

Graduate and Professional Student Council
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
7:30 PM
Student Services Building #150

MINUTES

- I. Call Meeting to Order, Sign-in
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- III. Introduction of Chancellor Colwell
 - a. Prior history of Chancellor Colwell
 - b. Brief Q & A
 - i. *No new information on state budget*
 - ii. *President Dunn continuing to lobby in Springfield*
 - iii. *Drawn the line in the sand. Planning budget committee met today. Still don't have this years budget. Not planning to get a budget before March. If budget passed in March, SIU wouldn't see funds until August or September.*
 - iv. *Talking about MAP funding. SIU currently fronting the funds. We probably don't have the \$10 million to cover them in the Fall. May require students pay it back.*
 - v. *Nothing is off the table. Several committees, prioritizing cuts.*
 - vi. *GAs: We know we have to make a decision soon - not certain what the decision will be. Have to really sit down and figure out how many GAs we can afford.*
 - vii. *Recruiting taking a hit.*
 - viii. *We're not going anywhere...our doors will be open.*
 - ix. *Starting next year, reserve funds will be depleted.*
 - x. *Fall enrollment has been impacted. 772 students down from Spring 2015 to Spring 2016. Will change soon after 10 day report. Big impact will be in the Fall 2016. Will have a cut in next years budget as well as an enrollment shortfall.*
 - xi. *"What kind of tuition increases are on the table?" -- 3% tuition increase proposal. No fee increases.*
 - xii. *"Is there any collective action by the public agencies to force the Governor to decide?" -- A number of public agencies were funded by lawsuits. Has not happened for higher education. About 80% of the budget that we have now is being tied up by court orders. We've*

pursued alumni, attempting to draw more funds. Letter writing from the 12 public University Presidents.

- xiii. *"What efforts did we put into informing students on the possibility of them having to pay back MAP grants?" -- Going to try to wait it out. "My gut tells me that it's (the funds) going to come to the MAP students"*
- xiv. *Provost -- I think every student who receives MAP grants understands that, when the University honors that, it's acting as a bank, dependent on whether the state funds them or not.*
- xv. *"Is there a hold on GA'ships?" - We have not given Deans direction. It's going to impact, very soon, enrollment. It won't be a dribbling effect.*
- xvi. *Provost - Deans have been told to not issue contracts for GAs for Summer and Fall.*
- xvii. *"Are you afraid you're going to miss the window of getting top, high quality Graduate students?" Provost - you're correct. By not sending out funding offers, we are at risk of losing the top students to come here.*
- xviii. *"Don't you think there is some value in disclosing how bad the situation is so that the parents and family will place pressure on the state?" --- That's what's happening now. -- Our application numbers are down.*
- xix. *"Has there been any attempt to take a comprehensive look at the total economic impact on the local communities in the areas of public universities?" Billions...Impact of SIU on southern region was in the Billions of dollars. In the Fall, state government fiscal officials were given copies of the economic impact of SIU.*
- xx. *Please know that we have worked very hard...SIU has the lowest number of administrative costs in Illinois public universities. We're trying to do our best to hold people accountable. Personnel is the last resort.*

IV. Old Business

- a. *No old business*

V. New Business

- a. Town Hall Meetings

- i. *President Woudenberg -- Protests on campus - Not consulting student government organizations - Recommit all of us to let constituents know that we're here.*
- ii. *This semester, will hopefully hold town hall meetings, with USG. Watch for the updates on that. If interested in getting involved, Let President Woudenberg know.*

VI. Officer & Committee Reports

A. VP for Graduate School Affairs, Amanda Barnard

a. Graduate Council update

- i. *Many meetings have been about budget and enrollment (covered previously by Chancellor)*
- ii. *An anonymous donor has donated \$5,000 to SIU for the purpose of helping students pay down bursar bill to help them to be able to re-register.*
- iii. *Event in the week of April 4th.*
- iv. *Programs committee (MLS program) Law school is searching for sister program to do the same thing.*

b. Program Prioritization Committee Update

- i. *What can be condensed/ eliminated? Chancellor mentioned non-academic programs prioritization committee -- Starting in February.*
- ii. *Academic Program Prioritization Committee -- Come up with criteria on which to evaluate programs and evaluate them.*
 - 1. *Quantitative Metrics -- numbers with quantitative figures to evaluate*
 - 2. *Unique Characteristics -- unique things about programs that may not be reflected in funds*
 - 3. *Qualitative -- qualitative factors that improve a programs standing*

B. VP for Administrative Affairs, Willie Lyles III

a. Budget Update

- i. *Event Funding for this semester -- \$*
- ii. *Travel Funding -- \$*

C. President, Brandon Woudenberg

- a. Chancellor's Planning & Budget Advisory Committee Update
- b. Committee updates and reports

- i. *Re-evaluation of insurance coverage*
- ii. *Parking committee -*
- iii. *Need a new Computer advisory board rep.*
- iv. *Enrollment Task Force - In Fall, produced no tangible results to produce to Grad School. (Committee of Grad. Students and Faculty - Mostly faculty)*
- v. *It's On Us - Speaking about becoming an RSO.*

Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – Willie Lyles III	Chancellor’s Constituency Heads – Brandon Woudenberg
Computer Advisory Committee – Dimitrios Parhas	Core Curriculum Advisory Committee – Ryan Speelman
Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award – Candice Stearns	V.C Student Affairs Advisory Board – Brandon Woudenberg
Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee –John Howard	It’s On Us Student Task Force –Andriana Bicanin
Mass Transit Advisory Board – Ashley White	Naming University Facilities Committee –David Stoddard
Parking Advisory Committee – Brandon Woudenberg	Night Safety Transit Advisory Board – Natalie Nash
Traffic and Parking Committee –Brandon Woudenberg	Rainbows End – Amanda Barnard
Library Affairs Committee- Kirsty	Non-Traditional Student Services- Dianah McGreehan
Student Health Advisory Committee-Natalie Nash	Student Center Advisory Board- Rosario Escolar
Rec Center Advisory Board - Ausin Sanderson	S.C Dean of Library Affairs – Bandon Woudenberg
S.C. Dean College of Business- David Houghon	S.C. Dean of College of Education and Human Services- Ryan Speelman
Enrollment Taskforce Committee – John Flowers / Michelle Snyder	S.C. Assistant Provost for enrollment and retention – John Flowers

VII. Roundtable Discussion, Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

a. Adjourned: 20:35