**Springfield College Faculty Senate**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 11th, 2023**

**12:00 – 1:20**

**Hickory Room 109**

[https://springfield.zoom.us/j/84394457205](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://springfield.zoom.us/j/84394457205&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1694007115655051&usg=AOvVaw18KtfKIVxYVz69aUsqTruq)

1. **Senate Roll Call/Welcome Guests – Dr Debbie Burnett, Senate Vice President**
   1. 25/25 Senators in attendance
2. **Approval of Minutes – Professor Loni Kearney, Senate Secretary**
   1. Minutes Approved (88%): 22 yes 3 abstain
3. **Senate President Report – Dr. Jess Barrett, Senate President**
   1. Remembrance of 9/11
   2. Miguel Arce, Distinguished Professor of Humanics:
      1. Campaign to address the issues of segregation within our community
         1. Plan to provide awareness of the issue of segregation both broadly and withing the Springfield-Metropolitan area with a focus on the effects on children.
         2. ***Conference will be held on March 13, 2024*.** Call to faculty to become an active participant in this process and lead with open mindedness to find solutions. Please send Professor Arce an email if interested in participating.
         3. Recognition of the current heroic work being done within our community
         4. Dean Church: Committees are being formed within the School of Social work for ongoing work on this project. Michele Mariani is a contact for those committees.
4. **Provost Report – Dr. Coughlin**
   1. Working on the quality of our academic programs, finalizing external review documents for those who went through the process last year. Dr Elizabeth Morgan will be working with programs going through this process this year.
   2. Continuing to work on the costing of the academic programs. ***Tentative: 9/26/23 3pm*** There will be an open forum regarding the costing model, email to follow. A remote link will be provided for regional campuses. Will continue to provide information to department chairs and deans.
      1. Faculty question: Will data gathered be presented at the forum. Answer: Data will not be available until feedback from the campus community regarding the model.
   3. Acknowledgement of the work of Professor Arce’s work within our community.
5. **Springfield College President Report – Dr. Cooper**
   1. ***September 14, 2023*** there will be a meeting held that is open to faculty to discuss budgeting. Questions may be submitted in advance. There will be a Zoom option for remote faculty. In person attendance is preferred. An email with details and a link to submit questions will go out from the Office of the President later today.
6. **Committee Reports:**
   1. **FDPC – Dr. Sherri VandenAkker, Chair**
      1. FDPC will have their first meeting 9/19/2023, objectives are to review travel, research and sabbatical grants. Work with deans on the Boyer model and discuss the process of tenure for deans.
   2. **CCC – Dr. Bob Gruber, Chair**
      1. First meeting will be held 9/19/23
   3. **GAAC– Dr. Kathy Neville, Chair**
      1. **First meeting will be held 9/19/23**
   4. **UAAC – Professor Gemma Bartha, Chair**
      1. UAAC will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. First meeting will be 9/18/23
7. **For the Good of the Order**
   1. (Prior to the vote for executive session) Dean Sue Guyer requests to address the Senate:
      1. Over the last 3 years, the trend of going into executive session has inhibited the Dean’s ability to advocate for faculty. Only parts and pieces of what is discussed leaves executive session and is communicated to the Deans.
      2. A great question was brought up during the All College meeting asking why some institutions are seeing increases in enrollment while we go down. That is what we should all be talking about. We should be problem solving enrollment. When we divide, we cannot move forward. If you know how to move us forward then open the dialogue.
   2. *Motion to move to Executive Session: 19 yes, 4 abstain. Motion passes.*
   3. *Motion to allow faculty members to remain during Executive Session: 21 yes, 2 abstain. Motion passes.*
   4. *12:46pm Enter Executive Session*
8. **Adjournment: 1:30pm**