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Faculty Senate Minutes
October 26, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Eric Billington, Larry Bohannon, Vera Campbell-Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Monica Kearney, Kim Louie (Chair), Hayley Love, Jenna Moore, Josh Newth, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Mike Taylor, Haohao Wang, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative David Oliver were also present. Andy Liu was not present or represented by an alternate. The following alternates were present: Joe Murphy, Robin Smith, and Kevin Sargent.

Chair Louie called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on October 12, 2022. A motion was made by Senator Hatcher and seconded by Senator Schmidt. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage. Chair Louie asked for volunteers to attend SGA meetings on November 28 and December 5. The reporting committees added new members, so a motion was made by Senator Schmidt and seconded by Senator Scott to approve them; was unanimously approved.

Up next, Senator Schmidt called for a motion to untable the discussion regarding the textbook procedure bill; seconded by Senator Taylor. The motion was unanimously approved. Some of the clarifications include books for 500 level courses are eligible for rental, whereas courses 600 and above are not. Smaller class sizes and the likelihood of textbooks changing were reasons noted for rental ineligibility for 600 level and above courses. Also, the committee was asked to explore the language surrounding incompletes, particularly military incompletes. They found sufficient language to use OMVS as the liaison for incompletes for military; found no need to revise or revisit the Class Attendance Bill. Senator Schmidt checked with the dean of students who prefers to have OMVS continue be the point of contact because they are most knowledgeable. Senator Schmidt moved to have the list of amendments be incorporated into the bill; seconded by Senator Taylor. The motion was unanimously approved. Senator Schmidt then called the question to approve the amended bill. **23-A-3 Revising Textbook Policies to Establish a Procedures Section** was unanimously approved.

Senator Fulton moved to untable the department chair policy and procedures bills and the faculty merit pay policy bill. It was seconded by Senator Schmidt and unanimously approved. Senator Fulton received feedback from the Chairs Forum and said that some edits may be needed. She asked for a motion to retable the bills; seconded by Senator Schmidt and unanimously approved. The bills will go out to departments for review.

Dr. Doug Koch and Angela Meyer were guests of the faculty senate. They discussed the Facilities Planning Advisory and Centralized Scheduling Committees. Meyer said that there are multi-million dollar deferred maintenance costs and decisions must be made regarding what repairs get made—they must prioritize the work. Also, the age of the plumbing and electrical components require knowledge of those who have repaired them, and those individuals are retiring. Centralized scheduling and classroom occupancy loads were also discussed. New occupancy loads will go into effect in Spring 2023 and the software for centralized scheduling is

available but has not been used yet. There is concern about increasing the seats and effective teaching. Chair-Elect Fluegge serves on the Centralized Scheduling Committee as the Faculty Senate representative and welcomes comments from senators and their departments.

Chair's Report:

The blood drive was a success with 62 units collected. Chair Louie attended the SGA meeting.

Provost's Report:

The provost answered questions about the professional development carryover—about the content that was in an email sent to faculty earlier in the week. Half of the departments will have more carryover and half will have less. The provost has been an advocate for faculty and professional development. \$466,00 had accumulated over many years. Of that amount, \$239,000 is being carried forward, which is more carryover than any other accounts on campus. Departments will still be able to decide how the funds are distributed. There are some funds available through the provost's office and faculty can seek funding through foundation accounts if their departments have them.

SGA Report:

Provided funding for Wings Shuttle—high usage

Academic Affairs: Met last week to discuss the revised textbook bills

Compensation: Did not meet but Senators Parry and Yaskewich contacted Sue Wilde and Dr. Sheriff to discuss the RNTT raise; Wilde will get back to them

Documents: Had joint meetings with Governance; checking links; will meet with IT to discuss creating a faculty senate page and making the handbook completely digital

Governance: Concerns regarding keeping pdfs and their functions; governance members want to ensure they are doing governance work

Professional: Met last week and discussed the chair and faculty merit policies and procedures

Membership: Met and approved reporting committee members

Announcements: Murphy: Space Week November 8-12

Moore: Landord Wilson Short Plays October 27-29 7:30 Rex Flexible Theatre
8, 10-minute plays

Oliver: Rocky Horror in Academic Hall, October 27 11 p.m.

Smith: Leadership, Middle and Secondary will be having a chili cook off
Saturday, October 29 across from Houck Stadium; will be there at 9

Adjournment: Chair Louie called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Senator Scott and seconded by Senator Murphy. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.