FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 26, 2026 – 2:30 pm
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026 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, Gloria Sweida, Kevin Tucker, Amy Winn
Absent: None

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:
a. Student Experience Survey (SES) Implementation – Wai spoke to Tom Jordan, who suggested implementing the SES changes in the Summer 2026 semester.

Consideration of Minutes:
The minutes from February 26, 2026 were approved as written.

Unfinished Business:
a. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2 - The committee sent the first two responses to Dean Leonard and Provost Cobb and will review two more next week. They plan to keep the proposals for PAPA and Political Science for last.
b. Temporary Rule on Meeting via Remote Attendance – Professor Kalinowski
c. Faculty Senate Membership Reduction – Professor Kalinowski
d. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – February 7, 2025
e. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – May 6, 2025
f. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications) – May 2, 2025
g. UPBC Strategic Plan

New Business:
a. Council Operating Papers – Update operating papers to reflect higher administration changes, like the shift to Changemakers. While bylaw amendments await, pass ad hoc rules for immediate implementation.

b. 2026-27 Council Chairs (*added to agenda*) – As the Spring semester ends, we need Faculty Senate Council Chairs for next year. We’ve confirmed a new Chair for Faculty

Development Council, and Graduate Council elected a new Chair for the upcoming term. FSEC members discussed possibilities for other Councils.

c. SIUE AI Guiding Principles – The SIUE AI guiding principles draft document is circulating for faculty feedback on ethical AI use in their fields. Concerns about lack of communication and cohesion between AI policy groups led to a centralized approach for gathering feedback. Feedback is due April 20.

d. Lack of Communication Regarding Policy Updates (*added to agenda*) – Tim Kalinowski addressed concerns about the lack of communication regarding new policies, specifically 3C21 and 3C16. Faculty are frustrated with the expectation of compliance without prior notification and the need for improved communication channels. The Dean of Students' role in determining accommodations and its impact on program directors' enrollment management was questioned. The University should ensure monthly policy sends to faculty and website updates. Concerns were raised about policies affecting faculty placement in the student code of conduct and the lack of a centralized faculty policy location.

Reports:
UPBC: The Chancellor will attend our April 3 meeting, give a Q&A, and discuss the AI policy. We're making progress on the UPBC-UQC merger and considering potential names for a UPBC Chair-Designate who'll shadow me for my last year as Chair.
Curriculum Council: Policy 1F1, concerning credit for prior learning and transfer credits, is being sent to the full Senate for first read. It eliminates the 30-hour requirement from a four-year institution, allowing students to fulfill the 120-hour requirement with any combination of credits from SIUE and other institutions. This change aims to make SIUE more competitive by being more lenient with transfer credits compared to other Illinois institutions.
Faculty Development Council: We reviewed 10 EUE proposals and will soon send recommendations to the Provost. Funding recommendations for EUEs and Teaching Excellence Awards will be sent this week.
Governance Council: The Provost, Chancellor, and President received quarterly reviews pertaining to the Chancellor and the Provost who were invited to respond within 10 working days. Deans were informed about replacement senators, but no responses have been received.
Welfare & Adjudication Council: The Ombuds office faces a double national average of cases and requires twice as many meetings to resolve issues. Concerns include bias, harassment, lack of university response, and workload. The Ombuds requested funding for training, increased awareness, and financial compensation beyond course release.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance