

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 24, 2025 – 2:45 pm
Willow Room, Morris University Center
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:46pm on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in the Willow Room by President Marcus Agustin.

Present: Marcus Agustin, Wai Cheah, Kevin Cannon, Tim Kalinowski, Chrissy Simmons, Cinnamon VanPutte, Amy Winn, Keith Hecht

Absent: Jon Pettibone

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Consideration of Minutes:

The April 10th, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as written.

Announcements:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on approval of Teaching Excellence Award Committee Operating Papers approved by the Chancellor (received April 21, 2025)
- b. Update on approval to Changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy)
- c. Faculty Perceptions on AI Use at SIUE- memo sent to the Provost
- d. Syllabus Bank – memo sent to the Provost
- e. Council chairs for 2025-2026
 - I. Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council – Kevin Tucker
 - II. Curriculum Council – Amy Winn
 - III. Faculty Development Council – Chrissy Simmons (pending NTT election)
 - IV. Governance Council – Tim Kalinowski
 - V. Graduate Council – Gloria Sweida
 - VI. Welfare and Adjudication Council – Leah Baecht and Igor Crk
- f. Program Prioritizations: Specializations and/or Minor
 - I. Art History
 - II. Music Theory and Composition, Musical Theater
 - III. Bioprocess Chemistry, Medical Science

- IV. French, German; Discontinue Instruction in Chinese; Department of Foreign Languages to be merged with Department of English Language and Literature
 - a. General discussion regarding the process and transparency of Program Prioritization ensued including a role for Governance Impact Committee

New Business:

- a. Request to Support SB 13/HB 1581 (Equitable Funding for Higher Education)
 - a. Email from Council of Faculty Senate Presidents in Illinois requesting support on Equitable Funding for Higher Education bill.
 - i. Discussion ensued and the committee generally supports the premise of the bill but was uncertain the role of the Faculty Senate in providing support when the support has already been established by the SIU System
- b. Update on Retired/Emeritus Faculty policy
 - a. Welfare and Adjudication Council approved revisions to the policy
 - i. Incorporating suggestions from administration, tightening language, new wording for software availability, and University support space
 - ii. The Emeritus College should be explained to the Senate during the May meeting
 - iii. Discussion on the wording to define “faculty”. Faculty should be defined as an individual that is eligible to vote in Senate Elections pursuant to Article III in the Faculty Senate Bylaws
- c. Annual Survey of Chancellor; Annual Survey of Provost – to be presented in May 2025 Faculty Senate meeting
 - a. Governance Council has received two requests (for Chancellor Minor) and one request (for Provost Cobb) to share the link outside of Senate. These are granted under the premise that individuals may not print or download files (same as those individuals provided the link)
 - b. Governance Council has not received a response from either Chancellor Minor or Provost Cobb.
 - c. A vote to accept the survey report will be entertained in the May 1st Faculty Senate meeting.
 - i. Upon acceptance of the survey report, a copy of Chancellor Minor’s survey responses will be provided to SIU System President Dr. Mahony
 - ii. Upon acceptance of the survey report, a copy of Provost Cobb’s survey responses will be provided to SIUE Chancellor Minor.

Reports:

- a. UPBC – Jonathan Pettibone
 - a. UPBC is concurrently meeting
- b. Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council – Kevin Cannon
- c. Curriculum Council – Amy Winn
 - a. Memos for each program under Program Prioritization will be presented to the Faculty Senate on May 1st
 - b. A general memo regarding the process of Program Prioritization from the perspective of the Curriculum Council is accompany the memos
- d. Faculty Development Council – Chrissy Simmons
 - a. EUE award letter were sent to recipients
 - b. TEAC recommendations were forwarded to Provost Cobb
 - c. TEAC Chair nomination, Dr. Erin Vanderbunt, for 2025-2026 was approved by FDC
- e. Governance Council –Tim Kalinowski
 - a. Clarification about Faculty Senator status and Graduate Council status is needed
 - i. Additional CAS Curriculum vs Faculty Senate Curriculum Council; CAS Congress vs Faculty Senate
- f. Graduate Council – Cinnamon VanPutte
 - a. Visa approval rates for international students are down 20%
 - b. Important to reiterate that SIUE does not revoke visas; international students received letters about not traveling and keeping visa documents current
- g. Welfare and Adjudication Council – Keith Hecht
 - a. Posted track changes to Emeriti and Retired Faculty policy for review
- h. President-elect – Wai Cheah
 - a. None
- i. President – Marcus Agustin
 - a. Asked for clarification on phase II of Program Prioritization however there is not a target date for when the release of programs will
 - i. Administration is taking into account the negative publicity that has surrounded phase I and hoping to improve the process moving forward and the communication between Unit – Department – Faculty
 - ii. Changes for programs can be faculty-lead/initiated. School of Business retreat was provided as an example of honestly reflecting on curricula and program changes
 - b. Request for Councils to provide an Annual Report of activities to the Faculty Senate for May 1st meeting

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm.

May 8th is a possible meeting.

Submitted by Christine Simmons, Faculty Development Council Chair