FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 9, 2025 – 2:00 pm
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 9, 2025 in the Magnolia Room by President Wai Cheah.

Present: **President** Wai Cheah, **Past President** Marcus Agustin, **President-Elect** Sue Wiediger, Leah Baecht, Igor Crk, Tim Kalinowski, Jon Pettibone, Chrissy Simmons, Kevin Tucker, Amy Winn
Absent: Gloria Sweida

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:

a. Search Committee – Dr. Wai Hsien Cheah
   i) Position 1 – Associate Vice Chancellor for East St. Louis Educational Programming and Operations
   ii) Position 2 – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Pathways and Community Engagement

Consideration of Minutes:
FSEC reviewed the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes. Under Unfinished Business, F., it was agreed to change "still awaiting approval from the Provost and Chancellor" to "checking the status of from former Faculty Senate President Barb McCracken." The amended minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business:

a. Update on approval to Changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on February 7, 2025).
b. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 6, 2025).
c. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 2, 2025).
d. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1H1 (General Education Program) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 2, 2025).
e. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching) – still waiting on status from former Faculty Senate President Barb McCracken.

f. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2 – Wai Cheah spoke with Faculty Association President Megan Robb about Program Prioritization. Professor Robb said FA had limited choices in accepting proposals, calling it a "top-down approach." While FA agrees with program assessments and meeting future student needs, a single criterion is insufficient. FA will discuss the impact on all programs affected by Program Prioritization.

New Business:

a. Attendance list for non-quorum meeting – FSEC discussed listing attendees who joined via Teams in last week's Faculty Senate meeting, which lacked quorum. Since the Teams members couldn't vote, they'll be noted as public guests in the minutes.
b. Policy 1L17 Combined Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees (first read) – Since we couldn't make quorum, the agenda item wasn't brought forward at our October Faculty Senate meeting. Wai Cheah proposes suspending the rules to bypass the second read at our November meeting, as the changes are minor (mostly language updates).
c. FS work approval for Program Prioritization (Phase 2) – Tim Kalinowski distributed a draft Authorization for Faculty Senate Officers to Act. It allows the Faculty Senate to authorize its President to represent it on a committee reviewing Academic Program Prioritizations. If the President can't, the President-Elect or Past President would step in. The group discussed informing the Senate and seeking input, but acknowledged potential drawbacks.

Reports:
UPBC: We met last Friday. Trying to schedule a special meeting before our November meeting.
Budget, Finance, and Academic Operations Council: Was unable to meet quorum at last month's meeting. Hoping we can successfully meet next week!
Curriculum Council: The Provost and Faculty Senate are collaborating to expedite MOU implementation and course approval. Concerns arose about the Senate's role in curriculum approval, the need for thorough review, and lack of transparency. Faculty input, especially from the School of Engineering, and communication and transparency in decision-making were emphasized.
Faculty Development Council: Chrissy discussed schools/colleges not submitting nominations for the Teaching Excellence Award. We've contacted Deans to inform them that their units haven't nominated.
Welfare & Adjudication Council: We met with David Ault, the Interim Chair of the Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award Committee. He's struggling to fill the committee, which usually has 18 members but only a third participate. Ault also noted that the committee isn't engaged with the process, as the selected individuals don't reflect the award's highest aspirations but rather their financial contributions to SIUE.
President-Elect: Suggested publicly advertising Faculty Senate meetings like Staff Senate to attract SIUE faculty. They can join via Teams. This benefits recruitment as faculty may become interested and join. No action was taken.

President: At my next meeting with the Provost, I'll discuss the need for Deans to encourage faculty to join and submit nominations for the Teaching Excellence Award, as mentioned by Chrissy.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance