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Faculty Senate Minutes
March 30, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Mike, Aide, Eric Billington, Larry Bohannon, Marcus Bond, Vera Campbell-Jones, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Erin Fluegge, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher (Chair), Monica Kearney, Andy Liu, Kim Louie (Chair-Elect), Hayley Love, Jenna Moore, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative Allison Lauter were also present. Jenny Cropp and Susan Fulton were not present or represented by an alternate. The following alternates were present: William McNeary and Sophia Scott.

Chair Hatcher called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. New business was cancelled due to Senator Cropp's absence and Chair Hatcher said that the conflict-of-interest discussion will be held at the next senate meeting on April 13. Due to Senator Fulton's absence, Senator Moore would be speaking as chair of the Professional Affairs committee. Chair Hatcher asked Senator Schmidt to function as parliamentarian at the meeting since Senator Fulton was not present. Chair Hatcher then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9 meeting. A motion was made by Senator Clapsaddle and seconded by Chair-Elect Louie. The minutes were approved pending the spelling correction of Senator Schmidt's name. Corrections were made and the minutes were posted on the web page.

Chair Hatcher then introduced Dr. Below, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success. Dr. Below provided an update on enrollment. A handout was distributed and is included in the minutes. She defined FTE as 15 credit hours for undergraduate students and 12 credit hours for graduate students. The computer science department has grown due to international student enrollment. There has been a decline in domestic graduate student enrollment. Dr. Below stressed the importance of a diverse enrollment portfolio. She also discussed high school graduate projections and commented that we are fighting a narrative about whether a degree is needed. Dr. Below and the provost discussed online program management and the universities who are using it. The Academic Partnerships provide mass marketing as well as online instructional design. The discussion then turned to the Cape College Center. The lease with the CCC will be terminated on June 30, 2022. Mineral Area College has submitted 45 programs, through the Missouri Board of Higher Education, to offer programs in Cape Girardeau. Dr. Below talked about the Will to do Award for eligible Pell students (students who finished high school in Missouri with a 2.75 and enrolled as a beginning freshman). Students pay zero tuition and general fees all 4 years if they maintain a 2.75 GPA. The provost mentioned the Great River Community College feasibility study organized by area individuals interested in a 13th community college for Cape Girardeau. Conclusions of the study revealed that there is not a demographic need for a community college in Cape Girardeau County. The meeting was interrupted by a tornado warning.

Adjournment: Chair Hatcher called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by the floor and seconded by Senator Taylor. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 3-5 p.m. in the Program Lounge of the University Center.