

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 10, 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, October 10, 2024 in the Magnolia Room by President Marcus Agustin.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Barrett Larkin, Natasha Kabir

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes for the September 26, 2024 FSEC meeting were approved as amended.

Guests:

Student Body President Barrett Larkin and Student Senator for Diversity Council Natasha Kabir met with FSEC. At the most recent Student Government meeting, the Senators supported a bill authorizing a joint student/faculty committee to address academic impacts of generative artificial intelligence. Barrett spoke about how GenAI has potential to benefit student success; however, if left unregulated, GenAI has the potential to be misused by the student body.

Announcements:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on approval of SIUE Faculty Senate Bylaws and Operating Papers of New Council – Bylaw changes have left the Provost's Office and now are with the Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- b. Changes to Policies 111, 112, and 115 – after a first read at our last full Senate meeting, this will be an Action Item during the November 7, 2024 Faculty Senate meeting.

New Business:

- a. Student Government Bill on Investigative Generative Artificial Intelligence – In addition to the earlier presentation by Student Government President Barrett Larkin, Marcus discussed a conversation he had with Tom Jordan and Nicole Klein regarding current progress/working groups discussing generative AI. During FY24, CFDI offered four

workshops offered to all SIUE faculty. Additionally, the CFDI offered an AI Interactivity in Higher Education Learning Community every third Thursday during the Spring 2024 semester. CFDI also posted AI webinars and workshops from other organizations in the past. An informal working group met in Fall 2023 to discuss uses, pitfalls, possibilities, and policies of generative AI in teaching and learning at SIUE.

- b. Communication by ACCESS to faculty: FSEC discussed recent policy changes from ACCESS, implemented without faculty input. Since ACCESS reports under the Vice Chancellor for Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Marcus will invite Dr. Jessica Harris and Dominic Dorsey to the next FSEC meeting.
- c. Open Meetings Act – Marcus mentioned a recent concern regarding if new Senators are taking Open Meetings Act training, which needs to be done at the start of someone’s appointment on Faculty Senate. Additionally, one person per Council must agree to be the designee and take the additional yearly training. Michael will send out a message to Faculty Senators with directions on how to sign up for OMA training.
- d. Procedure After Policy/Operating Papers Approval by Faculty Senate – Marcus went over the new procedure after policy/operating papers receive approval by Faculty Senate.
 1. The following files will be submitted by the appropriate Council Chair to the Faculty Senate President and the office support of University Governance.
 - a. Current policy/operating papers
 - b. Senate-approved policy/operating papers with tracked changes
 - c. Clean copy of Senate-approved policy/operating papers
 - d. Justification of the change(s)
 2. Memo prepared and signed by the Faculty Senate President on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
 - a. Will have appropriate number (e.g., CC #01 24-25).
 - b. Addressed to the Provost with description of changes.
 3. Memo sent with all attached files will be kept by office support of University Governance and saved in the SharePoint/Teams site.

Reports:

UPBC: Will meet on October 17; Chancellor Minor will be in attendance.

Faculty Development Council: Brit Peterson is Acting Director of Faculty Development at Center for Development & Innovation for the remainder of the academic term. Still working on speakers for CIC in February 2025.

Governance (Rules & Procedures) Council: There are still challenges with updating the operating papers; however, we did have some volunteers to help with the Provost evaluations.

Graduate Council: Received feedback on rubrics for the Dean of Graduate School search. We have 42 applications.

Welfare and Adjudication Council: Talked with Tom Jordan and had a long conversation about the state of the Council. Welfare Council discussed the possibility of combining/eliminating long dormant subcommittees.

President: Talking with presenters who will be involved in the All-Faculty Meeting on October 29.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance