, raising awareness, brother/sister allegory

President Elect: Marcus Agustin and Jennifer Rehg returned from the Board of Trustees meeting where Marcus gave a statement representing Faculty Senate. The statement is filed with the minutes.

Summarized:

Marcus reported that “our” statement...was very well constructed. He noted that agenda Item DD was considered ‘current and pending’ and needed a unanimous vote in order for it to be discussed. Item DD was about opening up SIUE restricted funds whenever SIU system needs them. There was a no vote; therefore no discussion allowed. The faculty have to know the right time to move forward because we need the support of as many administrators, trustees as possible. The next meeting is July, but there may be a special meeting before that time. The legislature is working on another ‘stop gap’ called the ‘Lifeline’. If passes may get funds and Carbondale may not need the loan. Marcus suggested to continue working and being engaged. The Board of Trustees knows that SIUE is aware and paying attention to what they are doing. Please, mention to all your constituents.

Jen Rehg reported that Shirley Portwood voted ‘no’ for no discussion on Item DD and if allowed on the agenda, probably would have been a yes vote. Send her a thank you, because it probably would have passed. She came up to them after meeting and thanked them for the statements.

Jeffrey stated that the Faculty Senate voted and passed all the resolutions.

It was suggested

Executive committee develop a specific expression to the loan with stipulations and strict criteria to have in hand and bring back to the Faculty Senate. Model it after the staff senate resolution.

Marcus reported that Provost Cobb sends her regrets and offered for her and the Chancellor to be available for a special meeting about how we should proceed. The executive committee will try to schedule a special meeting for next week.

If anyone wants to contact Shirley Portwood or any SIU Board of Trustees member:

Contact the Board of Trustees

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IBHE-FAC report for the SIUE Faculty Senate meeting on 6 April 2017

The IBHE-FAC met on 17 March 2017 at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois

President Don Manning of SSC, discussed the challenges of cuts in funding while increasing regulation, as well as the changing demographics they are seeing (fewer students, and students are less prepared). SSC is in an economically depressed area. Higher ed needs to do a better job of packaging what we do.

SSC faculty union president Gerald Griffith and SSC FAC representative Steve Vivian discussed faculty governance and self-advocacy. Specific topics included changes in Gerald Griffith’s style during separate stints as union president, the details of a strike in 1986. SSC has lost 30% enrollment and 25% faculty while administration has not changed in number.

IBHE Liaison Gretchen Lohman provided an update via phone. There is no news on the Executive Director and there has been a webinar on rule changes. A Legislative Report was sent via email.

Marie Donovan, FAC Chair, discussed the comments she made at a recent BIHE meeting regarding SB 440, which proposed that faculty representation on the IBHE should parallel that of students. There was no formal Board reaction but the Board Chair (Cross) expressed concerns about increasing the size of the board and the number of advisory groups that might see this as a precedent to request members. Work has already started to seek a compromise.

Caucus reports

Public: More institutions are starting to run out of reserves. The draft position about layoffs and program elimination needs more revision. We need to focus on student success stories.

Private and Proprietary: Interest in thinking about other options for SB 440 that do not change the size of the board. They also discussed the importance of program cuts that can have unintended consequences elsewhere in the institution.

2 yr CC: Discussion focused on “units of completion”, as well as concerns about changes to pensions after retirement and possible federal cutbacks to Pell grants. Guided Pathways to Success is reducing enrollment in some courses due to specific options being particularly recommended, rather than students choosing freely from wider sets of courses.

Chris Welch, newly appointed chair of the Illinois House Higher Education Committee, met with the Council. Each member of the council mentioned an impact at their university due to the budget issues. He believes a budget simply must get passed. He is sponsoring two bills that would raise revenues (HB 3393 which closes federal corporate loopholes at the state level, and HB 2718 which prevents the state from entering toxic bond deals). He encouraged continuing contact with legislators, particularly those who are in public university districts. He also mentioned the impact of the many students crowding the streets in Springfield on shut-down day.
In follow-up to the meeting with the publishers, we discussed a draft of questions that will get revised and then used to gather information from Illinois universities.

The next IBHE-FAC meeting is 14 April 2017 at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

Special Note: The June IBHE-FAC meeting is at an IBHE meeting, and the 13 June 2017 IBHE meeting is at SIUE. SIUE is not officially hosting the FAC meeting, but Vicki Kruse has assisted with procuring a room for the FAC to meet in during the morning.

With regards, Susan D. Wiediger, representative for SIUE to the IBHE-FAC

For more information about any of these items, please contact me at swiedig@siue.edu.

Faculty Development Council
Missouri Room
3/16/17 @ 2:30

Report

Present: Bartels, Lynn; Darabi, Jafar; Zeng, Yuping; Klein, Nicole; Gray, Juliet; Nelson, Wayne Nelson

Absent: Sokolowski, Joseph; Rowbotham, Melodie; Schmitz, Matthew; Barron, Mary, Carter Kim, Mirsha, Suman

1. TEAC announcements were postponed until next meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the CIC conference program as well as the feedback survey
3. The committee provided Bartels with input on the Fall 2017 Book Club Survey.
5. Nelson announced that the EUE 2017 funds were frozen.
6. Adjourned 3:30 pm.

Graduate Council
Thursday, March 16, 2017

I. Announcements
   a. Online course offering (forms 94) approved for CAS (4 courses) SoB (2), SEHHB (5), SoE (1), SoN (2); new courses approved for CAS (3) and SoE (1); and course revisions approved for SoP (2).
   b. Graduate Committee on Assessment (GCOA) Report: Program assessment plan for Computer Management and Information Systems require major revisions; assessment plans for Applied Communications Studies, and Masters of Business Administration programs accepted pending minor revisions.
   c. Enrollment Management Report: None
   d. Graduate School – Jerry Weinberg
      i. Judging for Visual Research Impacts competition has been completed by the alumni panel. There were two winners, Jeremy Jewell and Howard Ash won Best Representation of Research, and Erin Vigneau Dimick won most Creative Representation of Research.
      ii. Mike Shaw and Bill Retzlaff have been conferred as Distinguished Research Professors.
ii. Dr. Yan Zhang will be returning to NCERC as Director of Research and Assistant Research Professor. She will lead the NCERC research lab in developing an agenda of original research and seeking external funds to support the lab.

iv. Janet Holt – Director of IERC – retiring in May. The Grad School is now working to decide how to move forward in terms of that position.

v. Awards: The Graduate School received a merit award for its cover of Research & Creative Activities magazine in The 32nd Annual Educational Advertising Awards. NCERC has received recognition from FOCUS St. Louis, with a “What’s Right with the Region” award.

e. Frank Lyerla – Healthcare Informatics is seeking accreditation of their program. A Letter of Intent has been signed and the program accreditation should occur sometime in the next year.

f. Jen - The Chancellor has invited the Chair of Graduate Council and a representative for the Black Faculty and Staff Association to his monthly meetings with SIU Board of Trustees constituency group representatives (which already include Presidents of Faculty, Staff, and Student Senates).

II. Programs Committee - The following program changes approved and program review reports accepted:

a. SON-G17-01 and SON-G16-02 – Request to remove requirement for licensure in MO or IL, as many students completing program online from other states with different licensure requirements.

b. Program reviews:
   a. Kinesiology: In good standing; sustainable enrollment.
   b. Environmental Sciences: In good standing; sustainable enrollment
   c. Environmental Science Management: Priority review; enrollment low.
   d. Biological Sciences: In good standing; sustainable enrollment.

III. Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee - All of the following approved:

a. GR1617-11 – Implementation Guidelines Concerning Research – 1M5
   Regular review with minor wording changes.

b. GR1617-12 Guidelines for Faculty Exchange with Industry – 1M6
   Regular review with minor wording changes. Rehg suggested that paragraph 4a. (#11): “Assigned research time.” 4a “Initiate and/or conduct promising research.” Leave off “projects”
   Rehg made a motion to accept the two policies as amended, with a second by Chris Theodorakis. The motion carried.

IV. Continuing Business

a. There will be a Zoom meeting with the Carbondale Graduate School Dean at the April GC meeting. Yu Ting Li postponed to April so that the chair and vice chair of their Graduate Council could attend. This item will be first on the April agenda.

b. There has been a request from the Provost’s Office for a change to the graduate program review process that would allow accreditation materials for programs that have external accreditation to satisfy internal program review. Additional internal review components would be needed still in cases in which external accreditation did not address all required aspects of internal program review. This would eliminate some work for the internal teams, and the review/accreditation materials would still go to Programs Committee and the Graduate Council for consideration and approval.

There were no concerns expressed. The Undergraduate Curriculum Council has approved this on a one-year trial basis for undergraduate program reviews.
A motion was made by Mary Sue Love and seconded by Duff Wrobbel to approve on a one-year trial basis to align with what was approved by Curriculum Council for undergraduate programs. The motion carried.

c. Diversity Strategic Plan Draft – Questions and comments from the February Grad Council meeting were forwarded to Venessa Brown. The questions included a definition of diversity and whether or not governance bodies (such as Faculty Senate) would have an opportunity to vote on the strategic plan. Venessa Brown did not have immediate answers to the questions but indicated she would follow up. The Grad Council will be updated when a response has been received.

V. New Business

a. It has been requested that the Graduate Council appoint a person for review of research centers and institutes. These reviews parallel program reviews. This would be in place of normal program review committee responsibilities for the assigned person. The first committee meeting will be held in April. The Programs Committee will assign someone to sit on that committee. That appointee will be a liaison for Graduate Council and the Programs Committee. The Programs Committee will make a small change in its operating papers to include this position and its responsibilities.

Mary Sue Love will ask for a volunteer for the first review, which is of the STEM Center. The Center is applying for full center status to be submitted at the Board of Trustees May meeting. If needed, another committee member will be selected to fill this position for the full term of service beginning in the fall of 2017. If Programs Committee cannot get a volunteer, Rehg will email graduate faculty requesting a volunteer for this year only.

A motion was made to give Mary Sue Love the authority to appoint a person from within the Programs Committee or from the Graduate Faculty to this responsibility. The motion was made by Barbara McCracken and seconded by Reza Osouli. The motion carried.

b. Nominations for Committee members - ERP will be looking at CVs of volunteers for R&D and RPAB committees, then bringing those qualified forward to the Graduate Council with recommendations following vetting. Graduate Council will vote on those positions at the next meeting.

FSCC Report

Chair: Sorin Nastasia

03/23/2017

Announcements

The Program Review for Mathematics and Statistics will take place during the FSCC meeting in April

FSCC members will need to elect a new Chair for 2017-2018

Program Review for Biological Sciences

FSCC members had access to review materials: self-study, internal review team report, Chair response, Dean response, and enrolment data.
Department Chair, Dave Duvernell, was present at FSCC meeting

The Council (16 members present) voted to recommend the rating “In Good Standing” (will stay on a standard schedule with approximately 8 years until the next review)

The Council also voted to recommend for Enrollment the rating of “Sustainable at Present Levels” and for Retention/Completion the rating of “Satisfactory.”

Currently working on letter.

Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC) Report

Chair: Igor Crk

The committee reviewed two proposals:

CAS 16-270(R): Department of Historical Studies splitting the two 3-credit course music history sequence into three 2-credit courses. Approved pending minor changes to match the text of the proposal with recently approved course changes.

CAS 16-321: Department of Political Science changing the required GPA for admission from 2.5 to 2.0 to match their retention GPA requirement. Approved as is.

Undergraduate Courses Committee (UCC) Report

Chair: Jake Williams

No report. Workload in progress.

General Education Committee (GEC) Report

Chair: Matthew Schunke

The committee approved three student appeals and course designations for five courses.

Committee on Assessment (CoA) Report – Erin Behnen

COA completed a full review of the Integrative Studies Assessment Plan and a group review of the Annual Performance Reports and Assessment Plans for Mathematics and Statistics, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Civil Engineering.

Office of Academic Advising Report - Maureen Bell-Werner

In the time that advising opened to when registration began (January 23rd - March 10th), the Office of Academic Advising has had 1,060 continuing student appointments. During that same period, there have been 56 new student appointments, primarily new transfer and students re-entering SIUE after a period of at least one year.

Testing Services implemented Accuplacer, the new placement testing system, on Friday, March 10th. To date, six students have taken the placement test and the few who have also had an advising appointment have registered for their appropriate classes without issue.
SIUE Faculty Senate Executive Committee Statement to the
SIU Board of Trustees

On behalf of the faculty at SIUE, we want to thank SIU President Randy Dunn and
SIU Board of Trustees Chair Randal Thomas for visiting our campus last week in
order to conduct an open meeting discussing the current budget situation in the
SIU system.

Thanks to insightful and prudent leadership by SIUE’s past and present
administration with significant input through shared governance, and thanks to
collective sacrifice by faculty and staff across the university; SIUE has made
difficult and painful decisions, enacted arduous and excruciating measures, in
order to keep our university in a sound position, and ensure we continue to
provide the highest quality education for our students.

We recognize the daunting fiscal situation SIU Carbondale is confronting, and the
severity of the changes that will be required to deal with this budget crisis. We
sympathize with the serious consequences that will be felt by faculty, staff, and
students of SIU Carbondale and the broader Carbondale community.

However, there is a concern felt by many at SIUE that instead of benefitting from
our fiscal responsibility at a time of insecurity about state funding for higher
education, we are now put in a more precarious position with a possible
reduction in our own reserve funds. The conditions under which a loan to SIUC
would occur, and be repaid, at this point are not well defined. We believe
stipulations on loan limits and a repayment plan are crucial to mitigate risk to the
short and long-term welfare of SIUE. We do not want to see the health of our
institution compromised, and we also do not believe that it is in the best interest
of the SIU system. Accountability and transparency will help alleviate concerns
on our campus and help strengthen the SIU system.

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Carbondale should be engaged in an equal partnership to serve the educational
needs of the residents of Illinois; however, we are distinct universities within the
SIU system, and we each have a unique identity. The structural relationship between Edwardsville and Carbondale requires meaningful redefinition and adjustment in resource allocations, due to vast changes in circumstances since SIUE was established in 1957, including the sustained pattern of healthy enrollment increase and prudent fiscal resource management achieved by SIUE. We look forward to exploring opportunities for future collaborations between SIUE and SIUC that will benefit our students and communities and take into account the current educational and fiscal standing of the universities within our system.

We respectfully request President Dunn and the Board of Trustees to remain aware of our concerns as you consider plans to loan SIUC funds from SIUE’s reserves, and consider the long-term budgetary landscapes of our universities.