

2019–2020 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Members Present: George Boulukos, Randolph Burnside, Tscuchin Chu, Saran Donahoo, Themistoklis Haniotakis, Karen Jones, Junghwa Lee, Trish McCubbin, Caleb McKinley, Kyle Plunkett, Nicholas Sansilo, Thomas Shaw, Emily Vajjala, Lindy Wagner, Ruopu Li, Marc Morris, Ben Hendrickson, Lizette Chevalier, Andrew Balkansky,

Proxy: Buffy Ellsworth

Members Absent: William Babcock, Derrick McDowell, Richard Bradley, James MacLean, Henry Hexmoor, Jim Wall, Usha Lakshmanan, Liliana Lefticariu, Matt McCarrol, Julie, Partridge, Gary Kinsel,

EX-Officio: John Dunn, Meera Komaraju, Stephen Shih, Lizette Chevalier,

Guests: *Julianne Wallace, *Matthew Giblin

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

Morris: Welcome to the first graduate council of the new decade. Consideration of the minutes?

Corrections were given.

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

Motion Pass to approve minutes: 17 approved- 0 no votes- 2 abstentions

Remarks from the Chancellor: John Dunn

Dunn- Good Morning. We had no meeting in January and I wanted to extend the best wishes for a happy and healthy year of 2020. I want to acknowledge and thank you, we were very successful in our freshman retention rate. We have the highest one this year as compared to the previous ten years. 91.06% of the brand-new freshman students that started in the fall are enrolled for their second semester and this is a good number. A few years ago, we were down to 86%. So, every good percentage that we have is great. I think the reason is a real compliment to faculty and staff doing their part to help students stay in school, so thank you. That is an increase of 2% from the previous year. A couple of comments about the Coronavirus, the student health center is monitoring it closely and also going through appropriate protocol. There has been evidence found in Indiana, and Chicago and we are following the guidelines and discouraging travel, luckily no students were impacted from those who traveled abroad. I've traveled to Florida and attended the Naples 150 event all who were affiliated with SIU. The donors I met are extremely pleased with their experiences that they have had at SIU and they are very committed to give and support others. We have people who are willing to support us. I met with President Mahoney and he will officially begin his duties on March 1, 2020. I am very pleased and impressed, he will spend the same time in between campuses both in Edwardsville and Carbondale however he will locate his office and home in Springfield. He will be teaching and UHON course partnering with the department of Kinesiology and will be open to any honors student. I also have a conversation today with Whit Keeper who is apart of the search committee for VP for Academic Affairs. The President needs help and support and we need someone to fill the position. We are keeping an eye on legislation, the governor last night kicked off a news release which included Carbondale. The governor understands that we need his help and I am

expectant that our funding for next year will be available. You all are aware of the announcement now on the Communications building, and that is on go. Some of those promises that we made are starting to look very good and I am excited about that. I'll take any questions.

Questions for the Chancellor:

Morris: Yes, I have one. Is there a timeline for the position for VP?

Dunn: In moving that search forward President Mahoney, wants to make sure that campuses are connected. He is worried that the search will drift into May and June. He will be requesting help by asking for your availability. You in your role with Faculty Senate will help move this along. We are moving forward nicely with the chancellor search. I assured the president yesterday that to whatever extent I can be helpful I will.

REMARKS FROM PROVOST

Komaraju- Good Morning everybody, I have several updates on the following topics that are relevant to you. First, you may have been following the We have selected a dean for the School of Law, Camille Davidson from North Carolina. She is interested in getting acclimated before July 1. Next week we have the board of trustees meeting and that is on the agenda, and once it is approved there it will be established and formally approved for the campus so stay tuned for that. We are also searching for deans that are in progress. We are forming the search committee for the school of education and for the college of engineering and the STTEM college. I want you to communication the faculty in your department with getting the grades submitted for the Fall of 2019. We were expecting 100% submission but we are not yet there, but we are on our way. Here are some statistics for you. For fall 2019 there were 283 grades that were not submitted and that was a huge improvement from fall of 2018. In fall of 2018 that number was 550. That's a reduction of 49%. Now our goal for spring of 2020 is 100% and we reached this number because

Monday and Tuesday reminders were sent and on Wednesday from 7:15-9:15 am phone calls were made and that is how we reached this number.

Plunkett- Is that from bad actors of those who have class sizes of more than 100?

Komaraju – No but it varies. I want to thank you and your staff and students that this effort in regards to recruitment and retention that everyone is getting the work done, even during the most stressful time please share that forward. We are making adjustments and your work is going noticed, and we appreciate it. Concerning enrollment, this weekend is our scholarship weekend and we will have a total of about 276 students with an ACT 28 and a GPA of 3.5 who will be visiting so a total we will have about 500 people on campus. We want to make them feel as if they are welcome here. Thank you for everyone who is participating in that effort. On February 17, we are having an open house and the registration there is similar to that of last year. We had a high school counselor gathering in St. Louis and this is something that we have not done, but we are able to now because we have a very good recruiter there and we have had really good turnouts. In terms of our enrollment numbers we have been on an upward trajectory, and we continue to maintain that for our undergraduate application for our first time college students. Our applications have gone up about 20%, and our admissions are up 51%. Our on-campus transfers are up about 6.6% and admissions are up 10.3%. For transfer off campus our applications are up 5.5% and our admissions are up 4.7%. In graduate students our applications have gone down 5.25% and our admissions are up 3.4%. So, I want to give context for the graduate application, 61 students have been admitted into a graduate program across the campus but we have several hundred application that are being delayed because of actions that have not been taken by us. I am asking that each department let me know as to what is happening with their application by Feb 14. I am sending out friendly reminders that we act quickly and I

encourage that you encourage your staff to do the same. We have lost a staff person of the graduate school Susan Babbott and we are doing alternate arrangements to ensure that we are keeping up with that part of the work. The last item is the reorg, we recently got approval from IBHE for a College of Business and Analytics and also the 2 schools in Engineering have been approved (Electrical Computing and Biomedical Engineering) as well as Civil Environmental and Infrastructure Engineering. The RME for the college of Health and Human Sciences with the Faculty Senate and Grad Council for the college of Agricultural Life and Physical Sciences. We are reviewing a proposal for a college of Arts and Media that could include Art & Design, Architecture, Cinema, Radio TV, Journalism, Music, and Theatre. In progress are proposals with the school of Transportation with Automotive Technology and Aviation as well as proposal for a school of Physical Sciences & Chemistry. Another proposal for Mechanical Energy & Engineering combined mechanical and mining and the Cinema and Radio TV and a school of Theatre. We provided a draft proposal for the COLA and requested feedback by January 27 and that feedback has been received and we are processing it and getting ready to integrate the feedback in providing proposals for that. I'll be glad to take any questions.

QUESTIONS FOR PROVOST

Chu- What's the timeline for the Dean search for the College of Engineering?

Komaraju – We are aiming for July 1st. We are hoping by next week we charge a search committee.

Boulukos – About COLA, I don't think we've got a proposal.

Komaraju- Not yet, that's what we are working on. We have a draft proposal right now.

Boulukos – So you were just asking for feedback?

Komaraju- Yes, just for what might be a proposal.

Boulukos: You said you're in the process of putting together the responses. Do you have a timeline for that?

Komaraju: We are hoping for Friday or Monday.

REMARKS FROM ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Chevalier- Good morning everyone. We have the HLC visit coming on the 17th of this month.

Up to now, I've relied on a very dedicated team to push information out. As of now, I have about 100 people working on the entire project. But at this stage, because we are down to day 10, there are some actual points I want to push out.



QUESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

McCubbin: I see the draft assurance argument on the HLC website but is the final available to us?

Chevalier: Try refreshing your browser. Right now, we do have the actual assurance argument up. We also have the quality initiative project up there for everyone to look at. That was led by Maria Claudia Franca, one of the provost's fellows to try to look at data that defines the challenges that many of our first-generation students have. That was a project that received very high reviews from the HLC panel. Lastly, I also posted something called our Federal Compliance piece. That's where they go in and double-check if we are meeting everything we need to for Title IV. I will say that, in the last month, I have pushed out requests for information to campus and the response rate has been phenomenal.

Shaw: Do you have a location for these meetings?

Chevalier: Guyon Auditorium. The entire team will be at Guyon almost the whole time, so we would have better time management. We didn't want them running across campus.

Komaraju: I just want to make a personal appeal. I know all of you are busy but it is important to go because you would be more informed than the regular faculty member who doesn't go to such meetings. On that Monday, February 17th, in Guyon, there are sessions at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. If you can, go to all 3. And be engaged and ask questions. It is best if we can put our best foot forward. Don't assume that someone else is going, make sure you are the one to go.

Shaw: Are students encouraged to attend this as well?

Chevalier: Students, staff, community members. It is an open forum.

Chu: Are you putting out an announcement to let students know?

Chevalier: We are working on that right now.

Morris: We received an email regarding that information on the forms from the provost. I know that my school has been pushing it out to students.

Boulukos: It would be really helpful to have some kind of brochure relatively accessible so that we could present that to students and community members who may not read the whole assurance argument.

Chevalier: So, you're suggesting a flyer?

Boulukos: Yes, just for them to get a sense of what's going on.

Chevalier: I can have that done before I go home.

REMARKS FROM ASSOCIATE DEAN & DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

Shih- Good morning. I hope your semester is going well. I have a few updates and allow me to use a PowerPoint. Any questions/comments on the fellowships?



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Boulukos: In preparing the nominations, it can be a problem that the requirements for the documents are more stringent than the requirements for the application. That creates a problem because if we nominate them and they don't receive it, it is actually a negative for recruitment. And, as it currently stands, we have to request more official transcripts than are required by the admissions system. The system may also cause people to not be able to nominate otherwise viable students.

Shih: I suggest that we have a meeting with Crystal to address the problems you've raised.

Burnside: To your point, Ed. Policy is addressing some of those fellowship problems. Hopefully, we'll have a proposal before the Graduate Council this semester. We've been addressing some of the concerns you've mentioned. We may have something at the next meeting.

Boulukos: If I wanted to write up a memo-

McCubbin: Email Julie Partridge, the Chair of Ed. Policies.

Boulukos: Ok, thank you.

Shih: (continues presentation) Any questions on the Three Minute Thesis?

McCubbin: I have a question about the holistic technicians, your prior slide. What's your timeframe on them?

Shih: I think we'll have a kickoff meeting in the next two weeks. As for the frequency of the meetings, maybe one or two times per semester and, by the end of the semester, I would also like to have some kind of report to share with the dean.

REPORT FROM COUNSELOR CHAIR

Morris- First, I want to update you on the Chancellor search. The deadline to begin reviewing applicants was the 31st of January, so the committee is hard at work reviewing the applicants in the pool. We'll be meeting on February 12th and, and that time, we'll be discussing those applicants and we will come up with a semi-final list of 6 to 8 candidates to have for interviews. So, we're making good progress and I believe we'll meet our deadline. The plan is to review to semi-finalists by the end of the month and have our recommendation to President Mahoney soon thereafter. Any questions on this?

McCubbin: Can you say how many applications you got?

Morris: I'll be honest with you, I did not count them. But, I think roughly 30.

Morris- The Executive Committee has discussed how to go about, with the elections coming up, the next Grad Council. Because of the operating papers not being settled, we think that the six members coming up for reelection. We are thinking of having those six people continue and after that have voting take place. Of the six, five are on the Executive Committee. We don't want to leave unfinished business and if it's ok with the body, we could continue on for an additional semester and then transition to the next group. Thoughts on this?

McCubbin: Are you saying that all six of those members have committed to stay at least one more semester?

Morris: Five of us have. The 6th one hasn't been attending.

McCubbin: Maybe, if you haven't already done this, you need to check with your schools, the people you represent, and make sure it's ok to go to a meeting at 8:00 on a Thursday morning.

Most of them will say 'Please do' but I think you need to check with your representatives first.

Morris: I agree. I wanted to bring it here first, though, before taking it to that step to make sure that everyone else was ok with that. Is everyone ok with continuing on for an additional semester?

Boulukos: Would we normally have elections in the spring, but in this case, be delaying them for a semester?

Morris: The elections normally would begin in March.

Boulukos: How long would we be delayed for?

Morris: Until the December meeting. Because, at that moment, we should have a better idea.

McCubbin: I see the logic in keeping you all as representatives of your bodies but what is the logic in not having elections for the chair and various committee members? Why would we not do that?

Morris: One of the things we had talked about was kicking the can down the road and leaving unfinished business for people to come in and try to wrangle with. We didn't want to necessarily do that. That's the only reason.

Burnside: I have two questions. What if you have current members leave the university? How would those positions be replaced? And the second question is, would the five months, that we would be serving additionally, be enough time to change the operating papers? Should it be extended to serving an additional year instead? I don't know if a five month window gives you the relief you're thinking that you're going to get.

Morris: Let me run a hypothetical. We could have a good idea of where things are come July 1st and then have the first review in September.

Burnside: Who are you going to get to work in the summer? You may get some people to show up but there are plenty of others who plan their summers to do other things.

Morris: That's the thought of not kicking the can down the road because we would need to take that responsibility and put in the work during the summer. To answer your question about people leaving, the current operating paper has in there where the person leaving has the ability to appoint someone for that semester.

Haniotakis: One of the problems right now is that we don't know how the organization will be in the future. People are elected from their current bodies but with the restructuring of the colleges, in the future, we could have 3 or 4 representatives from a college. It would be a mess to figure out who should keep staying in the committee.

Burnside: It's still going to be a mess. My concern is with the operating papers. I think people should just go ahead and serve for the year, instead of doing one semester. You want to have a cushion in there, just in case there are roadblocks or barriers. We can get the work done throughout the fall and spring semesters instead of rushing to do it in 5 months.

Morris: So, you're suggesting that the five would continue on for 1 year? I would not have a problem with this.

Shaw: Should we have a resolution to suspend elections for a year?

Burnside: Yes. This would make it cleaner.

Morris: With respect to those five members continuing on, does the body want to have the ability to change their current roles?

Boulukos: While I like the idea of the people currently doing this work continuing to do it, I'm slightly worried that if we have almost the entire EC on expiring terms and we don't bring any new people in, we would be starting from scratch. Would it be advisable to possibly see if some people would rather step down and be replaced? Would it be a good idea to mix in some new people?

Morris: I do know that Julie Partridge has served consecutive terms. While she would still serve, she would not mind if someone new stepped in.

McCubbin: I would like to echo this sentiment. We really appreciate that all of you are willing to serve for another year, but I still think we should have the internal elections for Chair and the committee persons. As you said, Julie is trying to signal that she doesn't particularly want to lead Ed. Policies, so maybe somebody else could step up. So, I suggest that we continue to have the internal elections, which are non-controversial.

Morris: Sounds fine. We'll take that back to those units and I'll keep you posted. I appreciate the feedback.

REPORT FROM GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Wagner: The last couple of meetings were mostly regular business. We are working on a programming partnership with the OVCR and the Student Creative Activities and Research Forum coming up in April. And don't forget to tell your students that we have funding for their travels and RSOs. I sent that link to the Graduate Council. Let me know if you didn't receive it.

QUESTIONS FOR GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Shaw-Nothing to report

REPORT FROM DEAN'S COUNCIL

Balkaney: The last time I was in a room with other deans was yesterday. We have an opportunity to get a report from the architects who are involved in the design of the Communications building. I'll confess to having been-up to this point-largely indifferent to this project but I've seen the presentation and I think it blew all of us away. It's not merely a renovation or a catching up on deferred maintenance, but it's really a complete rebuild of that facility. It's clear that it will soon be the crowned jewels of our architecture at SIU and will remain so for decades to come. It was extraordinarily impressive.

REPORT FROM PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Donahoo- Nothing to report

REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

McCubin- Julie Partridge, who's the chair of Ed. Policies, is up at the Med school right now, talking about HLC, so our committee has put together a resolution. The current name of the document is 'Resolution on updating and defining doctoral degrees'. This issue is coming about because back in December, when we approved the Doctor of Medical Science, we were concerned that our catalogue described doctoral degrees as 'research-based'. So, we went back to the catalogue and tried to figure out how we can fairly easily fix this problem. We are not asking for a vote today, so I would ask you all to pull up page 10 of the catalogue where we're suggesting some changes. But, just to generally describe them, the catalogue currently has a heading 'Doctoral program', under which has a lot of focus on research, about 2 and a half pages worth of content on that. We don't want to change all that stuff, we just want to insert a

paragraph that describes all of the doctoral degrees on this campus, including both research and clinical. We don't want to mess up the catalogue too much, just signal that indeed we have both research and clinical. That's our concept for the resolution.

QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

None

REPORT FROM PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Haniotakis- In general, in regards to new College of Health and Human Sciences, the recommendation is positive. We do expect that having a college in this area will affect students. The only problem that we really have is the strong opposition from people from transportation. The opposition is so strong that from the three departments (Aviation Management, Aviation Technologies, and Automotive Technology), everybody voted against it. I think they may agree on what college they end up in, but, for right now, now are against it. I would like input from everybody here on this matter.

Kommaraju: Adding to this point, we are in conversation with Automotive Technology and Aviation. This week we met twice and last week, we met one time to see where they want to go and what form they want to take.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Julianne Wallace (Guest): Speaking on behalf of the School of Human Sciences, the majority of us are in favor of moving forward as soon as possible.

Matthew Giblin (Guest): The majority of the department of Justice and Public Safety agrees to move forward.

Shaw: I'm from the School of Health Sciences and I know that our department is very excited the college coming together and working as a unit. We are all for it as well.

McCubbin: So, you're saying you acknowledge the very strong opposition from Aviation and Automotive?

Haniotakis: Yes, but at some point, we have to finish with the reorganization. If only some units don't fit with what we're doing, then maybe we should not just wait until everything is resolved, until the new college is formed. We may be able to wait for about a month, but I don't know. The administration should also give their input.

McCubbin(to Provost): Is there the expectation that Aviation will move out?

Kommaraju: Yes

McCubbin: I just wanted this body to give acknowledgment to their very strong opposition.

Haniotakis: Yes, it's a messy situation that hasn't been resolved, but at some point, we have to solve this problem. We can move with this new college because it makes sense. At some point, people have to be accommodated.

Donahoo: Have they proposed creating their own School of Transportation for right now and then figuring out where to land later?

Kommaraju: We've had discussions about that.

McCubbin: Maybe, we can vote on this today. I move to waive Robert's rules.

Motion to Waive Rules

Seconded

Motion Passed (10-4-0) and Rules Suspended

Motion to Approve Resolution (to recommend approval to rename College of Applied Sciences and Arts to College as College of Health and Human Sciences/ approve administrative action in the new college)

Seconded

Motion approved (14-0-2)

Motion to reinstate rules

Seconded and rules reinstated

Motion to adjourn

Seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM