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Faculty Senate Minutes
September 30, 2020

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 via Zoom. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Indi Braden, Vera Campbell-Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Lesly Krome, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Raju Vanteddu, Haohao Wang, and Diane Wood. Provost Godard and Xander Goffinet, Student Government Liaison, were also present. Elizabeth Rudloff, Arika Wiggins, and Chen Wu were present as alternates.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Hatcher moved to approve the Faculty Senate minutes from September 16, 2020 (55.4). Senator Evans seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes passed unanimously.

Old Business

Senator Fluegge presented bill *20-A-X – Student Evaluations Policy* that was tabled from the previous session. She explained what changes the Academic Affairs committee made to the bill with regards to the feedback they received. Senator Louie moved to approve the bill; Senator Evans seconded. A vote was taken and with one vote as an abstention, one vote against approval, and 20 votes for the bill, bill *20-A-6 – Student Evaluations Policy* was passed.

Senator Fluegge also presented bill *20-A-X – Student Evaluations Procedures* that was also tabled from the previous session. She went through and explained what changes the Academic Affairs committee made to the bill. There was much discussion, particularly about what qualifies as dissatisfaction and what the threshold on dissatisfaction of evaluations should be before they are sent to the dean. A vote was taken to table the bill; with 24 votes, the bill was tabled.

Reports

Chair Wood reported that she sent the Workflow Guidelines to committee chairs and asked them to share and go over the guidelines with their committees so they can be prepared for the program reviews. She stated that on October 30 each committee will receive about 20 progress reports to review, which will need to be turned in to the Provost by November 18.

Provost Godard reported that he has been in contact with the Senate Executive Committee concerning the Spring semester and asked for feedback from the Senate on the matter. He informed the Senate of a few options the Administration, and other groups on campus, have been considering.

Xander Goffinet, Student Government Liaison, reported that they met on Monday, September 28th. A large part of their discussion was over the Spring semester options.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Fluegge reported that the committee has been working on the student evaluation bills. They will start working on the 5-Year Academic Calendar next.

Compensation – Senator Parry reported that they haven't met yet but will be meeting to work on the program reviews.

Documents – Senator Farrish reported that they met last week and looked over the section in the Faculty Handbook regarding the Johnson Faculty Center.

Governance – Senator McFarland reported that the committee has been meeting virtually to work on the bills concerning the University Standing Committees and Councils section of the Faculty Handbook and plan to present the bills at the next Senate meeting.

Professional Affairs – Senator Fulton reported that they met last week. They discussed the electronic dossier procedure. They also reached out to Julie Ray, moderator of Chair's Forum. They asked her to talk with the Chairs; she's asked them to review their departments' merit and tenure and promotion and asked them to give feedback. The committee should receive the feedback by mid-October.

Membership – No report.

Non-Legislative Committee Reports

Johnson Faculty Center – No report.

RNTT AdHoc – Senator Hatcher reported that they are slowing down right now for the prioritization.

Adjournment

Senator Krome moved to adjourn; Senator Gerding seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Wednesday, October 14 from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.