

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 23, 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. February 23, 2023

- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Revisions of the Welfare and Adjudication Council Operating Papers
- 2. Applications for Ombuds (The deadline for applicant submission is April 1, 2023)

Igor's email on March 20, 2023:

I'll be there. :) There are a few items from Welfare that need everyone's attention at the meeting:

- 1. Welfare and Adjudication Council Operating Papers - I think that FSEC needs to vote on these.**

- 2. Family-friendly leave policy... I'm not sure what the process is at this point to get the policy change. The Welfare Council is proposing one final change to this policy. At the moment, the proposed change comes solely from Tom Jordan, who requested that we remove the need to convene a committee to review these leave requests (justification being that they're infrequent, never denied, and convening a committee delays the approval process). We're in agreement about getting the requests to the Provost's approval as quickly as possible, but are concerned about the lack of appeal process and propose that in the case such a request is denied, then a committee could be convened for the final appeal.**

- 3. Ombuds: At the moment we're planning on interviewing applicants at our meeting on April 20. The entire process is running late, but we can get it completed if we can have a senate vote on approval of the replacement at the May Senate meeting.**

- V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **A graduate council policy change which requires faculty senate voting**

Dr. Shaw email on March 20, 2023: In December, a form 91A from Industrial Engineering to add the zero credit hour IE 500 class as a graduation requirement was approved by the Graduate Council on the recommendation of the Graduate Council Programs Committee. According to policy 1Q8, the normal implementation of this program change in the catalog would be scheduled for August 2024.

The program has requested early implementation for August 2023. There is a mechanism for early implementation. Since this is a graduate program change, approval of the Graduate Council, Faculty Senate and appropriate administrators is required. The policy is here: <https://www.siue.edu/policies/1q8.shtml>. If approval by Faculty Senate comes at the April meeting, then the change will be in time to make it into the next catalog.

On Thursday, March 16, the Graduate Council approved a request from Industrial Engineering for early implementation of this previously approved program change. The program director, Xin Chen, explained that the course will aid in the orientation of new graduate students to SIUE, and to their department. The course will cover the research opportunities within the department, aid in the socialization of the cohort, help students navigate graduate studies at SIUE, and serve as a forum for questions. The intent is to improve retention and graduation rates. Graduate Council suggested that time be set aside for the SIUE STEM librarian to present on the resources available via the library to aid students in their research.

The next step for this request is to be approved by Faculty Senate. I request that such approval be placed as an action item at the next Faculty Senate meeting. We could invite Xin Chen to speak, if you consider it necessary. To me, this seems like a simple and reasonable request.

- 2. Election of new senators and faculty senate president**
- 3. Assessment of the Chancellor and the Provost**
- 4. Faculty mandatory training**

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