

2018–2019 GRADUATE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

Members Present: Wesley Calvert, Saran Donahoo, Buffy Ellsworth, Themistoklis Haniotakis, Sajal Lahiri, Junghwa Lee, Derek McDowell, Marc Morris, Julie Partridge, Sophia Ran, Sue Rimmer, Jordan Vandever, Emily Vajjala, Thomas Shaw, Jennifer Lynn Smith, Rachael Steiger, Jarneika Taylor, Rachel Whaley.

Members Absent: William Babcock, Randolph Burnside, Junghwa Lee, Ruopu Li, Henry Hexmoor, Thomas Velasco

EX-Officio: Lizette Chevalier, Terry Clark, James Garvey, Meera Komarraju (report submitted post adjournment), Juliane Wallace.

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 8:07AM

- Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting

-No Remarks

McDowell Motions for previous minutes

Morris Seconds

Motion Passes

- Remarks from Vice-Chancellor for Research: Jim Garvey

Garvey- Nothing to report

- Remarks from Associate Provost for Academic Programs: Lizette Chevalier

Chevalier-Nothing to report

- Remarks from Associate Dean & Director of Graduate School: Juliane P. Wallace

Wallace- This is the highlight reel from the 2018 Graduate School Saluki Stories.

-Shows Video

Wallace-That's just a quick montage. I think Greg Wendt did a really nice job on putting those together. If you have graduate students, we've got the call out continuously for Saluki Stories. He does a nice job putting it together and McCall helps with that. We also share these with the individual units so they can put it up on their websites and use it for marketing and recruiting as well. It's something that you might want to take advantage of because he is doing a great job.

Whaley- So we talked about this in our department meeting the other day, that they specifically make ones for paralegal studies. So, we were wondering if those images are available and we can just insert our interviews with students and our narration of our program?

Wallace- Absolutely.

Whaley- So we just get Greg?

Wallace- Yes, McCall can coordinate with you. I attended the International Education Council and I know that especially Dr. Ran had mentioned Saudi Arabia. It was a very good trip and I learned a lot and, met with a lot of different embassies. The biggest takeaway for graduate education for me was what the Saudi Arabian cultural mission was saying. They are not supporting as many new undergraduate students, but they are very interested in supporting graduate students in the areas of health. So, I think that's a huge opportunity for us, were going to be following up pretty heavily. We do have a strong Saudi population already, and they do consider that in where they send people, but we have a pretty good relationship with them, and I think moving forward with the School of Medicine and College of Health and Human Science there is a really good opportunity there so we will be moving with that. Undergrad, the typical India and China and even Malaysia were very much focused on exchange programs, so not just where can their students come to study abroad, but they want other students coming there too so that's kind of the shifting focus a little bit. Vietnam is probably the largest market in the next 10-20 years because of their population boom and the lack of higher education infrastructure there so there is huge potential there. There are a couple things related to Latin America that were somewhat new to CIE and very new to me. There is actually a very interesting Rowe Foundation Fund which is a loan fund that anybody from Latin America the Caribbean is eligible for, it's very generous and they're pretty good with it. They don't charge them interest to pay back that loan and it basically helps to bridge the gap in the cost of attendance for Latin America countries.

We will be moving forward with the Grad Council elections for the 19-20 school year, so you'll be seeing those come out next month. We are really focused on and encourage timely admissions of students, we have a lot of applications, but are down in an applications overall. We have a lot better sitting there that do not have decisions and we need to get those decisions made! That was also something that was emphasized at the conference, international students not only need a lot of time for visa issues, but they also tend to make their decisions based on the first people who accept them. So, we need to be timely and making those decisions as soon as we can. I will be reaching out to those programs who have a lot of applications and are not making decisions yet - just asking what is your process, what is your timeline? How can we help? We need to be able to respond to queries from people who are asking when they are going to have a decision made. We will be reaching out to individual units and including department chairs and deans on this as well. Hopefully we will yield a good response for that.

Ran- I'm really happy to hear that Saudi is interested in health and the medical school. Is there anything we can do for them to provide brochures for our programs here?

Wallace- Yes, absolutely. What I can do is connect you to the person that we work through, SACM, and you can provide that information directly to them. Please shoot me an email, I can get you connected.

Ran-ok wonderful

Smith- Could you send our department information about this Rowe fund? And, we are waiting on certain missing pieces of applications before making decisions.

Wallace- we understand that there are a lot of different reasons, and just because the application is showing as complete for the graduate school doesn't mean that you have everything for the unit. I understand those things, so that's why I'll be asking what your process is, what you're waiting on, just so we know that they are being looked at and not just set aside for whatever reason.

- Report from Council Chair: Wesley Calvert

Calvert- Graduate Council representation on things is generally the Vice Chair's duty, and we will, I'm sure, be reporting on some of this. But we have been solicited for nominees for the President search committee. Grad Council and Faculty Senate together were to nominate four, we nominated two and they nominated two. I think both sides were happy with those four, from those four other people will select two. We have also been asked for representation on the associate dean and Directors search committee. I should tell you this is not a Graduate Council representation, but because I'm serving here there is close enough interaction that I should tell you I am currently serving as Chair for the Vice Chancellor for Research search.

- Report from GPSC: Dianah McGreehan

McGreehan- I'm serving as proxy for Jordan Maddox today. We actually had a very busy spring, and to start off we had an event called Salukis in Springfield and had twenty students representing SIU in the undergraduate and graduate bodies. We went during the Governor's first budgetary address, and we had the opportunity to meet the Governor and alumni and the topic was for the budget for higher education for Illinois. We also had the opportunity to participate in the SIU Day of Giving and we would like to thank Dr. Wallace, not only for allowing us to be listed under the Graduate School but also making a donation that supported research rewards granted to graduate students, but also event/travel funding, not for just graduate students but all students at SIU. The university nearly reached nearly 900 thousand dollars in donations so nearly a million overall. Also, as you know we are committed to 15 and 5 campaign, which is going very well, and we have established those objectives. Ones that we have already completed are mentorship for graduate students can find mentorship and that's using the network we have available through career development. We have events coming up, like participation with the student creative activities and research board that we are participating in, and also hosting our research awards ceremony at the end of that. Right now, research awards are available for submission on our website and will need to send in a letter of recommendation and an itemized of the cost and expenses as well as itemized list and detailed outline on what the research is. That is available and we will have that up until Tuesday, March 26th. The GPSC Grad student survey has been released and is available on D2L, we encourage all of your grad students to participate. We will also be presenting the 2018 survey data, so if you would like to look at that you are welcome to attend that. We look at needs of interested grad students as we are trying to retain or recruit students to SIU. We will be helping students with a reorganization panel, which Dr. Wallace has given us the opportunity to be able to sit on that and explain where we are as a university. I know a lot of our undergrad students still feel very uninformed and don't feel fully aware of where we are and what's happening. The Chancellor has granted his attendance for that as will the Provost, and this will be available for both undergrad and grad students. We have the Board of Trustees elections coming up, and those who are interested can send a petition around to get those votes, and they will have to follow those procedures for it. GPSC will also be holding its elections, and we are now in the process of nominations.

- Report from Council Vice-Chair: Marc Morris

Morris-As you have heard Grad Council elections will be held for the spring. There will be elections for the College of Engineering (1), College of Liberal Arts (2), College of Science (3), School of Law (1), School of Medicine (1). The nomination process will be conducted electronically through email, so look for that and submit nominations. I'm looking for someone to serve on the computing advising committee, and grad council rep for that. Essentially what they do is work closely for the office of Information Technology for the campus and weigh in on decisions with respect to information technology campus wide. If you know anyone who might be interested, please forward their name to me and I'll reach out to them.

- Report from Dean's Council: Terry Clark

Clark-You know when Chancellor Montemagno passed away the reorg sort of went into hibernation between the time he left us and when John Dunn stepped in. Things are moving again, paperwork is moving, and the reorg in this new form continues. Deans are into thinking/talking/doing work on retention because of the demographic dip in students leaving the state. If you can't increase the inflow into the tub you can decrease

the flow out, and that's what we're working on. Finally, April 29th is SIU day, and so far, we have 96 high schools invited. Those of you who were involved last year, it was a delightful experience. We are going 2 hours to bring kids in and there are 25 departments and units have agreed to put on some sort of activity for the students coming in.

- Report from Faculty Senate: Jim Wall

Wall- Not in attendance

- Report from University Accreditation Coordinator: RuthAnne Rehfeldt

Rehfeldt-Not in attendance. Julie Partridge will fill us in.

Partridge- Just a quick update. Last week on Friday and Saturday morning the subcommittee chairs took part in about a day and a half of intensive writing. We went to Touch of Nature, sort of did a retreat which was organized for us to be able to do. We were joined at lunch by the Chancellor and several Deans including Terry Clark which was very much appreciated. Where we are at right now in the process is, we should have drafts of each of the assurance argument components to the steering committee by Friday for their review for our meeting at the end of March. And then a complete assurance argument draft will be ready for dissemination for feedback from campus groups following that.

- Report from New Programs Committee: Sajal Lahiri

Sajal- We have one RME from the school of Medicine we are reviewing.

- Report from Program Review Committee: Sue Rimmer

Rimmer- The only thing to report right now is there is a change in the review schedule for next year because of the Higher Learning Commission and visits so we will be trying to set up reviewers for the fall this semester so I will forward that list there's 14 to the committee and will need people to help with that.

- Report from Educational Policies Committee: Julie Partridge

Partridge- So we have a second reading of the resolution on undergraduates taking graduate credit. This was read previously so I'd like to submit as written.

– Second Reading: Resolution on Undergraduates Taking Graduate Credit (Motion Passes) 16-0-2

Partridge- One other thing, we talked last time about some possibilities of a lot of issues surrounding the idea of domestic nonresident student and whether or not we wish to put forth a policy or recommendation regarding them potentially being able to have in-state tuition. There are several issues surrounding it. I had a conversation with Meera and Wesley at the executive committee for grad council. We had a bit of a discussion about this and we came to the decision that myself and Juliane are going to continue to discuss the issues because there are several, and so we will talk about coming back to this body with a series of discussions points in seeing how we want to move forward as a body. There's a lot of potential issue so we want to have all of the information ready to put forward.

Smith- Someone mentioned earlier that perhaps we could don't have a quorum?

Calvert-It is within the rights of any member to call for a count.

Smith- it doesn't bother me, but I don't know what the procedure is.

Calvert- We have 20 voting members of which 16 are present. A quorum is established

Smith- ok

- Report from Research Committee: Karen Jones (20 min)

Jones- Not present

– (Presented by Lee) Second Reading: Resolution on the Policy Involving Research with Dogs and Cats

Lee- I would like to present it as written.

Donahoo- did they figure out, are we good now or are they still fighting about the details?

Calvert- Would you like to address the state of the consensus that your committee has reached?

Lee- Since last month the committee has not gotten together to discuss further so it stays the same. The basic idea is the research institution, we need to try to keep it. The committee had the consensus that the research involving animals, if its necessary for the proposals than it should be supported, and the experts should be IACUC so that's where it started and remains there.

McGreehan- Is there a possibility to motions that this be tabled at this time since members are unavailable to represent that committee?

Donahoo seconds to table this issue

Shaw- The committee put this forth and said it was good to go?

Lee- Yes, in the last committee meeting we had both Karen and Thomas were there and based on the discussion with them this was. That's what I understand.

Calvert- so the committee has put forward this resolution.

McGreehan- who in this room also serves on the committee?

Calvert- Dr. Ran also serves

McGreehan- It just seems like there was a lot of confusion and tension on this issue. So, I wanted to hear what was happening from the other members and their position.

Calvert- The question of tabling or not is a question for the body. As I understand your argument in support of tabling is that you want to know more about the internal process of the committee that you think can be represented by the three members of that committee present, do I have that correct?

McGreehan- Correct.

Ran- I would like to table this for now just to have more members of the committee.

Steiger- We have met twice although those two meetings have been a polar opposite. I can also support to table this until more bodies are present. I know that IACUC has had the opportunity to create adoption policies and have chosen to not create said policies, so my opinion is that the research committee has more work to do before taking on this issue. Additional policies in general and how they are affecting research programs in the university in conjunction with the reorg.

Calvert- all in favor to table (12-2-4)

Motion to table passes

- Remarks from Provost: Meera Komarraju

-(Submitted following meeting adjournment)

Komarraju- The first item that I want to share is an update for Board of Trustees meeting we had in February. In that meeting the resolution was approved for moving the School of Medicine, reporting line back to our Chancellor and the School of Law reporting back to the Provost. Also, there was a presentation and discussion about the bachelor's in nursing program, so following that presentation the President's office gave us approval to submit the Notice of Intent, and that was uploaded to the IBHE on Feb 22nd with some modifications. The systems office asked us to modify one of the tracks that is RN to BSN track. We were asked to remove the online version of it. We did and then we submitted the notice of intent. That will be with the Board of Trustees for 30 days, and after that it will be reviewed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for a vote. We are hoping the review will be between March 22nd and April 24th which is when the board matter has to go to the IBHE board. We are hoping that they make it for the June 4th IBHE board meeting.

-The second topic is the program reviews. Every 7 years a program has to be reviewed and many program reviews are underway. Today I am doing one for Communication Studies, and there are program reviews that are going on all the time, and we have external/internal reviewers to come a review the program and make the recommendations to the administration.

-The Third topic was the reorganization. We are waiting on the Illinois Board of Higher Education to come back to us on the 7 school RMEs that we have submitted. We have set up meetings for the Chancellor to meet with the programs within the 3 school RMEs that did not get majority support from the faculty senate.

-The next item is the hiring plans. The Deans have been asked to submit hiring plans for faculty for March 16th.

-A friendly reminder that the GA budget is available for Deans to spend all that they are given. They were told to spend 80% and then to keep 20% and to use it with their discretion. So any graduate programs that have excellent graduate applicants and want to take them which is more than the 80 %, they can check in with the dean and the dean can check with the provost office, so that if one dean doesn't use all of their money and the other one needs more so that we don't lose any good applicants. If any programs has strong applicants and they want to take more but is budgeted, they have to ask, come and talk to me.

-In terms of recruitment and retention we are doing numerous things for increasing our students. We have the open houses, admitted student days on campus and even in Chicago. This is to yield from the admitted students. Typical yield rate is about 20-24 % so we are trying to increase that.

-We want to thank faculty who signed up for making the phone calls to the admitted students. We had 95 faculty sign up so we appreciate that.

-SIU day coming up on April 26th. We are inviting 96 high schools to visit campus. We are receiving financial support from SIH for that event. They want to support our recruitment efforts.

McGreehan- Before motion to adjourn I'd like to ask that if the Provost did have information to provide that it be sent to all in email with the minutes.

McDowell- motion to adjourn

Haniotakis-When do we expect her to come?

Calvert- 9 o'clock, it's another 20 minutes.

Haniotakis- Can we not take a break or something?

Ellsworth- I second the motion to adjourn.

13-2-3 Motion Passes

- Adjournment at 8:39