

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**October 24, 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 2:30 pm on Thursday, October 24, 2024 in the Magnolia Room by President Marcus Agustin.

**Present:** Marcus Agustin, Wai Cheah, Kevin Cannon, Tim Kalinowski, Jon Pettibone, Chrissy Simmons, Cinnamon VanPutte, Amy Winn

**Absent:** Keith Hecht

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes for the October 10, 2024 FSEC meeting were approved as written.

**Announcements:**

- a. All-Faculty Meeting (*Empowering Student Success – Faculty-Led Initiatives and Visions for the Future*): 1:45-4pm, October 29, 2024, MUC Legacy Room
- b. Dr. Rakesh Bharati has been named to serve on the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration search committee as the Faculty Senate representative.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Update on approval of SIUE Faculty Senate Bylaws and Operating Papers of New Council – Still awaiting approval from the Chancellor's Office.
- b. Update on approval of Teaching Excellence Award Committee Operating Papers – Marcus submitted the approval memo to the Provost after ratification at last month's Faculty Senate meeting. Still awaiting approval or questions from the Provost's Office regarding these operating paper changes.
- c. Changes to Policies 1I1, 1I2, and 1I5 – The changes have left Curriculum Council and will go to the entire Faculty Senate at next week's meeting.
- d. Open Meetings Act – Chrissy Simmons will be the OMA designee for FSEC. As a reminder, each Council will need an OMA designee that will need to take the training every year.

**New Business:**

- a. Update on International Travel Policy recommendations (Graduate Council) – Marcus posted the recommendations from Graduate Council to the International Travel Policy. There were also questions about what constitutes personal vs. business. Marcus

clarified that if you are checking your work email and answering a couple emails while on a personal trip, the International Travel Policy does not apply since it's considered a personal trip. This policy only applies if it's travel done for work.

- b. Update on Generative AI committee formation (FDC) – At the last FDC meeting, it was discussed that Student Government would like a joint committee with faculty and students to look at GenAI and how it's used at SIUE. There was a discussion about the charge for the ad hoc committee and who should be involved to ensure that it's not directionless. At this time, there are still questions about if we should hold listening sessions or if we should include other agencies (outside of Student Government and FDC) to make this a more formal committee.
- c. Faculty Senate Blackboard Organization for Instructor Unit – Tim asked if we need to put in the Governance Council Operating Papers that an instructor update the Blackboard Organization for Instructor Unit. If so, should this be the case for all Faculty Senate Councils?

### **Reports:**

**UPBC:** Met last Thursday; Chancellor Minor attended, and it was a productive conversation.

**Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council:** The committee will not meet tomorrow.

**Curriculum Council:** Updates to Policies 111, 112, and 115 will be brought as Action Items at next week's Faculty Senate meeting. We are going to look at changes to our operating papers.

**Faculty Development Council:** We will bring in a speaker for the Continuous Improvement Conference on 2/14/2025, Dr. Jennifer Friberg from University of Illinois. Still no feedback on EUE.

**Governance (Rules & Procedures) Council:** We didn't have quorum until 2:38 pm. Working on updates to more familiar with assessment statement, poor – excellent on Chancellor/Provost surveys.

**Graduate Council:** Still no Interim Dean of the Graduate School announced. Administration is in the process of changing the approval process on policies. Starting tomorrow, we will conduct 15 Zoom interviews with Graduate School Dean candidates.

**Welfare (and Adjudication) Council:** None (Keith not in attendance).

**President:** Met with Provost Cobb on 10/11/2024 and gave her a verbal invitation to the All-Faculty Meeting, discussed the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, discussed working with Rules & Procedures Council on revising questions for the annual review, and discussed possible ways on how SIUE collectively will address a potential push for having a 90-credit hour degree. Met with Chancellor Minor on 10/22/2024 and gave him a verbal invitation to the All-Faculty meeting, then discussed working with Rules & Procedures Council on revising questions for the annual review. Chancellor Minor suggested changing "Annual Evaluation" to another term (more of a survey of faculty perception). Attended the Constituency Heads meeting on 10/22/2024 – Chancellor had a brief presentation on possible data points relating to student on-campus employment and student retention; discussion/presentation on FY25 budget; hiring prioritization to address Pillar 3 (Excellent and Diverse Faculty and Staff) of Strategic Plan.

Finally, finalized the schedule and worked with Associate Provost Elza Ibroscheva and her staff with planning and logistics for the upcoming All-Faculty Meeting on 10/29/2024.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance