

A/P Staff Council Chair/Board of Trustees Report

May 4 - Constituency heads meeting

Current Searches:

Provost - announced May 12: John Nicklow

Dean COLA: should be announced soon

Dean ENGR: should be announced soon

CIO - Kevin Bame is drafting job description

Susan Logue asked AP Council to submit a name to serve on search committee

Jessica Mann

Janet Douglas

May 12 - Board of Trustees Meeting (SIUe)

Four new members on the BOT

Don Lowery

Donna Manering

Roger Herrin

Mark Hinrichs

Bill Bonan's term expired. He was not re-appointed. A resolution was read into the minutes acknowledging with contributions to the University.

SIUe to offer

Doctorate in Nursing Practice (will replace Masters by 2015)

Degree is 80% online and 20% face-to-face

Both synchronous and asynchronous technology will be used

30 applications have been received with no advertising

23 letters of acceptance sent out

SIUe collaboration with SIUC - first class last fall started with 23 students. 1 dropped out. 40 new students will start this fall.

Ed.D. (Educational Administration)

I believe these are the first two doctorate level degrees offered by SIUe.

Student Fees

J. Facilities Maintenance - increase 6.00/semester

K. Flight Training Charges

L. Intercollegiate Athletic Fee - increase 4.00 (1.39%)

M. Residence Hall Rates (average 5.5%)

N. Student Center Fee - increase 3.50 (2.64%)

O. Student Medical Benefit (5%) (Refunded if student has other insurance)

P. Student Recreation Fee - increase 2.50 (1.95%)

Q. Information Technology Fee - increase 2.40 (3.3%)

AA. Tuition - 6.9% for both SIUC and SIUe

-- Increase for FY11 was 0%

-- Increase for FY10 was 4%

BB. Temporary Financial Arrangements for FY2012

-- Necessary because state has not passed budget yet. This will allow SIU to operate under the FY2011 budget levels until new budget and state appropriations are known.

GG. Approval of purchase: bus service.

RFPs are being evaluated. This gives SIUC authority to accept lowest bid. Looking for smaller, more efficient buses. Cutting routes from 10 to 8. Four responses to RFP have been received. The recommendation is expected the week of May 16.

HH. Approval of purchase: Fish Meal Derived from Asian Carp

II. Approval of purchase: Marketing Communications Services

Election of BOT officers:

John Simmons nominated Ed Hightower for Chair

Ed Hightower declined the chair position and nominated Roger Herrin

Roger Herrin accepted and was voted as chair.

Roger Herrin nominated Ed Hightower for VC - he accepted

Roger Herrin nominated Marquita Wiley for secretary - she accepted

Appointments to committees was deferred until July BOT meeting  
Donna Manering was appointed to the State Civil Service Merit Board

No Trustee report  
No committee reports

President Poshard discussed state budget and the proposals for university funding  
-- House plan will reduce SIU budget by 1.15% (\$2.5M)  
-- Last year was greater than \$14M  
-- Senate plan will reduce by 3%

There is a bill floating around that will prevent for-profit universities from receiving MAP funding.

Pension Changes possible  
3 options  
a) Continue in current plan. Higher employee contributions  
b) Same as new university(state) employees  
c) Self managed 401K / 403B -- etc...

Chancellor Cheng  
Enrollment of new students is up but there are challenges with continuing student enrollment.

10 new distance education courses offered at Shawnee Community College for FA11  
5 new distance education courses offered at Kaskaskia Community College for FA11

No public comment

All items added to omnibus motion

Roger Herrin (Chair) voiced concern on two items:  
AA. Tuition - 6.9% for both SIUC and SIUe  
--- Wants to keep education affordable. Thinks may be other ways to trim budget.  
GG. Approval of purchase: bus service  
--- Concerned that board has not seen pricing from vendors but is approving purchase. It was explained that this just give SIU authority to move forward. Final approval will come back to board when pricing is received and RFP is scored.

All items passed unanimously.

SB1150 - removes authority from Univ to determine positions for AP/CS  
<http://illinois.edu/emailer/newsletter/13515.html>

A bill stripping state universities of their ability to exempt positions from civil service passed the Illinois Senate on April 15. Senate Bill 1150, originally introduced as an apparently innocuous amendment to The Employee Washroom Act, means that the University would no longer be able to determine which positions should be academic professional.

What else can you do?  
\*\*\*Get informed: Read the position paper; look at the legislation ("before" and "after").  
\*\*\*Get active: Share your concerns with others--your colleagues, faculty, administrators, legislators.  
\*\*\*Join the hundreds of your colleagues who have already signed CAP's online petition against AP reclassifications. The petition includes a field for you to submit your comments as well.  
\*\*\*Attend the next SUCSS Merit Board meeting on May 18 in Urbana. Details will be posted on the CAP website as the date approaches.

Benefits choice period (CMS will be here)  
-- May 25 9am, 12pm, 2pm  
-- Student Center Ballroom C / Corker Lounge

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JP Dunn  
A/P Staff Council - Chair