Faculty Welfare Council Meeting Minutes  January 18, 2018

Members Present:  Steve Kerber, Co-Chair; Dan Segrist, Co-Chair; Jeff Banker; Lisa Green; Andrew Gross; Nancy Huyck; Bryan Jack; Kate Newman; Kamran Shazipur

1.) Scribe was designated
2.) Motion made and minutes unanimously approved for the November Meeting (Nancy Huyck 1st, Jeff Banker 2nd)  
   Motion made and minutes unanimously approved for the December Meeting (Dan Segrist 1st, Jeff Banker 2nd)
3.) Announcements: None
4.) Old Business: There was no old business officially discussed.
5.) New Business:
   a. The Welfare Council discussed the voting procedure of the Co-Chairs of Councils in Executive Committee meetings. The consensus was that the Welfare Council would be in favor of allowing one vote per council and in the event that co-chairs could not agree on a particular Executive Committee vote, the Council should abstain from voting. No formal vote on this was taken on this issue.
   b. The Welfare Council discussed potential policy language restricting councils from having Co-Chairs. Various members of the Welfare Council strongly opposed any policy limiting the councils from having co-chairs.
   c. The Welfare Council discussed the future role of the council in light of the new faculty association contract. Several questions were raised regarding the wording of the contract and the grievance process. The committee would like to have guests from the faculty associations bargain unit and the administration to provide clarifications/interpretations of various contract issues and the role, as they see it, of the Welfare Council going forward.
   d. The Welfare Council discussed the state of the SIU System Budget and related allocation. The was a consensus that the current funding formula was not equitable and that we should explore actions or resolutions that would encourage the SIU Board of Trustees to reevaluate the allocation of funds in an equitable manner.
6.) Other: There was no other business discussed.
7.) Public Comment: No one from the public was present.
8.) Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.