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Minutes of the Faculty Senate
September 5, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri met on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 in the Glenn Auditorium, Dempster Hall. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Shamik Bhattacharya, Larry Bohannon, Tamara Buck, Eric Clements, Beverly Evans, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Elizabeth McFarland, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, Peter Oman, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Desma Reno, Jingjing Tong, and Nicolas Wilkins. Interim Provost Randolph was also present. The following alternates were present: Dustin Siegel, Nick Kenny, and Belinda McMurry.

President Vargas and Dr. Courtney Kisat attended the Senate meeting as guests.

Guest

President Vargas reported that since the restructuring, things are starting to settle down. He asked for any feedback from faculty about how the restructuring is going. He also mentioned the program Starfish. This will help monitor the performance of students, this way faculty can help make sure students stay on the right track. Lastly, he took questions and listened to the concerns of the Senators.

New Business

Dr. Kisat came to Senate to discuss the Take-Away Friday on September 7, that will be discussing sustainability.

Reports

Chair Powell reported that this year he plans to push the remaining pending Senate bills through Administration and get them added to Faculty Handbook. He also plans to keep the goals from the previous Chair by helping to improve the success of faculty, students, and the University.

Interim Provost Randolph reported that she is looking forward to working with the Senate this year. She stated that there are a few rough patches to get through with the restructuring, but we are all in this together and will get through it together. She stated that the administration is already working hard to review the pending Senate bills and have approved three already.

The Interim Provost encouraged the faculty to come speak to her about any issues or concerns they may have. She stated that her door is always open.

Legislative Committee Reports

The Chair of each committee presented and discussed the goals and priorities of each committee. The committee chairs are as follow:

Academic Affairs – Beverly Evans

Compensation – Desma Remo

Documents - Larry Bohannon

Governance – Carl Hess
Professional Affairs – Jim McGill
Membership – Joni Hand

The committees will meet the following Wednesday.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room from 3-5 p.m.