

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**February 9, 2023 – 2:30PM**  
**Magnolia Room, Morris University Center**  
**Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:33 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the Magnolia Room of the Morris University Center by President Jingyi Jia.

**Present:** Jingyi Jia, E. Duff Wrobbel, Barbara McCracken, Igor Crk, Keith Hecht, Shrikant Jategaonkar, Adriana Martinez, Kamran Shavezipur, Michael Shaw, Michael Hair (for Jie Ying)

**Absent:** Bob Bitter

**Guests:** Rahmat Salau, Phyleccia Cole

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes for the January 26, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jia led a discussion regarding the new Academic Affair Budgeting Process. The process—which contains new deadlines for May 2023 that go into effect for FY24—would be make retaining international students difficult, as the window between when one is offered an assistantship to when the assistantship takes place would be greatly reduced. Jia will invite Provost Cobb and Interim Dean of Lovejoy Library Ruckh to the March Faculty Senate meeting in order to address this new AA budgeting process and allow for senators to ask questions.

Hecht brought up the discussion from the last FSEC meeting, where it was said that the Chancellor wants faculty to take responsibility for DFW rates. Hecht has reached out to Provost Cobb to give a charge to Curriculum Council as it relates to their work on the DFW rates, but has not heard back yet.

**New Business:**

Rahmat Salau, Student Body President, attended FSEC to discuss how Faculty Senate can coordinate with Student Government. Specifically, Rahmat brought to FSEC concerns from students who have faculty that “demonstrate a lack of care and concern for students in the classroom.” FSEC offered feedback as it relates how to submit a grievance against an instructor if necessary, and what students can do to convey dissatisfaction in order to improve these concerns.

Phyleccia Cole, Senior System Counsel for the SIU System, attended FSEC to discuss the recent decision from the SIUE administration to retire the discuss listserv and to limit the amount of people who can post to the announce listserv. Any potential legal issues are not new; rather, it is the new administration choosing not to open itself to these potential issues by shutting off the discuss listserv. Phyleccia identified potential legal issues—which any public entity opens itself to when offering an open forum—

include First Amendment violations if we choose to delete posts that we view as offensive or not in keeping with the University's values, which could be looked at as censorship. FSEC discussed similar open forums allowed on campus (such as allowing people to speak on the Quad) that have not been removed by administration, and openly asked if there was consideration by the administration to put another forum for employees in place of the discuss listserv.

**Reports:**

There were no reports.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock, University Governance