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Faculty Senate Minutes
November 9, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Mike Aide, Eric Billington, Larry Bohannon, Vera Campbell-Jones, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Andy Liu, Kim Louie (Chair), Hayley Love, Jenna Moore, Josh Newth, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, Haohao Wang, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative David Oliver were also present. The following alternates were present: Joe Murphy, Christopher Baldwin, Beverly Evans, Belinda McMurry, and Chen Wu.

Chair Louie called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on October 26, 2022. A motion was made by Senator Clapsaddle and seconded by Senator Schmidt. Senator Campbell-Jones informed the senate that she did attend the meeting, but her name had been left off the minutes. Campbell-Jones was added to the minutes which were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage.

Up next, Senator Hallam and Kris Baranovic from CTL provided information and answered questions about A&OER (Affordable and Open Educational Resources). All-inclusive instructional materials can be embedded into courses at no extra costs to students and can be embedded into Canvas. Can be all a course or a module. UI100 became an A&OER and saved thousands of dollars; however, Baranovic noted that A&OER is not only about saving money but provides a path for instructors to find the “right instructional tool for the job.” Senator Hallam said that the librarians are here to assist faculty and the links below provide additional information on A&OER and a form to request assistance from librarians. CTL is also available to assist faculty with incorporating A&OER materials into Canvas.

<https://semo.edu/news/2022/10/aoer-program-saves-students-thousands.html>

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ad1385f09ed34b61a677683303672b15>

The provost added that several eBooks had been purchased with CARES Act funds.

Senator Fulton said that the bills on department chairs and faculty merit pay are not ready for a vote. The Chairs Forum want to provide feedback during the faculty merit pay process, so the bill is still being discussed. The bills will return to the senate in the future for a second reading.

Chair’s Report:

Will vote on the graduation resolution at the November 30 meeting. Redhawk Food Pantry is very low. Please donate if possible. Also went to Take Away Friday. Chair Louie met with Floyd Davenport about digitizing the faculty handbook. Communication Studies and Modern Languages won the award for the blood drive. She also attended Deans Council.

Provost’s Report:

The provost provided highlights of the Board of Governors meeting: approved new Histotechnician undergraduate certificate; approved deletion of the BA degree in psychology.

The provost gave the BOG an overview of academic affairs. The conflict-of-interest policy was approved by BOG. President Vargas signed the textbook policy and procedure bills. The provost and President Vargas went to a presentation given by Rankin Technical College in Perryville. Their curriculum does not compete with Southeast. Southeast will work with Rankin on the 2 + 2 program. The provost informed the senate that Senator McMurry received an outstanding advising award from the National Academic Advising Association.

SGA Report: No report

Academic Affairs: Did not meet; updated graduation resolution

Compensation: Did not meet; seeking information on RNTT

Documents: Met with IT about putting handbook on the Portal.

Governance: Reviewing other institutions' handbooks; professional development funding section in the handbook; requesting feedback from faculty about professional development funds; continue working with Documents on handbook links

Professional: Met last week and discussed the chair and faculty merit bills; also, graduate faculty and have been asked to review professional development

Membership: No report

Facilities Planning Committee: Met last week and facilities management will be updating their work order system which will provide more transparency in how work orders are selected

Announcements: Moore: Nov. 17-19/ 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 20/ 2 p.m. Bedell Performance Hall

Parry: Dr. Buck received a national advising award for the Arrow

Murphy: Space Week November 8-12

McMurry: First Robotics November 19

Schmidt: Handel's Messiah Nov. 29 7:30 p.m. Bedell Performance Hall

Adjournment: Chair Louie called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Senator Taylor and seconded by Senator Bohannon. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.