

2019–2020 GRADUATE COUNCIL**Tuesday, October 3, 2019**

Members Present: Julie Partridge, George Boulukos, Randolph Burnside, Tscuchin Chu, Saran Donahoo, Themistoklis Haniotakis, Ben Hendrickson, Karen Jones, Jungwha Lee, James MacLean, Trish McCubbin, Caleb McKinley, Kyle Plunkett, Nicholas Sansilo, Thomas Shaw, Emily Vajjala, Lindy Wagner, Liliana Lefticariu, Ruopu Li, Marc Morris, Andrew Balkansky, James Wall

Proxy: None

Members Absent: Henry Hexmoor, Usha Lakshmanan, William Babcock, Matt Mccarrol, Derrick Mcdowell, Richard Bradley, James Garvey,

EX-Officio: John Dunn, Meera Komarraju, Gary Kinsel, Lizette Chevalier, Stephen Shih

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM

Consideration of the minutes

Morris: The minutes were distributed previously before the meeting. Are there any corrections to the minutes?

Corrections were given

Morris: Are there any questions? If there are no more questions, motion to accept? Second? All in favor? Opposed? Ascension? Motion accepted and approved.

Motion Pass to approve minutes: 21 approved- 0 abstention- 6 no votes

Remarks from the Chancellor: John Dunn

Dunn- We have been condoning a period of searches for the many interims that we have on campus. Be aware that the presidential search is moving along well at a rapid rate. We may be announcing who the new president of the system as early as January. The same group that is doing the presidential search is also doing the new chancellor search. This may be decided as early as the end of March; actually, identifying who the individual is. We have constituents who are being considered for Chancellor and Provost. Our goal is to lock down much needed stability. We had a very nice trip to China, we spent time at a University with an impressive research on programs concerning aviation as well as taking the time to visit NENU (Northeast Normal University) we had the opportunity to meet with students both in China and NENU to talk to students about SIU, who we are and what we do. We were received very well. We had a very good response from 30 students particular who are intended to come here. There questions were very appropriate and they are very promising doctoral students. That flow from both institutions in China and NENU we are looking to keep the flow going. The question will now become can we accommodate them? If we do our thing well by being engaged and open to people I am sure we can offer a unique experience here at our university. We have also had some really good work within the state; the intimate interactions in smaller settings were great where some including salukis were able to share questions that we were able to answer. We met a specific student who had a great idea to reach out to students with doctorates to help give back; to bring them into the class room to help show them and convince them to be a part of what we're doing here.

Questions for the Chancellor:

Jones: gave thanks to chancellor for the acknowledgement and for the new hire in agriculture

Dunn: gave regards to school of medicine concerning their progress and upkeep.

REMARKS FROM PROVOST

Komarraju- So good morning everybody. There is an update on enrollment management. I have had meetings with the board of trustees telling them where we are going, both seeing and gaining traction, our decline is not as steep, showing how our retention has gone up, how ACT scores have gone up, graduate rate is flat showing that we are implementing many different things that will help us meet our future goals. Currently even in admissions making sure that we are equipped staff wise. For example, now we have as of last month in St. Louis a full-time recruiter who lives, there and knows the area and is making relationships actively with the high schools. We are currently switching strategies with our admissions counselors and giving each counselor more of a case load versus just a range of number of students to stay into contact with, just so we have an idea of what goes on. I would like to start out with a huge heart felt thank you to all the faculty, all the staff, students who helped us with SIU day. We had a total of 26 schools show up and 6 new schools who had never participated. Those schools are Dongola, Pardon County, Sparta, El Dorado, Pope County Fairfield, Johnston City. We are going to host another one in April, we want to make it bigger and better. The highlight was that we had 50 activities that we all do with students. So, when we started out in the fall we had about 25-26 activities. We see the students who were active and gave positive assessments as gains. Concerning upcoming events our STEM is meeting with the high school and making a connection with their students and our students. We are trying to help manage our enrollment. We have two open houses on Oct 12, and Nov 9. We also have the Leaders and Scholars event on October 11, where students have the opportunity to apply to be Chancellor Scholars, students will then have opportunity to invite their families and friends. Concerning the update on curriculum there are new requests for new programs in the Faculty Senate. For example, the School of Science is working with the medical

school for a Masters in Medicine. This is they type of program that we are working on.

Concerning the BSN program, we have received funding from SIH. They are concerned about when we are going to spend the funding given. Ideally ASA would like their own building so we are looking for space to create an assimilated lab, we also want to keep the big picture in mind, for we have also approved a doctoral program in physical occupational therapy. We have experienced a decline in programs in which they are losing accreditation. The Rehab and Counseling Department are now partnering with the Clinical Counseling department because of low enrollment. I would like to also touch base on the Reorg. For the last 6 weeks we have been working with teams and the school of management to help form more colleges. We are including faculty to help inform them of the colleges. For the dean of college of engineering we are doing a national search since he has indicated that he will be retiring. In terms of advisement we have selected chief academic advisors and make sure that every college has a chief academic advisors. We had a turnover where we had to replace those positions. That is all that I have, if you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them.

QUESTIONS FOR PROVOST

Lefticariu – Is the College of Science on the paper? Or will it be resolved or go to a different status.

Komarraju- The proposal is on the table

Boulukos – Is there a time table when there will be configurations within COLA?

Komarraju- The proposal is still on the table awaiting more changes

Boulukos- With respect of those who have to come back to you again, do you have time table to when it will be important to make sure we have something back?

Komaraju- The administration cannot provide a new proposal until January 1. That is the only timeline of activity provided on our side.

REMARKS FROM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

Kinsley- (Presentation from Dean's Council concerning rankings)

In concern to rankings with respect to research funding. SIU ranks 198 out of somewhat 1,000 universities. We are a R2 university concerning research; with respect to doctoral programs. There are over 100 R2 universities and we are ranked in the 1/3 of R2 universities. We were #3 in the state of IL in 2017. There is a significant difference concerning our research productivity and others in the region. There are various factors that contribute to the drop off between FY16 and FY17. The state budget impasse and affected state grants. Phase of America competes stimulus funding; also, the elimination of integral assessment and foster pride funding the UCII funding. Overall research funding is doing well, I encourage you to encourage your faculty to write more grants to bring in more money for the school. We are noticed on a national level and that is something to take pride in.

QUESTIONS FOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

Dunn- Am I correct, that the state put money in 10 million annually during my tenure here as Provost?

Kinsley- No, we are not getting 10 million annually, the place where you are referring is the The Advance Call and Energy Research Center is what it is called now, yes, we did get an appropriation from the state some time before, but it has been a long time. There is some partial where it breaks to state, local, and federal dollars. There has been a big shift concerning the dollars and we are now being more competitive in our grantsmanship.

Plunkett- What is the current overhead of the faculty BCR, what do we currently have?

Kinsley- It changed in the sense that There are allocations going to the top that were not there previously. Other percentages are going to various places, but there is money being taken from the top.

Maclean- are those school reflecting direct costs or direct costs combined?

Kinsley- Those would be direct costs.

Maclean- Do these include the School of Medicine in Carbondale and not Springfield?

Dunn- Yes, there is definitely room to grow, its not just the school of Medicine

Wagner- Could you send this in an email?

Kinsley- I will get it to the chair and he will distribute it to the council

REMARKS FROM ASSOCIATE DEAN & DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Shih- My team and myself have created a number of analytical charts based on raw data collected from Tableau, Argos, and other sources. These charts give visual representations of information on enrollment and graduation by setting different parameters or demographic variables, such as country, ethnicity, gender, and academic college. Last and most importantly, I did some analysis on the findings trying to derive sensible strategies and actions, such as identifying areas that need attention or improvement, areas of investigation, and what not. Allow me to give you one example: In the chart of top-10 countries in terms of the number of international students enrolled in SIUC, India remains its No. 1 position from 2012 to 2019. However, its number dropped almost 72% from its peak of 334 students in 2012 to 94 in 2019. That is one area of investigation. Here is another example: The number of students from Nepal has been steady wandering around 44 to 46 students from 2012 to 2017. And the, in

2018, it jumped to 56 students, a 22% increase. In 2019, it further soared to 67. That is another 21% surge comparing to 2018. From 2012 to 2019, students from Nepal is up 52.3%.

On the other hand, there are a few countries that were once on the top-10 list and then were kicked out of Top-10 in recent years, like Iraq, Malaysia, and Taiwan. Those are some examples of "Areas of Investigation". Determining what we did right and wrong and how we can make improvements and come up with responsive strategies. The first draft of the Graduate School strategic plan I mentioned in the last grad council meeting is about 90% completed. I will share the draft with the group, along with two reports of enrollment analyses, sometime in the next week or two. Meanwhile, let's me talk about a few events organized by the Graduate School in the past 2 weeks and this month. On September 20, there were 11 SIUE faculty and staff coming to Carbondale to join 18 of our SIUC colleagues for the purpose of networking and discussing the four Cooperative Ph.D. programs currently being offered. Faculty from History, Engineering, Computer Science, and Environmental Resources & Policy reviewed MOUs, program goals and discussed strategies for improving communication and strengthening collaboration. At the same time, administrative staff from the Graduate Schools at both campuses worked together to finalize a procedural manual and find ways for greater administrative and operational efficiency. Yesterday, Rose Moroz (Assistant Dean of the Graduate School) hosted a one-hour Research Paper, Thesis, and Dissertation information session talking about guidelines for formatting and submission of final paper. Today, she will give another session at 5 pm. Next Wednesday, October 9, Crystal Harris in the Assistantship/Fellowship office will host a funding workshop. She will go over funding opportunities that are offered through the Graduate School.

These two events are designed specifically for graduate students. Please get across this message to your grad students and encourage them to attend. That's all I have to report. I'll take questions now. Thank you.

QUESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATE DEAN & DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Haniotakis- How many students pay their own tuition in the graduate school? Is the string going up, down is by a particular department?

Shih- I will get results asap, I sent a ticket to IT, but they are swamped. I took the raw data by the college and based on the variables, we could have some discussions.

Lee – Concerning online applications Are there any changes?

Komarraju- We are switching to slate, it will be easier to use

Plunkett- Comments about international student qualifications between different countries

Komarraju- Anecdotal connection to what he said, there is another contention they taught they thought they were applying to Carbondale versus Edwardsville. The number could've been higher.

Dunn- We should be Looking at Cambodia, and Malaysia and starting our admissions process there. We are going to start enrolling the students in China into a 1 credit course to get them connected early on.

Haniotakis- Is there a way we can get help from the west coast to come here to do their labs. This would bring them here.

Dunn- We are not hesitant to get them to do 1-2-1s, 2-1-2s, 3-1. These are all viable options and we are open to them.

Proxy for Hendrickson-Maybe we can recruit, have them stay here for a PhD, most are rejected because of the GRE. Maybe we can accept them on conditions that they take a mandated course and then submit them as students after they complete that course. We should invest in graduates and those positions.

Burnside- Have we ever considered partnering with CESL?

Morris- The graduate dean will send out his information so we can have a richer discussion about

REPORT FROM COUNCELOR CHAIR

Morris- We will have our meeting on Dec 12 instead of Dec 5. Also, we are sending requests to committees in search of a chancellor and we are looking to have their first meeting next week by Spring either in March or April to vote for a Chancellor.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCELORS CHAIR

McCubbin- Who here in grad council is a point person in regards to the chancellor search?

Morris- The vice chair would be the person of contact, and 2 members of this body have been selected. We are still waiting to hear back to see if they will serve.

REPORT FROM GRADUATE PROFESIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Wagner- We have 2 announcements. We had fee allocations board meeting recently. And we would like to thank the invitation to vice chancellor of research to the expo that was held yesterday. That's all we have.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Shaw-I encourage everyone to take export training. We have the information concerning our chancellors and we were charged to nominate 5 people, to rank in order and choose from. We had less than a week on the executive committee and we sent the list to Marc. On October 19 we

will have an accelerated Diversity and STEM statewide career summit and its free of charge in Chicago. Southern IL will host an offsite in the Old Main to attend. You have to register but its free.

REPORT FROM DEAN'S COUNCIL

Balkanski- We are very focused on our budgets and it is promotion and tenure season and we are focused that those go over well.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE

Wall- Tuesday October 22, the Senate is co-hosting a general faculty meeting there will be free lunch, please RSVP. The Senate will be meeting next Tuesday. There is a general specialization in Finance; a general finance degree as well as an undergraduate certificate in environmental production. The Senate is cognizant of the relationship between having a healthy graduate and undergraduate committee. That's all

REPORT FROM RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Morris- In Karen's absence there was a policy sent out for adoption of dogs and cats. The committee has not met yet. (the body will discuss this and bring it into discussion next meeting for clarifications sake.)

REPORT FROM PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Donahoo- There was a resolution presented to help clean up the process in regards to picking reviewers for programs. We are asking programs to submit their own people that know their field as reviewers.

Morris- This a first reading. We will take it up at the next reading.

REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Partridge- This is a second reading of the resolution to include a no grade designation at the graduate level. I would like to present it as written.

Motion given/ Moved and Second/No further discussion

Motion to approve? Opposed? Abstentions?

Carried/Passed (21-0-0)

REPORT FROM PROGRAMSCOMMITTEE

Haniotakis: The resolution was withdrawn and removed. I present the resolution as written to promote a master's degree in Cybersecurity and Cyber Systems. I would like to suspend the rule to consider the resolution for the NUI.

Motion given/ Moved and Second

Motion to approve? Opposed? Abstentions?

Passed (13-1-14)- *Rules are suspended*

Morris: Move that the resolution to recommend the NUI for MS in Cybersecurity and Cyber systems

Motion given/ Moved and Second/Discussion?

Partdridge: Are they requesting any additional funding?

Haniotakis: it is supported strongly by 2 departments.

Morris: Any further discussion? So, the question on the adoption of the motion is that the resolution to recommend approval for the NUI for MS in Cybersecurity and Cyber systems be approved. All in favor?

Motion to approve? Opposed? Abstentions?

Carried/Passed (21-0-1)

McCubbin: I move to reinstate the rules

Motion given/ Moved and Second/No further discussion

Morris-All in favor of reinstating the rules?

Motion to approve? Opposed? Abstentions?

Carried/Passed (21-0-0)

Haniotakis: Medicine Science, we met as a committee to consider a proposal that would allow us to doctoral degree program that can be completed online in one year. Maybe we can invite those who know more information to come and have a discussion about this proposal.

Chevalier: To bring clarification this is a doctoral degree that would be given to students who already have the physician assistants license. It is the ability for someone in the working field to get a doctorate. Can you define this advance in one year online?

Boulukos: What is the program of study that they are asked to undertake?

McCubbin: We need more info and those who are presenting this to come to discuss this further.

Haniotakis: Should we invite them to the next meeting?

Morris: Yes, we can do that.

ANY FURTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS?

Motion to adjourn? *Motion given/ Moved and Second/No further discussion*

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am