

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 26, 2024 – 2:30 pm
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:31 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2024 in the Magnolia Room by President Marcus Agustin.

Present: Marcus Agustin, Wai Cheah, Keith Hecht, Tim Kalinowski, Jon Pettibone, Chrissy Simmons, Cinnamon VanPutte,

Absent: Amy Winn

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes for the September 12, 2024 FSEC meeting were approved as written.

Announcements:

Department of Applied Health Proposal Public Comment Session – Today, 3:30 pm, MUC University Club
All-Faculty Meeting – October 29, 2024, 1:30 pm, MUC Legacy Room

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on approval of SIUE Faculty Senate Bylaws and Operating Papers of New Council – Still waiting on Provost's Office.
- b. Administrative Reorganization in SEHHB – The Department of Applied Health proposes splitting into two departments: The Department of Public Health and Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and The Department of Exercise, Sport, and Nutrition Sciences. The existing department is housed in the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. The new departments would also be housed in SEHHB. The shift to two departments is to ensure the high-quality of our academic programs and better recruit and retain undergraduate and graduate students. A public comment session regarding this change is **Today, Sept. 26 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the MUC University Club.**
- c. Proposed SIU International Travel Policy – Still waiting on recommendations from Graduate Council.

New Business:

- a. Appointments to committees to work on pillars of SIUE Strategic Plan – We received a request from Vice Chancellor Jessica Harris for a total of five representatives, one on each committee, for the two Strategic Plan Pillars: #2 – Student Success and Inclusive Excellence; #3 – Excellent and Diverse Faculty and Staff.
 - i. **Dr. Cheryl Lizano, Mathematics and Statistics**
DFW Action Group Committee
Pillar #2: Student Success and Inclusive Excellence
 - ii. **Dr. James Panico, Applied Health**
Anti-racism Taskforce Recommendations Action Group Committee
Pillar #2: Student Success and Inclusive Excellence
 - iii. **Prof. Barbara Nwacha, Art and Design**

Employee Recruitment, Hiring and Retention Action Group Committee
Pillar #3: Excellent and Diverse Faculty and Staff

iv. **Dr. Chin-Chuan Wei, Chemistry**

External Funding Action Group Committee
Pillar #3: Excellent and Diverse Faculty and Staff

v. **Dr. Adriana Martinez, Geography, Environmental Science**

Student Centered/Ready Culture and Campus Climate Action Group Committee
Pillar #3: Excellent and Diverse Faculty and Staff

- b. Faculty Senate representation to Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (ICAC) – We received a request from the FAR, Dr. Cherese Fine, for two representatives and one alternate for this committee.
- i. Dr. Brienne Guilford, School of Education, Health & Human Behavior
 - ii. Dr. Ramana Madupalli, School of Business
 - iii. Dr. Joshua Wooten, School of Education, Health & Human Behavior (alternate)
- c. Changes to Policies 111, 112, and 115 – These changes were approved by Curriculum Council and will receive a first read at next week’s Faculty Senate meeting.

Reports:

UPBC: September meeting was cancelled until after the Chancellor’s budget presentation.

Faculty Development Council: Nicole Klein announced she is stepping down as Director of FDC. Provost Cobb is looking at individuals who can serve on an interim basis. The next Continuous Improvement Conference will be on 2/14/25.

Governance (Rules & Procedures) Council: R&P Council members have concerns about being closely associated with the evaluation reports going to the Chancellor or Provost. Trying to get Council members to assist with work.

Graduate Council: Still no interim in place as Associate Provost for Research/Dean of Graduate School. We’ve received 64 applications for the Graduate Dean position this time.

Welfare and Adjudication Council: Outlined priorities for the year at last week’s meeting. The Parental Leave Policy should have gone through Welfare Council.

President: Met with Provost Cobb on 9/9/24. Meeting highlights: Discussed who will temporarily replace Nicole Klein as Director of the Center for Faculty Development & Innovation (Brittany Peterson until the end of the fall); might conduct search in spring. Discussed ideas regarding New Student Convocation and ways to move forward. Discussed a possible annual service award; discussed a possible university-level teaching award like the Distinguished Research Professor. Other Faculty Senate Related Activities: Contacted several SIUE faculty on interest to serve on five Strategic Plan Action Committees. Contacted several SIUE faculty on interest to serve on Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance