The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at 2:30pm on Thursday, March 4, 2021 via Zoom by President Laurie Rice.


Absent: Charles Berger (ex officio), Igor Crk, R. Duane Douglas (ex officio), Hernando Garcia, Christienne Hinz, Edward Navarre, Jeffrey Sabby (ex officio), Jayme Swanke, Prince Wells (ex officio)

Excused: Kevin Cannon, Marie Klopfenstein, Vince Rapini, Dan Welch

Guests: Mary Macharia

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:
Announcements were reviewed as listed on the agenda.

Consideration of Minutes:
The minutes for the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected.

Action Items:
Revisions to Policy 1D3 (Policy on Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards) were brought forward by the Welfare and Governance Council for a second reading. A typo omitting the School of Dental Medicine representative was noted and corrected. There was a motion and second, and the revisions were adopted unanimously after a roll call vote of those present (Bitter, Brady, Cali, Foster, Garcia, Gopalan, Hair, Hanlon, Hecht, Herndon, Hockenberry, Hubert, Jacks, Jia, Johnson, Kerber, Kim, Kweon, Li, Liu, Lotfi Yagin, Lu, Maynard, McCracken, McGuire, Meeks, Moffett, Ragsdale, Reiheld, Sellnow-Richmond, Shavezipur, Shaw, Sheley, Temko, Wang).
Jia has accepted a nomination for President-Elect. A ballot will be sent out and will remain open for two weeks.

**Unfinished Business:**
There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:**
Revisions to the Faculty Development Council (FDC) Operating Papers were presented, constituting a minor change to the amendment process to bring them in line with the other Council operating papers. There was a motion and a second to approve the revisions, and it was adopted unanimously after a roll call vote of those present (Brady, Cali, Carter, Foster, Frick, Gaehle, Gopalan, Griffin, Guehlstorff, Hair, Hanlon, Hecht, Herndon, Hockenberry, Hubert, Jacks, Jia, Johnson, Kerber, Kim, Kweon, Li, Liu, Lotfi Yagin, Lu, Maynard, McCracken, McGuire, Meeks, Moffett, Ragsdale, Reiheld, Sellnow-Richmond, Shavezipur, Shaw, Sheley, Temko, Wang, Zuercher).

The Rules and Procedures Council and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) have had discussions about the role of instructors with the Faculty Senate. Feedback has also been received from the Provost and Deans. It is an ongoing discussion with different models under consideration. Including instructors in the Faculty Senate would require a constitutional change similar to what happened when clinical instructors were added. A suggested constitutional change was presented and is attached. The floor was opened for feedback and discussion. Instructors could use their fifth unit for service, but it would need to be worked out depending on what model is used. There has been a desire from multiple sources to include non-tenure track (NTT) faculty as a way to have them represented in shared governance. The NTT contract already prevents NTT faculty from voting on promotion and tenure. It was noted that the University has changed and has a larger portion of NTT faculty now, but the Faculty Senate has not adapted to that change. Temko asked that any additional feedback be sent to him as the Reorganization Committee continues its work.

**Guest:**
Jennifer Hernandez spoke as the Co-Chair of Safe Zone, which advocates for and supports the LGBTQI+ community. They have a scholarship for LGBTQI+ students and supports the Gay-Straight Alliance with their activities. Their advocacy work has promoted gender neutral restrooms on campus, and they are looking at the contract for the Chick-fil-A vendor. Safe Zone training is available each semester for both employees and students, and training sessions are also available for departments.

**Reports from Standing Committees:**
The University Planning and Budget Committee (UPBC) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council (IBHE-FAC) reports were posted to Teams and are attached.

**Reports from Council Chairs:**
The Welfare and Governance Council continued its work with the Provost about a new Dual Career Family Policy.

The Curriculum Council, Rules and Procedures Council, Graduate Council, and President reports are attached.

There was a brief discussion about vaccine availability, noting that the White House is indicating that the supply will be available for all adults to be vaccinated.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PUBLIC COMMENT
III. GUEST
   a. Dr. Jennifer Hernandez – Safe Zone Presentation
IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. School of Nursing Dean Search Committee Appointment – Juliet Gray
V. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
   a. February 4, 2020
VI. ACTION ITEMS
   a. Revisions to 1D3 – Policy on Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards Second Reading
   b. Nominations for President-Elect
VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
VIII. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Faculty Development Council Operating Paper Revisions
   b. Instructor Representation
IX. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES
   a. UPBC – Ann Popkess
   b. IBHE Faculty Advisory Council – Susan Wiediger
X. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS
   a. Faculty Development Council – Tim Jacks
   b. Curriculum Council – Keith Hecht
   c. Rules & Procedures Council – Ezra Temko
   d. Welfare and Governance Council – Stephen Kerber & Jingyi Jia
   e. Graduate Council – Yuliang Liu
   f. Past-President – Jocelyn DeGroot Brown
   g. President-Elect – Duff Wrobbel
   h. President – Laurie Rice
XI. Adjournment

Next Faculty Senate Meeting Thursday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m.
Policy on Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards - 1D3

Structure and Responsibilities

1. This Committee shall operate as a standing Committee of the Welfare Council of the Faculty Senate.

2. No later than the third week of the Fall and Spring terms, the Chairperson shall distribute appropriate guidelines to the University Community with a request for nominations for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards. Every nominator should submit his/her nominations in writing to the Chairperson. The deadline for receipt of such nominations shall be the end of the seventh week of the spring term.

3. The first meeting of the Committee in any academic year shall be held as soon as possible following the seventh week of the term established for receipt of the designated nominations. Material on nominees will be distributed to all members of the Committee in advance of that meeting. The Committee shall meet as often as appropriate in order to complete its work. The deadline for the Committee’s confidential recommendation of nominees to the Chancellor shall be the final week of the designated term, with a copy for information to the chairperson of the Welfare Council and President of the Faculty Senate.

4. During the Spring term, the membership of the Committee shall elect a Vice Chairperson from those who are term appointees to the Committee. The Vice Chairperson will then serve in that capacity during the following academic year, succeeding to the Chairperson role during the next academic year.

5. During the Spring term of each year, the Chairperson of the Committee shall obtain the necessary appointments for the following academic year, as prescribed herein and inform the Committee of the new appointments.

6. The membership of the Committee shall be composed of:

   - Term appointments:
     - Four members for the College of Arts and Sciences, one member from each of the Schools of Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Nursing, and Pharmacy, to be appointed by the Dean, and
     - one member of the Library Faculty to be appointed by the Dean, each to serve three-year staggered terms.

   - Annual appointments:
     - One member of the Welfare Council to be appointed by the Chair of the Welfare Council.
     - One staff member to be appointed by the Staff Senate President.
     - Two students to be appointed by the Student Senate President.
     - One member to be appointed by the Chancellor.
     - One member to be appointed by the Alumni Association.

   - Ex-officio member:
6. The membership of the Committee shall be composed of:

- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Business.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Education, Health & Human Behavior.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Engineering.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of Library & Information Services.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Nursing.
- One voting faculty member to be elected by the faculty of the School of Pharmacy.
- One voting faculty or staff member to be elected by the members of the SIUE Black Faculty & Staff Association.
- One voting faculty or staff member to be appointed by the Director of the SIUE East St. Louis Center.
- One voting retired faculty member to be appointed by the President of the SIUE Emeriti Faculty Association.
- One voting faculty member to be appointed by the Director of the Women's Studies Program.
- One voting staff member to be appointed by the President of the Staff Senate.
- One voting student member to be appointed by the President of the Student Senate.
- One voting faculty member from the Welfare & Governance Council to be elected by the members of the Welfare & Governance Council.
- One non-voting member to be appointed by the President of the SIUE Alumni Association.
- One non-voting member to be appointed by the Chancellor.
- One non-voting member to be appointed by the Provost.
year terms. The initial terms will begin on July 1, 2021.

7. The Committee shall have responsibility for obtaining nominations for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards and for making recommendations to the Chancellor from such nominations. It will be the responsibility of each Committee member to publicize the call for nominations to his/her own colleagues, i.e., announcements at faculty meetings, written interoffice communications. The Committee, however, is free to consider people other than those nominated by the University community. All nominations will be made in conformance with University policy and the Policies of the Board of Trustees.

Policies and Procedures
The following policies and procedures are established for consideration for Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards:

1. A candidate for an Honorary Degree may be any person, as specified in the Policies of the Board of Trustees, who has made significant contributions to cultural, educational, scientific, economic, social, humanitarian, or other worthy fields of endeavor. Degrees may not be awarded to regular or to Emeritus or Emerita faculty, administrators, staff, or students in recognition of achievements while employed or enrolled at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Holders of political offices selected on a partisan basis, or candidates for elective office may be considered under exceptional circumstances. While some prior association with the State of Illinois may make the nominee especially appropriate, it is not a necessary condition for the awarding of the degree.

2. Distinguished Service Awards may be presented to any persons who have given outstanding or unusual service to the University, the region, or the State. Ordinarily the University shall have recognized distinguished service on the part of retiring faculty members by awarding Emeritus or Emerita status. Only in the most outstanding of cases may retired faculty be honored for their contributions. Faculty, administrators, staff members, and students presently employed or enrolled at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, holders of political office selected on a partisan basis, or candidates for elective office may qualify for such awards under exceptional circumstances.

3. Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards may be presented at a Commencement. The Committee recommends that ordinarily the recipient of an Honorary Degree be asked to participate in symposia prior to the commencement in lieu of delivering a commencement address.

4. Nominations, stating reasons for awarding such honors, should be accompanied by the following supporting information including all pertinent dates:
   a. Full name of nominee for award
   b. Date of birth
   c. Degrees received and granting institutions
   d. Appointments with educational institutions
   e. Relevant career history or experience relevant to the nomination
   f. Significant honors, achievements, contributions
   g. Societies, associations for which a nominee holds membership
   h. Major publications
i. Any other pertinent information

Policies Based on the Board of Trustees Policies, Chapter 1, Section D

2. Honorary Degrees. The Board of Trustees shall award honorary degrees based on the recommendations from the respective faculty, the Chancellor, and the President.

   a. Such degrees shall normally be awarded at the Spring commencement if two commencements are held annually. As the purpose is to limit honorary degrees ordinarily to one commencement and awards to the other, the order might be reversed; in either case, exceptions can be made if the recipients cannot attend at the time desired. Such degrees may also be awarded at special convocations or unique events.

   b. The number of honorary degrees awarded should be small and need not be awarded every year.

   c. Candidates for honorary degrees may be nominated through appropriate campus procedures after opportunity has been given to faculty members to suggest names for consideration. Nominations from faculty members and others should be forwarded through appropriate University channels. Final nominations with a list of names considered should be sent to the Chancellors not later than December 15.

   d. A candidate may be any person who has achieved great eminence in a field of endeavor or who has made significant contributions to educational, cultural, scientific, economic, or humanitarian activity.

3. Other Awards. The Board of Trustees shall award Southern Illinois University Distinguished Service Awards based on recommendations from the respective faculty, the Chancellor, and the President.

   a. Except as noted below, policies regarding determination of candidates for these awards shall be the same as those set forth above for honorary degrees.

   b. These awards shall be made for outstanding or unusual service to Southern Illinois, to the State, to the nation, to the world, and/or to the University.

   c. At special convocations or unique events when candidates are nominated for University-wide honorary degrees or Distinguished Service Awards, nominations from faculty members and others should be forwarded to the appropriate campus committee. Final nominations should be sent to the President.

   d. Other special awards shall be made upon a favorable vote of the Board of Trustees upon its own motion or upon approval of recommendations from the President and the Chancellors, who may receive nominations from faculty or alumni groups.

   e. In order to protect the nomination and screening process outlined in paragraphs a-c, above, every effort will be made to preserve the confidentiality of the nominee and no publicity shall be issued regarding the nominee until final approval has been granted by the Board of Trustees.
Faculty Development Council Operating Papers

I. Membership

The Faculty Development Council shall consist of at least seven faculty members who are elected members of the Faculty Senate, the Coordinator of Excellence in Undergraduate Education (EUE), a representative from the Provost's Office charged with Faculty Development, a representative from the Information Technology Services, and other faculty development initiative representatives. The representative from the Provost's Office charged with Faculty Development and the Coordinator of EUE are not elected members of the Faculty Senate, they will be ex-officio members of the Faculty Development Council. Additional members will be selected by the FDC to represent Schools and Departments not represented on the FDC by faculty senators.

II. Officers

Members of the Faculty Development Council will recommend the name of a Chair to the President of the Faculty Senate. The Chair of the Council for each year shall be appointed at the end of the previous academic year by the President of the Senate, in consultation with the President-Elect and Past-President, with the approval of the Faculty Senate. The Chair of the Council is a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and will represent the work of FDC in that committee.

III. Powers and Functions

A. The FDC may appoint ad hoc committees as needed.

B. The Functions of the FDC shall be:

1. To work with the Office of the Provost to develop and promote programs relating to faculty roles and responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service, such as the Fall Faculty Symposium, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Initiatives, and Faculty conversations.

2. To serve as liaison to EUE faculty to identify faculty development interests.

3. To coordinate the dissemination of information of campus, state, and national initiatives concerning faculty roles and responsibilities.

4. To encourage broad faculty involvement and open discussion within departments regarding faculty roles and responsibilities and coordinate these activities at college, school and university levels.

5. To provide for the oversight of the Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program (EUE).
6. To work in conjunction with the EUE Coordinator to develop program guidelines and review procedures, to conduct a periodic assessment of the EUE Program, and to advise the EUE Coordinator on other matters pertaining to EUE.

7. The Committee shall also be responsible for conducting the review of EUE proposals and make recommendations to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the allocation of EUE funds.

8. The Teaching Excellence Awards Committee shall be a standing subcommittee of the Faculty Development Council.
   a. The Chairperson of the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Faculty Development Council with the approval of the majority of the Council.
   b. The Teaching Excellence Awards Committee shall function according to the approved operating papers of the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee.

IV. Excellence in Undergraduate Education (EUE) Coordinator

A. The Coordinator of EUE shall be selected by the Provost based on the recommendation of the Faculty Development Council and approved by the Senate. Candidates shall be solicited through the normal personnel procedures of the University. The Coordinator shall serve a three-year term with an annual review by the Council. If the Council so decides, the term of office of the Coordinator may be terminated before three years. The Coordinator is eligible for an additional three-year term.

B. The Coordinator shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Faculty Development Council but shall not be a voting member of the Council.

C. The Coordinator is responsible for managing the EUE Program. The duties of the Coordinator shall be as follows:

1. Keep all records of the EUE Program.
2. Work with faculty, staff and students to develop proposals and facilitate the proposal process.
3. Distribute proposals to FDC members in a timely fashion.
4. Assist FDC’s assessment of proposals.
5. Handle all correspondence related to proposals and awardees.
6. Submit reports, as necessary, to the Council, Senate President, and Provost.
V. Meetings

A. The Faculty Development Council shall meet regularly, at least once every month, during the academic year.
B. Special meetings may be called by the Chair as need indicates, or upon request of three members of the Council.
C. The agenda of meetings shall be established by the Chairperson according to the business that is referred to the Council by the Faculty Senate, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, its own committees, or by any of its members. Notice of the time, place, and agenda of all meetings of the Council shall be delivered to all members of the Council, and in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, made available to the public at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. The agenda shall include reports from the representative from the Provost’s Office charged with Faculty Development, EUR coordinator, and FDC task forces.
D. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the physical presence of at least half of the total number of voting members of the Faculty Development Council. Members of the Faculty Development Council who wish to remotely attend Council meetings (e.g., by telephone or electronically) can only do so in a manner consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and with consent of the Chairperson.
E. A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allotted at the beginning of the meeting for public comment. No individual speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.

VI. Voting

A. All members of the Faculty Development Council shall have the right to vote with the exception of ex-officio members.
B. Voting by proxy will conform to the rules applicable to voting in the Faculty Senate

VII. Amendment Procedures

These Operating Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present provided that written notice of the text of the amendment has been circulated to all members at least one week prior to the meeting at which it is considered, and provided that the Faculty Senate approves.

VIII. Reports

Minutes of Faculty Development Council meetings, after approval, shall be posted on the faculty governance website.

The Faculty Development Council shall file an annual report to the Faculty Senate at the end of each academic year.

FDC061-20/21 approved by the Faculty Senate March 4, 2021
FDC082-11/14 approved by the Faculty Senate May 1, 2014
June 2, 2014 approved by the Chancellor
FTIC#01-12/13 Approved by the Faculty Senate May 2, 2013
Approved by the Chancellor 5/10/2013

Approved by Faculty Senate May 3, 2012
Approved by the Chancellor June 14, 2012

Revision 1/12/12
FTIC#01-11/12

Approved by Faculty Senate May 4, 2006
The Faculty Senate Constitution

The Faculty Senate is the body empowered to act as agent for the University Faculty with the delegated power to formulate policies in regard to all academic matters and other matters of faculty concern except those that are related to the Graduate School as set forth in the Bylaws and Statutes of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE I.

The University Faculty shall consist of the Chancellor, all professors, associate professors, and assistant professors, and those instructors on continuing appointment. (Bylaws and Statutes of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, Part III, Article IV, Section A, October 1, 1973.)

ARTICLE II.

The Faculty Senate shall have direct access to the Chancellor of the University.

ARTICLE III.

A. The Faculty Senate members shall be elected by and from the combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors.

B. The Officers of the Faculty Senate shall be elected by the combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors from the membership of the Faculty Senate and shall remain members of the Faculty Senate during their terms of office.

C. Each elected Faculty Senate member shall designate an alternate to attend and vote at Faculty Senate meetings.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be President, President-Elect, and Past-President.

ARTICLE V.

A. The combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors may, at a general faculty meeting or by written or electronic ballot, direct the Faculty Senate to represent it or act for it on any matter of faculty concern.

B. The Faculty Senate shall have the power to act for the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors on all matters of faculty concern except as its autonomy is limited by correct academic and administrative relations with other units and representative bodies.

C. The Graduate Council, representing the Graduate Faculty, shall be the legislative body to determine the university policy on all matters relating to graduate instruction and research except as its autonomy is limited by budgetary or organizational implications.
Graduate Council shall report directly to the Provost and Vice Chancellor; on policy matters with budgetary or organizational implications the Graduate Council shall report to the Faculty Senate.

D. The President of the Faculty Senate shall have the power to call general faculty meetings.

E. The Faculty Senate shall be responsible for continuing evaluation of the performance of the Chancellor and the Provost and Vice Chancellor.

ARTICLE VI.

Legislative action of the Faculty Senate not approved by the President may be referred to the Board of Trustees by a 2/3 vote of the combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors.

ARTICLE VII.

A. The Faculty Senate shall implement the provisions of this Constitution by Bylaws as it may choose to adopt.

B. The Faculty Senate shall have the authority to stipulate its own governance structure, define terms of office, direct election of officers, remove officers and members for cause, control agendas and meetings, and create and abolish committees, in accord with procedures described in its Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII.

A. Articles of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate may be amended by a majority of ballots cast by the combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors voting by secret ballot in a general referendum.

B. Ratification of this document will be by a majority of ballots cast by the combined membership of the University Faculty, full-time Clinical Professors, full-time Clinical Associate Professors, full-time Clinical Assistant Professors, and full-time, non-tenure track instructors voting by secret ballot in a general referendum.

Revision on election process was approved by the Faculty Senate April 2, 2009
Approved by the Office of the Chancellor August 11, 2011
Approved by Faculty Senate 4/2/2015, University Faculty 5/2015 and Office of the Chancellor 7/12/2015 (clinical faculty language)
UPBC Faculty Senate Report

3/4/2021

UPBC met on Feb 5th 2021 and reviewed all the vice chancellor and director requests and priorities for funding and will vote to endorse recommendations at the March meeting.

CHAPA chair N Huyck: Provided 2 items to Rules and Procedure survey chair for inclusion in the provost 4 year evaluation. Committee is now working in small teams to complete interviews of key stakeholders identified by Provost. CHAPA survey of NTT, staff and students is underway and anticipated to be released in late February.

Next Meeting 3/5/2021
IBHE-FAC report for the SIUE Faculty Senate meeting on 4 March 2021

The IBHE-FAC met on 19 February 2021 via Zoom, Lincoln Trail College was a virtual host.

Information about how to participate in the strategic planning process was shared. Information about meetings is available at [https://www.ibhe.org/IBHE-Strategic-Planning-meetings.html](https://www.ibhe.org/IBHE-Strategic-Planning-meetings.html), and a summary of the current plan is at [https://www.ibhe.org/board-strategic-planning/2021/Strategy_Draft_as_of_020321_for_Public_Comment.pdf](https://www.ibhe.org/board-strategic-planning/2021/Strategy_Draft_as_of_020321_for_Public_Comment.pdf). Several members of the FAC are on the various action groups working to refine the strategic plans, and all those action groups are reviewing the comments submitted; directions for submitting comments are at [https://www.ibhe.org/Written-Submission.html](https://www.ibhe.org/Written-Submission.html), as are existing comments grouped by calendar.

Jaimie Ray, Senior Associate Director, IBHE, and Mike Philips, FAC Legislative Liaison, both emphasized the large number of bills currently being posted. Many are “shell bills” which are essentially placeholders to allow the addition of amendments related to that topic. Jaimie indicated that she has more than 250 bills on her watch list and (as of the meeting date) still had 1000 more bills to review. Tracking bills & resolutions is possible using the website [https://ilga.gov](https://ilga.gov).

Dr. Ryan Gower, Chancellor, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, talked about how we respond to Covid. In particular, for IECC, which is a group of four institutions, the common enemy of Covid helped them improve communication and work to achieve a common mission, changing their internal funding program, how they approach dual credit, the relationship between faculty and administration, and developing a new Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Roger Eddy, Lincoln Trail College, Interim President, and also a member of the Illinois State Board of Education, joined the FAC to talk about dual credit. There was a lot of lively discussion on this topic and the importance of quality partnerships ad communication to maintain excellence and serve students well.

January minutes were approved.

John Corrigan and Kelly Denson of the Association of American Publishers joined the FAC to talk about Senate Bill 101 and associated issues of publishing formats and resources and the costs and options available.

*Working groups met* and updated the FAC on their progress; a new working group on Institutional Closures is trying to put together a piece outlining good practices for transferability and student protection. *Caucuses met* and discussed primarily aspects of the strategic plan. The public caucus is concerned about supporting research and scholarship, including providing students with those experiences; the community college caucus focused on MAP funding, dual credit, and faculty governance; the private caucus discussed intersectionality, education quality, and the funding of the strategic plan. All caucuses also discussed vaccination on their campuses, also.

The next IBHE-FAC meeting will be March 19th, via Zoom.

With regards, Susan D. Wiediger, representative for SIUE to the IBHE-FAC. For more information about any of these items, please contact me via email at swiedig@siue.edu.
Curriculum Council Report, March 2021

The Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2021. The Council heard reports of its standing committees.

Program review was conducted for Construction Management. The Council voted to assess the program in "good standing" and "sustainable at present enrollment.

The Council hear first read of revision of policy 1E1 to allow for the establishment of an English Pathway Program for prospective students who meet other criteria for admission to SIUE but cannot demonstrate adequate English Language Proficiency. Second read and vote will be at the March Council meeting.

The Council will conduct program review for Exercise Science at the Council’s regularly scheduled March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Hecht
Chair
Rules & Procedures Council

Evaluations

The Faculty Senate’s RPC is conducting the annual evaluations of our chancellor and our provost. You should have an e-mail with Quatrrics links to these surveys. The surveys will close Monday, March 8, at noon. Please take the surveys if you have not and please encourage your eligible colleagues to do so as well.

Elections

Election notices have gone out to academic units about how many faculty senators, Graduate Council members, and Grievance Committee members they need to elect. Faculty Senate has 39 senators in total (not including Graduate Council members and other ex officio members). For next year, the College of Arts & Sciences will have two fewer senators (17 total), while the School of Business and the School of Education, Health, and Human Behavior (SEHHB) will have one more senator (now totaling 3 and 6, respectively).

Constitution & Bylaws

A FS reorganization working group has been meeting and putting together a proposal about restructuring Faculty Senate’s councils as well as a few other matters. We have representation of people that are on or have been on all current councils. Stay tuned!
Graduate Council Report (meeting on Feb. 18, 2021) to Faculty Senate on March 4th, 2021
By Yuliang Liu, Chair of the Graduate Council

1. Carnegie Committee
   a. Special guests Chancellor Pembroke and Provost Cobb attended the meeting. They mentioned that it seemed that the committee found more support for staying doctoral/professional category rather than moving into the R2 category. Chancellor Randy Pembroke and Provost Denise Cobb are looking to answer the questions of how to become the best within the doctoral-professional category, how to communicate the final decision to the campus, and what the next steps are so that the University can move forward. It was stated that the plan is to develop working groups to identify research areas that need support and attention, improve the teacher-scholar model, work on anti-racism, make sure data reflects University goals, and work on becoming best in class. The Chancellor stated that there are 5-6 areas where these working groups will need to be created. There are also plans to communicate the findings to the rest of the campus soon.

2. Announcements
   a. Enrollment Management reported that there is a 13% increase in graduate student enrollment across the board for Spring 2021 compared to Spring 2020.
   b. Student Affairs announced that there have been concerns from Graduate Students about paying the textbook rental fee while some faculty are not utilizing textbook services. Currently, over 62% of graduate courses use textbook rentals. A new addition to the policy has been sent to the Textbook Advisory Board stating that all required textbooks must be requested through textbook services if it is eligible unless there is an exception with justification approved by the Dean of their school/college and the Provost.
   c. International Affairs announced that about 9 of the new international students have been hired as GA/TA's.
   d. Graduate School announced that
      o (1) the vacant Pre-Award position has been filled by the new Grants & Contracts Associate Linda Zimmermann;
      o (2) Linda Skelton, the Coordinator for ethical compliance in the Graduate School, is retiring at the end of May 2021;
      o (3) A Graduate School feedback form has been created in Kuali Build;
      o (4) The Graduate School is publishing articles in the ORP News to help make faculty aware of the updated Research and Academic Misconduct policy and the new policy on authorship disputes;
      o (5) ProQuest is the system used to publish electronic theses and dissertations, and institutional level data is now available from ProQuest that focuses on retrieval of papers.
3. Approvals
   a. Grad Council approved two interim review reports submitted by the Programs Committee: (1) Applied Communications Studies and (2) English
   b. Grad Council approved GR2021-12 – Promotion Policy for Graduate School Research Center Research Faculty submitted by the Educational and Research Policies (ERP) Committee. The policy has been revised to extend to centers that do not report to the Graduate School, such as the IRIS (Interdisciplinary Research and Informatics Scholarship) Center.
President’s Report to FSEC
March 4, 2021

Meetings

February 11: Board of Trustees

Campuses made budget presentations. SIUC hasn’t changed tuition since 2018 and mandatory fees since 2016. It hasn’t increased room and board in 4 years (but will no longer be offering housing scholarships next year). Decreasing tuition waivers for undergraduates due to Saluki commitment. SIUC says their fall class is looking good. Chancellor Pembroke made a case for increasing tuition and fees. (A maintenance budget would be +5.8 million). Board members expressed opposition to increases in tuition. Fees less clear. System Initiatives – Institute for Rural Health and Office of Community Transformation. System strategic planning update – town halls 2/15 and 2/17. Presentations on SIUC and SIUE athletics and NCAA academic standards. Eric Ruckh presented Cougar Connectors program. SIUE AP Contract for SEHDB to help grow masters in curriculum and instruction and two endorsements. Retention of first time freshmen fall to spring: SIUC 85%, SIUE 86%. Hightower chairing academic committee. Gilbert’s term has expired. Board vacancies.

February 12 and February 25: Faculty Advisory Committee

Formation of a system faculty advisory committee. Discussion of composition and roles with President and VP for Academic Affairs. Preliminary planning for a system faculty wellness program.

February 17: KPI Working Group Goal 2

Discussed components of a potential NSSE composite measuring elements of Goal 2 and discussed goals for licensure pass rates.

February 19: Meridian Day Interviews (210 students interviewed this year)

February 22: Diversity Council

Updates on admissions – test blind admission is making a difference. Update on spring conference – will focus on retention and academic success of black students.

February 23: Constituency Heads Meeting with Chancellor

Governor has recommended a flat budget. BOT will make its budget decision on April 29. If the equivalent of CARES III passes, would likely give 10 million for university, 5 million for students. Rianne Greene will try to get SIUE as a pod for vaccines. Work happening behind the scenes to advocate for vaccination of university personnel. Jessica Harris starts new role March 1 (with board approval April 29). Chancellor and Provost official response to R2 committee, Grad Council. Does the inclement weather policy need adapted?

February 24: Faculty Staff Appreciation Day

Considering thank you gifts in lieu of in person festivities.

March 3: KPI Working Group Goal 2
Continued discussion of graduation and retention rates and potential 5 year goals. Working groups will complete reports recommending KPI five year goals by the end of the month.

March 4: Meeting with Provost

Discussion of issues with textbook services decision re: “digital inclusive access” decision. Provost recognizes impact on faculty and student learning and is trying to come up with solutions. Discussed longer term need for better communication and representation in textbook decisions (which is housed in student affairs). Other topics discussed include Dean of Nursing search, potential representation of instructors, and Faculty Senate reorganization.

March 4: University Quality Council

Discussed secondary KPI goals for international partnerships, high impact practices, system collaborations, and community partnerships.