



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

GPSC Censure of Chancellor Carlo Montemagno

Whereas Board of Trustees Policy 3F3 mandates that Graduate Student Professional Council are the representatives for “student participation in institutional planning and administration”; and

Whereas Board of Trustees Statute 3.6 mandates that the Chancellor “provides necessary leadership in educational development... with encouragement and advice” from constituency groups; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has refused to solicit “advice and encouragement” from Graduate Professional Student Council as the representatives for graduate and professional students; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has refused to meet with Graduate Professional Student Council despite repeated requests; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has met with every other constituency body on campus, including Graduate Council, Faculty Senate, and the Undergraduate Student Government president; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno stripped Graduate Dean Lee of his administrative responsibilities in the Graduate School effective December 18, 2017, leaving the graduate school without a Dean, Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, and Assistant Dean for the Underserved Fellowship Office; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has no plan to replace the Dean in the foreseeable future, and the responsibilities of the Dean will likely be delegated to Co-Provosts Chevalier and Dilalla, which consolidates administrative control over the Graduate School with the Office of the Chancellor; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno was unaware until recently that GPSC was independent of the Graduate School; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno was unaware that graduate and undergraduate academic grievances were handled via different offices, processes, and policies, despite seeking to alter these processes and policies without input from GPSC; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno had to be convinced not to eliminate all graduate assistantships and has provided no institutional justification for his decision to eliminate instructors of record; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has not provided a plan for graduate education in his Vision 2025 plan beyond the elimination of graduate students as instructors of record; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has only provided a plan for increasing undergraduate enrollment despite being asked specifically about a plan for graduate enrollment; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno plans to reconvene the taskforce of graduate enrollment to develop an enrollment plan, despite having already developed a plan for graduate enrollment that he has been made aware of, but refuses to use in his Vision 2025; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno plans to direct STEM programs to fund their assistantships through grant monies in order to redirect additional state funding to Arts, Humanities, and Social Science programs; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has no plan to increase funding or allocation of resources to the research centers in his Vision 2025; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has not, in any public or private address, solicited any feedback, formal or informal, from graduate students about the Vision 2025, reorganization, elimination of departments, or elimination of graduate students as instructors of record; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has provided no evidence that his plans for the university will increase enrollment, but claims that graduate students as instructors of record are correlated to decreased enrollment; and

Whereas the aforementioned conduct denigrates the image of graduate students at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and is detrimental to the University's image as a whole; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has continually interrupted, dismissed, ignored, scoffed, and generally disrespected marginalized students and faculty; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has not begun the search process for a Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has created a culture of intimidation in which many persons on campus, students and faculty, are fearful of expressing dissent; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has publicly stated that his reorganization will require "service" from faculty; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno has said on multiple occasions that faculty should not be at SIUC if they are unwilling to do the "service" of writing new operating papers under his new structure; and

Whereas Chancellor Montemagno's idea of "service" in this case is unpaid, forced labor; and

Whereas this conduct represents a lack of institutional knowledge specific to SIUC; and

Whereas this conduct is antithetical to the university's mission of embracing "a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success"; and

Whereas this conduct leads the Graduate Professional Student Council to believe Chancellor Montemagno is not effectively managing graduate education at SIUC;

Therefore, be it resolved that Graduate Professional Student Council censures Chancellor Carlo Montemagno for the above conduct; and

Therefore be it further resolved that if this conduct does not improve, the Graduate Professional Student Council will move immediately to a vote of no confidence in the Chancellor's plan for the university.

