

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution urging the SIU Board of Trustees to take under advisement the published report of the joint Faculty Senate-Graduate Council task force before it acts on any change to the reporting structure for the first professional schools.

Whereas, the SIU Board of Trustees and the SIU President have sought input on their proposed change in reporting lines for the Deans for the School of Law, the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Pharmacy at both SIU-Edwardsville and SIU-Carbondale, as well as for the Dean and Provost of the SIU School of Medicine without explicitly stating and/or formally explaining in writing their rationale and goals for such restructuring; and

Whereas, for the School of Medicine, the proposed change to report directly to the system head is not in alignment with all 30 of SIU Carbondale's peer and aspirational peers and the vast majority of medical schools accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; and

Whereas, the SIU Board of Trustees and the SIU President have proposed this change in reporting lines without first directing that institutional and economic impact analyses be prepared and evaluated prior to any decision; and

Whereas, there has been no formal and/or public discussion of the potential impact of such a change to SIUC's mission and to those program components that have historically benefited from the collaborative efforts between SIU Carbondale and the SIU School of Medicine under the current reporting structure, namely, program accreditation, tenure and promotion, degree conferral (including the BS, MS, PhD, and other health-related degree programs currently offered through the school), the Carnegie Research and Community Engagement Classifications; and

Whereas, this proposed change in reporting lines is occurring at a time of institutional instability when SIU Carbondale's administrative leadership in the Chancellor's office and state appropriations for FY 2016 are still in question, and when the President is serving in the dual capacity as President and Chancellor, thus ruling out the possibility of an alternative campus position;

Therefore be it resolved that the SIU Carbondale Graduate Council will establish a task force, including SIU faculty within and outside of the affected units, to (1) examine any formal rationale and goals provided by the Board, President and Deans justifying restructuring; (2) identify any and all problems in the current reporting structure that may have led to proposed restructuring of the university, (3) address the potential pitfalls of any such proposals, and (4) make recommendations on organizational structure(s) that would improve and strengthen the ongoing working relationship between SIU and its professional schools that is in line with best practices in higher education; and

Be it also resolved that this task force, with the assistance of appropriate consultants external to the institution, undertake a thorough institutional and economic impact study on how the proposed changes in the SIU's reporting structure would affect its many stakeholders, including students, alumni, faculty, staff, donors, granting agencies, accrediting and licensing bodies, the cities of Carbondale, Edwardsville, and Springfield, and the southern Illinois region; and

Be it further resolved that this task force's report be completed, published, and presented to the SIU Board of Trustees before it acts on any change in the reporting of the first professional schools.

Graduate Council Resolution

Resolution urging the SIU Board of Trustees to take under advisement the published report of the joint Faculty Senate-Graduate Council task force before it acts on any change to the reporting structure for the first professional schools.

Whereas, the SIU Board of Trustees and the SIU President have sought input on their proposed change in reporting lines for the Deans for the School of Law, the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Pharmacy at both SIU-Edwardsville and SIU-Carbondale, as well as for the Dean and Provost of the SIU School of Medicine without explicitly stating and/or formally explaining in writing their rationale and goals for such restructuring; and

Whereas, for the School of Medicine, the proposed change to report directly to the system head is not in alignment with all 30 of SIU Carbondale's peer and aspirational peers and the vast majority of medical schools accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; and

Whereas, the SIU Board of Trustees and the SIU President have proposed this change in reporting lines without first directing that institutional and economic impact analyses be prepared and evaluated prior to any decision; and

Whereas, there has been no formal and/or public discussion of the potential impact of such a change to SIUC's mission and to those program components that have historically benefited from the collaborative efforts between SIU Carbondale and the SIU School of Medicine under the current reporting structure, namely, program accreditation, tenure and promotion, degree conferral (including the BS, MS, PhD, and other health-related degree programs currently offered through the school), the Carnegie Research and Community Engagement Classifications; and

Whereas, this proposed change in reporting lines is occurring at a time of institutional instability when SIU Carbondale's administrative leadership in the Chancellor's office and state appropriations for FY 2016 are still in question, and when the President is serving in the dual capacity as President and Chancellor, thus ruling out the possibility of an alternative campus position;

(con't)

Date of Approval 3/12/2015

Judy Davie

Chair, Graduate Council

Digitally signed by Judy Davie
DN: cn=Judy Davie, o=Southern Illinois University,
ou=SOM, email=jdavie@siumed.edu, c=US
Date: 2015.03.12 14:15:18 -05'00'

Date

James Garvey

Dean, Graduate School

Digitally signed by James Garvey
DN: cn=James Garvey, o=Southern Illinois University, ou=Office
of Vice Chancellor for Research, email=jgarvey@siu.edu, c=US
Date: 2015.03.18 08:28:30 -05'00'

Date

Graduate Council Resolution

Resolution urging the SIU Board of Trustees to take under advisement the published report of the joint Faculty Senate-Graduate Council task force before it acts on any change to the reporting structure for the first professional schools.

(con't)

Therefore be it resolved that the SIU Carbondale Graduate Council will establish a task force, including SIU faculty within and outside of the affected units, to (1) examine any formal rationale and goals provided by the Board, President and Deans justifying restructuring; (2) identify any and all problems in the current reporting structure that may have led to proposed restructuring of the university, (3) address the potential pitfalls of any such proposals, and (4) make recommendations on organizational structure(s) that would improve and strengthen the ongoing working relationship between SIU and its professional schools that is in line with best practices in higher education; and

Be it also resolved that this task force, with the assistance of appropriate consultants external to the institution, undertake a thorough institutional and economic impact study on how the proposed changes in the SIU's reporting structure would affect its many stakeholders, including students, alumni, faculty, staff, donors, granting agencies, accrediting and licensing bodies, the cities of Carbondale, Edwardsville, and Springfield, and the southern Illinois region; and

Be it further resolved that this task force's report be completed, published, and presented to the SIU Board of Trustees before it acts on any change in the reporting of the first professional schools.

Date of Approval 3/12/2015

Judy Davie

Chair, Graduate Council

Digitally signed by Judy Davie
DN: cn=Judy Davie, o=Southern Illinois University,
ou=SOM, email=jdavie@siumed.edu, c=US
Date: 2015.03.12 14:16:44 -05'00'

3/12/2015

Date

James Garvey

Dean, Graduate School

Digitally signed by James Garvey
DN: cn=James Garvey, o=Southern Illinois University, ou=Office
of Vice Chancellor for Research, email=jgarvey@siu.edu, c=US
Date: 2015.03.18 08:20:13 -05'00'

3/18/2015

Date