**Faculty Caucus Executive Committee Agenda**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**Immediately following the Executive Committee Meeting**

***Call to Order***

Chairperson Horst called the meeting to order.

***Public Comment: All speakers must sign in with the Senate Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.***

None.

Chairperson Horst: I wanted to let you know I had a meeting and we talked about the implications of a Provost statement going in front of a committee and whether or not there would be potential slander. After that discussion, the URC is revisiting the proposal, so we will wait to receive their new proposal for how they want to handle “yes” from the DFSCA, “yes” from the CFSC, and then a “no” from the Provost. They are going to consider other options.

***Approval of the minutes of*** [***1-13-2025***](https://illinoisstateuniversity.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/r/sites/AcademicSenate/Academic%20Senate%20Sharepoint/ExecFCE/FC%20Exec%20Packets%2024-25/2025.01.27/mch-Minutes%20FC%20EXEC%202025.01.13.docx?d=w1d91cfc9c187456bb051976f015b5c02&csf=1&web=1&e=cYpLOU)

Motion by Senator Cline.

Second by Senator Bonnell.

Unanimous approval.

***Oral Communications***

Senator Edwards: About OpScan going away, I keep hearing that it is ending imminently and I don’t recall seeing that we have had any input on that. That is quite a disruptive thing to have no input on, so I don’t know when or where that is going to enter the scene.

Provost Yazedjian: I talked about this several months ago with the deans and gave them an update about it. I asked them to talk to their chairs and directors to get a sense of how many faculty members used it. They went back then gave us an update on it. I don’t know the degree to which they talked to people in their units, partly because we pay a lot of money and one staff person to do this and the person is retiring. This was on the horizon as the person is retiring, what is the demand?

We revisited the conversation again with the deans where we told them this was potentially going to go away and they should talk to their stakeholders about it. We gave them a draft about the timeline and options that are being considered. What we said to them is, we have not made a decision about what is going to be the next option. They said as long as they have a semester to let people know before it goes away, that they would work with their individual units on that. Then we brought in CIPD for a meeting with the deans where they also had a conversation about what some of those alternatives were. I checked with Craig about where we are with that and CIPDS is already moving on it and as far as I know are in touch with the deans on it.

Chairperson Horst: I think what he is suggesting is we should have a conversation with CIPD and Craig Gatto about our concerns.

Senator Edwards: We had a faculty meeting where our director said, “This might be going away. How many people use it?” and everybody raised their hands and said it was essential and that was it. Maybe that is not making its way back up the chain.

Chairperson Horst: If we added this to the agenda with Craig Gatto, who else should we bring in?

Provost Yazedjian: Probably CIPD. Jen Friberg and Allison Hauser came to our meeting. At a number of different steps along the way we have asked for feedback based on the utilization reports that we have received. I am not suggesting that it is not important for the people who are using it, but we have been trying to find some alternatives and CIPD as far as I know has identified a few different things that are being considered.

Chairperson Horst: I could add them to the agenda, but they don’t even know that we are asking. We could reach out to them and see if they could come to the Faculty Caucus. We could ask them to come February 5th.

Provost Yazedjian: Or perhaps they can come to a BSC meeting to talk with the faculty about their concerns as they are figuring out some alternatives and they can come and share with your faculty some of the things that they are considering. Then you all can talk about how that works for you.

Chairperson Horst: There might be other divisions, other faculty.

Senator Edwards: I haven’t seen any alternative that is viable. They talked about having every student bring their laptop, assuming they have a laptop, and have some kind of lockdown browser. How are you going to monitor 100 or 200 students that are all using a lockdown browser? The students have been up in arms about lockdown browsers. I don’t ever want to use one because of the invasiveness.

Senator Cline: There are versions of lockdown browsers that don’t use video.

Senator Edwards: They are sitting in a lecture of 100 to 200 people, and they all have a laptop, so you have to have somebody patrolling or you just throw up your hands and say, “let them cheat.” One semester for everybody to update every single test and assessment that they give, I don’t feel is enough time.

Chairperson Horst: We can put it on the agenda and I can see if they are available. If they aren’t available or comfortable we can consider it for the next Faculty Caucus.

Senator Edwards: I just didn’t know if this was something that Academic Affairs was going to look at first.

Senator Cline: Is a decision like that supposed to come through Senate? Should it be through a committee or should it just be something you make public comment on. What I suggest to you is to make a public comment on it. Public comment is the time when our administrators have to answer those questions.

Senator Edwards: Our director presented to us that if it is so important to us, we should just buy it. I have no idea what we are talking about, a thousand dollars year or are we talking a hundred thousand dollars a year? We have no idea what the scale of this thing is. Are there alternatives, are there different vendors?

Chairperson Horst: I would suggest that we try to bring in people and have a broad conversation with the Faculty Caucus, because I guarantee you are not alone. There has got to be a lot of people doing OpScans. I do think it is Faculty business, I don’t think it is necessarily Academic Affairs. We are the ones who execute the tests. If we could get to the agenda, then we can edit it.

***\*\*Approval of proposed Faculty Caucus Agendas- See below\*\****

Motion by Senator Bonnell.

Second by Senator Cline.

Chairperson Horst: You want a presentation on proposed OpScan deletion and alternatives?

Senator Edwards: I think that sounds good. I think it is more about logistically why is this happening? What is the cost of it? Could it go to the departments? I don’t know who would do that, I don’t think CIPD.

Chairperson Horst: That sounds like Craig Gatto and the Provost. I can start there, but I am going to reach out to these people to see if they even have the date available.

Senator Edwards: Craig said last week that it was happening soon, but he didn’t know when.

Chairperson Horst: Let’s have a conversation then.

Unanimous approval.

***Adjournment***

Motion by Senator Cline

Second by Senator Edwards.

Unanimous approval.

**Faculty Caucus Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

**Immediately Following the Academic Senate Meeting**

***Call to Order***

***Roll call***

***Public Comment: All speakers must sign in with the Senate Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.***

***Approval of the minutes of 1-22-2025***

***Presentation:***

***Associate Vice President for Academic Administration Craig Gatto***

***Salary Report***

***Potential Elections for other External and Associated Committees***

***Adjournment***