

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 9, 2023 – 2:30PM
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Zoom Meeting ID: 990 0669 9283, Password: chimega
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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT***
- III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
 - a. January 26, 2022
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion of the New Academic Affair Budgeting Process
 - b. Updates of DWF rates work plan (Curriculum Council)
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Coordination with the Student Government
 - b. Discuss Listserve (Chancellor Email and a faculty inquiry attached)
- VI. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS**
 - a. UPBC – Shrikant Jategaonkar
 - b. Faculty Development Council – Adriana Martinez and Shannon McCarragher
 - c. Curriculum Council – Keith Hecht
 - d. Governance Council –Jie Ying
 - e. Welfare Council – Robert Bitter & Igor Crk
 - f. Graduate Council – Michael Shaw
 - g. University Budget, Finance, and Operation - Kamran Shavezipur
 - h. Past-President – Duff Wrobbel
 - i. President-Elect –Barbara McCracken
 - j. President – Jane Jia
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chancellor Email

Listserv Policy Update Tuesday 2/7/2023; 10:08am

Colleagues,

Campus listservs at SIUE offer a streamlined and targeted process for sharing important University information. It is critical that these lists are managed according to a set of clearly defined guidelines to ensure pertinent messages related to teaching, learning, university operations and campus safety are disseminated efficiently.

Listserv Policy 6B3 now reflects updated criteria for distribution and user compliance for the various campus listservs. The Discuss Listserv will be retired given the legal risks associated with hosting such a forum on a university sponsored platform. The University will focus on supporting the Announce, Student and Retirees listservs as the primary means of email communication with faculty, staff, students and retirees.

Please submit general and event announcements to The E-Today by emailing the-e-today@siue.edu. This daily e-newsletter is the best source for remaining current on opportunities to engage on campus, for facilities and IT announcements and general campus communications. A topic-dependent, modified version is distributed weekly to the Retirees Listserv.

View the updated Listserv Policy [here](#).

A faculty inquiry:

Dr. Jia and Michele,

Did the Faculty Senate, or the union have any heads up or input in the retiring of the discuss listserve?

Thanks

Greetings Jamie,

I read with interest and concern that the university has retired the Discuss Listserve because of concerns over "legal risks."

Do you know who I might contact to learn what those legal concerns may be, or how this decision was reached?

Thank you,

Another faculty's comment:

In the sense of "this is entirely consistent with the sort of behavior I have come to expect from our administration," it comes as no surprise to me whatsoever. But it also seems to have bypassed all faculty and staff constituent groups. The current administration seems not to acknowledge "shared governance" in any meaningful way.

I was on the committee that rebuilt the Discuss listserve after it was shut down a few years back. We deliberately adopted the "opt in" default policy to ensure that nobody would be exposed to discussions involuntarily. With that policy in place, I do not believe the legal issues to which the Chancellor refers are sufficient to justify this unilateral termination of a valuable forum. (With the caveat that I'm not a lawyer. In fairness, I do have to acknowledge that sometimes legal reality appears irrational to the untrained.)