



**SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
NOVEMBER 4, 2015  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, ROOM C-120

**Call to Order 3:35 PM: Luis Martinez**

**ROLL CALL:**

Bill Akers, Pat Brutchin, Elizabeth Becker, Heidi Brelsford, Michele Brynelsen, Jessica Carpenter, Diane Flahaven, Sue Ford, Patrick Gordon, Clark Hallpike, Liddy Hope, Luis Martinez, Mary O’Sullivan, Roger Ramey, Joyce Ross, Ruby Sanny, Eleanor Swanson, Kimberly Tarver, Scott Vaszily, Christina Marrocco, Patricia O’Brien, Joel Peck, Danielle Straub, Terese Carpizo, Steven Wood

Absent: Howard Russo (on leave), Tammy Ray (on sabbatical), Jennifer Jeschke, Tim Malone (substitute for Howard Russo), Mary Elfring

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & GUESTS**

Sabina Zeynalova, ESL UAF1  
Lincoln Davis, ESL UAF1

Luis requested a motion to modify the order of agenda to seat candidates for senate.  
Sue Ford and Ellie Swanson moved to approve modification of order of agenda. The motion passed.  
Sue Ford and Ellie Swanson moved and seconded to approve Lincoln Davis as a new UAF1 Senator. The motion passed.  
Pat O’Brien and Roger Ramey moved and seconded to approve Sabina Zeynalova as a new UAF1 Senator. The motion passed.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT: KIMBERLY TARVER**

Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2015 Meeting  
Pat O’Brien moved and Sue Ford seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed with 6 abstentions.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: ROGER RAMEY**

No changes to the financial situation or budget.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: LUIS MARTINEZ**

East St. Louis Local settled contract and received note of appreciation.  
He met with Dr. Sam and discussed dual credit and external pressures to expand dual credit offerings; Luis stressed concern with academic rigor, qualifications of instruction and job protections for unit-adjunct faculty members. Patrick highlighted the importance of adjunct faculty members as part of the bargaining unit as the college considers options to meet the request to expand dual credit offerings to high school students.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: PATRICK GORDON- NO REPORT**  
**2ND VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: SUE FORD- NO REPORT**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: HEIDI BRELSFORD

Sabina Zeynalova, ESL UAF1 has volunteered to serve on senate as UA1 Senator.

Lincoln Davis, ESL UAF1 has volunteered to serve on senate as UA1 Senator.

She is beginning to organize adjunct members to serve on the task force to address adjunct equity.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS -

**Negotiations-** (Howard Russo)

**Grievance-** (Sue Ford) – 2 grievances are filed and in process. Note: Mr. Enyard, CHRO, will start on December 7.

**Elections Committee-** (Ellie Swanson, Marge Schildknecht, Tim Anderson) –No Report

**Membership Committee** (Mary Elfring) – Membership lists are being updated; IFT is requesting current status

**COPE** – position of chair remains open

Move to adjourn to COPE made by Patrick Gordon and seconded by Sue Ford. The motion passed.

- Requests for position statements were sent to Michael Noland (candidate for US Congress), Cristina Castro (candidate for State Senate) and Anna Moeller (current State Representative) via email. Cristina Castro sent an email response to request for information. (refer to addendum at end of minutes)
- Cristina Castro sent an invitation to a fundraiser on November 5, 6-7:30 pm at Mariscos El Amigo in Hanover Park. Recall that Cristina is a former ECC SECCA member and an ECC graduate.
- Plan to request position statements from Raja Krishnamoorthi (candidate for US Congress), and other candidates when they declare candidacies at the end of November. Responses will be shared with the membership.
- Bill Akers suggested development of a process for endorsement; Steve Wood inquired regarding sharing information with constituents. Clark Hallpike asked we consider inclusion of position or issue-based criteria. Bill volunteered to prepare a draft process to submit to senate for review. Faculty are encouraged to share their ideas regarding this process.
- Roger Ramey and Sue Ford moved to adjourn from COPE. The motion passed.

**ECCFA Organizing Team Update** – working on summary of process and action steps; will consult with organizing team and executive committee to initiate next steps; exploring opportunities to recognize contributions of the membership and encourage ongoing participation.

### ELECTIONS & COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Jessica Carpenter and Pat O'Brien moved and seconded a motion to approve items 1-5 as a consent agenda. The motion passed.

Pat O'Brien and Michele Brynensen moved and seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

1. Libby Roeger, Dean of Developmental Education & College Transitions, has asked for the ECCFA to find an English faculty member to serve on the **STATE OF ILLINOIS P-20 Dual Credit Committee**. The senate requested Luis have a conversation with Ryan Kerr to clarify his role on the committee, and to clarify the purpose of the committee with Dean Roeger.
  - a. Luis shared that he met with Ryan and assured the senate that Ryan agrees to represent the ECCFA and any decisions or recommendations should come to senate. He also shared concerns with faculty qualifications and course rigor. Ryan agreed, referencing his past experience with Joliet Junior College and their rapid expansion of dual credit offerings.
2. Blythe Burren (UAF2 Math) has volunteered to serve on Faculty Development Committee to replace Pat Brutchin (resigned prior to October 9).
3. Annamarie Schopen has requested chair and vice chair of SLAAC, Eric Long and Janet Whitsitt, and chair and vice chair of Curriculum, Leticia Starkov and Ellie Swanson to serve on a team for program review of transfer programs. Members were requested due to intersection of committee work and team goals.

4. Diane Simeth's tenure committee needs a member to replace Maureen Gramiak (director's choice), requested by Wendy Miller. Janet Whitsitt has volunteered to serve.
5. Karen Voo has volunteered to serve on the Insurance Committee as Unit Adjunct Member.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Bulletin Board Updates- Dawn Munson will coordinate the board.
- Coat Drive in process. Sue Ford suggested storage opportunities may exist with the ECC Truck Driving Program.
- Food Drive contributions will go toward Spartan Food Bank. Product and cash donations are accepted.
- Textbook cost update- Observer reporter has been consulted; letter to the editor will be sent; any data to support faculty response is appreciated. Luis will bring the letter to the next senate meeting. Baudelaire Ulysse led an effort to address this issue in the past. There was discussion regarding the mark up and where the profits are directed. Initial costs are one matter and the buy back price is another area of concern. Students receiving financial aid are restricted to purchasing texts at the ECC bookstore. Consider a FOIA request for purchase price and selling price. Luis will submit a FOIA request.
- VP meetings with Rose DiGerlando: status. Patrick reported that he will pursue initiation of regular meetings. Minimally, a tentative schedule will be set. The VPs will work together and report back to senate.
- Dual Credit: Consider addressing the Board of Trustees. Discussion regarding a strategy that demonstrates our commitment to excellence in education, appropriate rigor and quality of the courses, desire for student success, and a willingness to collaborate.
- End of Semester Party- Heidi Brelsford asked the senate consider Friday, December 11 at Walnut Speakeasy, located at National and Rte. 31. The owner will partition an area in the main dining room. Live entertainment is included. Heidi will inquire about an earlier start time. There is no room fee and a flat per person fee. Kimberly Tarver moved to approve Heidi to secure the venue. The motion was seconded by Pat O'Brien. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Illinois Labor History Society: \$200 annual membership (Submitted by Bill Pelz) Consider membership and budget for annual membership fees. Patrick Gordon moved and Pat O'Brien seconded to approve \$200 membership fee. Three members abstained; the motion passed. (Kimberly will forward the application to Roger for submission.)
- Campus Equity Week Awareness- recommend development of ECCFA Equity poster for year round promotion. Request we consider integrating IFT logo and ECCFA logo.
- Academic Technology/Program or Division Websites- requesting updates on committee process.
- Women's Media Training: Defending the Public Sector in Illinois (AFL-CIO, AFSCME, Jobs with Justice, and Scholars Strategy Network) Dec. 4-5, 2015 in Chicago. Antonio Ramirez shared information. Notice was sent to faculty via email.

#### **Division Issues**

**Adjournment** – Pat O'Brien and Elizabeth Becker moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2015**

#### **2015-2016 Academic Year Senate Meetings Wednesdays at 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM, C-120**

December 2, December 9, January 13, January 27, February 10, February 24, March 9, March 30, April 13, April 27, and

May 11

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ADDENDUM: Correspondence from Cristina Castro, Candidate for State Senate, received October 29, 2015 via personal email in response to our request for a statement on pensions, unions and education funding.

Good Morning Ms. Tarver,

Thank you for your email and consideration of support. I'll be more than happy to respond to your questions.

1. Pensions. Pensions are a promise made and one that needs to be kept. The state Supreme Court has spoken and it is up to EVERYONE to come together to find a solution to fund the current system. Everyone should be at the table and all proposals should be evaluated in order to properly fund the system as it was intended. As a member of the system, we need to find away to put the system back into solvency so that those who have done their part by contributing their portion aren't left with nothing in the end.

2. Unions - I am a pro-union candidate and am against right to work. I come from a union family, I myself was a member of SSECCA during my seven years at Elgin Community College. I also served for several years, as an area rep. At ECC, I fought against the privatization of custodial services which would have put many of my friends and one of the largest groups in SSECCA out of work for more inexpensive and inexperienced labor. I engaged many influential individuals in the Elgin community including members of labor to speak out against these proposed cuts and many did by sending Dr. Sam letters/emails or coming to board meetings to protest the measure. SSECCA and ECCFA will always hold a special place in my heart and I will always help whenever called upon. In addition to my time at ECC, I've also been a champion of the men and women of labor on the Kane County Board. I've fought against anti-union proposals including the recent Rauner Turnaround agenda, which was defeated and turned into a document that just talked about Kane County as a whole versus the terrible proposals by our governor. The men and women of organized labor are not the villains in this fight, they represent the middle class and fight for those who are voiceless. We as a state need to focus on the real issues, not the personal vendetta of one particular individual, to move our state forward.

3. Education Funding, including higher Education - I'm a big proponent of education especially higher education. I will fight to ensure education is properly funded. I'm a product of ECC and if it weren't for ECC, I wouldn't have been able to go to college without mounds of college debt. Community Colleges are our gems in this state and I look forward to being their champion and fight for adequate funding.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to your questions. If you would like me to come in and speak to your group, I'll be more than happy to.

Thanks

Cristina