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Faculty Senate Minutes
October 11, 2023

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in Ballroom A of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Christopher Baldwin, Larry Bohannon, Christopher Bradley, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp (Chair-Elect), Erin Fluegge (Chair), Pam Gershuny, Stephanie Hallam, Monica Kearney, Andy Liu, Kim Louie, Haley Love, Kelly McEnerney, Jenna Moore, Joe Murphy, Josh Newth, Peter Oman, Tim Schmidt, Sophia Scott, Mike Taylor, Misty Tilmon, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representatives David Oliver and Jonah McGuire were also present. The following alternates were present: Shay Cecil and Robin Smith.

Chair Fluegge called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on September 27, 2023. Senators Schmidt and Scott made the motion which was seconded by Senator Louie. Senator Moore had been left off the attendance from the last meeting which was corrected. Senator Kearney requested a change to the minutes regarding Dr. Below's comments about the decline in enrollment. With the update, the minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage.

Up next, was a presentation by Stephanie Hallam, James Newman, and Mary Bangert on OER-open education resources and AER-affordable educational resources. The presenters had received an FFR grant which helped in facilitating a survey of students' responses to A&OER. Three significant findings from the survey were: students would read more, students would enroll in more hours, and students would select courses that offer free textbooks. The slides from the presentation were distributed electronically to Senators.

Next on the agenda was discussion of **Bill 23-A-10 Academic Program Review Procedures**. Chair Fluegge asked for a motion to approve the bill. Senator Moore made the motion; seconded by Senator Taylor. With only a minor edit made to the bill, it passed unanimously.

Senator Aide provided an update on the facilities management work order system. He passed around copies of the project process flow chart, and then distributed an electronic copy to Senators. He advised that now is the time for departments to plan any projects since the timeframe to do so runs from October through December.

Chair Fluegge informed the senate that a call will be coming out to fill Senator Aide's spot on the Facilities Management Oversight Committee. The committee meets on Fridays at 10—not every Friday. Senator Aide commented that the committee hopes to provide transparency on the selection of which projects are addressed and the status of projects.

Chair's Report:

Chair Fluegge shared several items during her report. She passed around flyers for homecoming and the American Red Cross Blood Drive (October 16th and 17th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center). Also, the sign up for SGA meetings was passed around and she again thanked Senators Gershuny, Louie, McEnerney, Yaskewich, Bohannon, Moore, and Chair-elect Cropp for volunteering to attend SGA meetings. Chair Fluegge attended the SGA meeting on October 2nd and met with SGA executives on October 5th to discuss faculty senate representation on the SGA. On September 29th, Chair Fluegge met with several SGA senators

who had questions about parking. At the council of Deans meeting on September 28th, she thanked them for their sponsorship of the faculty social hour and updated them on future guests and legislation. Chair Fluegge attended the administrative council on October 10th and shared the following:

- Much of the discussion focused on events, particularly on Homecoming.
- Career Services: 612 students attended the Fall Career Expo on October 4.
- Admissions: New this year, Southeast will host the First-Generation Leadership Symposium. This will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 8 and include a mix of admitted, enrolled, and prospective students who are the first in their families to go to college.
- Athletics: 2024 tentative dates are September 28 for Family Weekend and October 19 for Homecoming.
Dean of Students: 2 out of 3 counselors are maxed out on their counseling load and 1 is leaving at the end of the month.
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Email iotachi@semo.edu if you would like a candle printout for your window, also a candlelight vigil is planned for October 25 in front of Academic.
Reminders from Registrar: Midterm grades due on Monday, and enrollment for Spring 2024 begins November 6.
- Southeast Online: Wintersession planning packet is on the portal.
- HR: benefits open enrollment is October 23-November 1.

At the next senate meeting on October 25th, Wendell Snodgrass will talk with the senate about the capital campaign and the university photographer will take a new group photo and some other photos.

Provost's Report:

The provost is visiting academic departments. Also, the work continues in looking across all programs for course redundancies for opportunities to have more interdisciplinary approaches. General Education Council and Academic Council have been given data to review. There will also be a form for faculty to complete and identify where they think there could be redundancies in courses. The form will be returned to the provost's office and if there appears to be a redundancy, it will be sent to the department chair. The form will be anonymous. A lot of the work will be with department chairs. Over 350 open seats in humanities and fine arts general education category. There are more sections than course demand. The provost's office will email the form to faculty and it will also be available under the academic affairs section of my.semo.edu There was originally going to be a BOG meeting in November; however, the next meetings will be December 14th and 15th. The provost will email faculty the fall break reminder that students are not expected to complete assignments over university breaks or holidays. This includes all course modalities.

SGA Report:

David introduced Jonah McGuire who will be the SGA representative of faculty senate after David's graduation. The SGA approved funding for the Rocky Horror Picture Show and for the marching band to perform at the Bands of America super regional. SGA senators have been visiting departments and discussing funding options and procedures.

Academic Affairs: Working on the Grade Appeal bill and the graduation resolution
Compensation: Continuing work on the sick leave policy; several follow-up questions; this information may remain in the handbook; may be bringing a bill forward
Documents: Discussing the procedures for archiving
Governance: Working on a charge which would make it easier for a faculty senator to be the SGA representative; met with the SGA executive committee
Professional: Currently working on electronic submission of promotion and tenure materials
Membership: All vacancies are filled

Announcements:

Novelist Juan Eugenio Ramirez's reading and book signing, hosted by Nilsen Visiting Writers Series & SEMO Press - Thursday, October 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Crisp Hall Room 105

Homecoming Events - October 12, 13, and 14: <https://semo.edu/alumni/stay-involved/homecoming.html>

Blood Drive - Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17, 12:30 - 5:30 pm at the Student Rec Center

University Photographer to visit Faculty Senate - October 25

Moore: Fifth of July: Oct. 12 – 14 Rust Flexible Theatre - River Campus - 7:30 p.m.

Schmidt: October is LGBTQ history month. Friday, October 13th, 1:30 Bedell Performance Hall, CEO of PFLAG National will be speaking—Chat with Brian

Murphy: Lunar viewing tonight with telescope at 7:30 p.m.—Seabaugh parking lot and on October 14 there will be a solar eclipse viewing at 10:30 p.m. on the Wehking Parking lot

Smith: Chili cook off Saturday, October 14 across from Houck Stadium

Adjournment: Chair Fluegge called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Senator Moore and seconded Senator Taylor. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25 from 3-5 in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.