

**LVI No. 8**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**December 1, 2021**

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, via Zoom. The following Senators were present: Marcus Bonds, Larry Bohannon, Vera Campbell Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher (Chair), Monica Kearney, Lesly Krome, Kim Louie (Chair-Elect), Hayley Love, Belinda McMurry, Jenna Moore, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative Allison Lauter were also present. The following alternates were present: William McNeary and Pam Gershuny. Shannon Clapsaddle and Julie Weathers were not present nor represented by an alternate.

Chair Hatcher called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021. A motion was made by Senator Bohannon and seconded by Senator Schmidt. Senator Moore mentioned that the minutes referred to RNTT faculty in the provost's discussion of artifacts and service records and that it pertained to all faculty. So, the edit was made, and the minutes were posted on the webpage. The minutes were approved by voice vote with no abstentions.

A motion to consider and approve **FACULTY SENATE BILL 2022-A-3** (Procedure for Admission to the Honor's Program) was made by Academic Affairs Chair, Senator Schmidt and seconded by Senator Taylor. Academic Affairs Chair, Senator Schmidt, said that the Senate is doing a tweak to update the admission criteria for the honors program and bring it into compliance with is already being done and to the university overall policy of not necessarily requiring the ACT or SAT for admission. No need for amendments and Senator Schmidt asked to call the question of passing the bill. Since the question was called, Chair Hatcher then asked senators to raise their hands if they were in favor of passing **2022-A-3**. The bill passed with 21 in favor and 0 opposed.

A motion was made to approve the amendments to the faculty handbook language concerning graduate faculty--**BILL 2022-A-4** (graduate faculty status) by Professional Affairs Chair, Senator Fulton. Chair Hatcher commented that there were no amendments yet and that the motion should be for moving for consideration of the bill. It was seconded by Senator Schmidt. Senator Taylor asked for clarification regarding external people serving on graduate committees. Chair Hatcher commented that the policy is about adjunct faculty and that other departments ask individuals outside of the university to serve on committees. Senator Schmidt asked if clarification should be inserted since the language about adjunct is specifically saying to teach graduate level courses or serve on master's committees. Provost Godard said that the language has not changed and that he was not aware of any issues. Senator Taylor asked if the graduate bulletin made mention of it and the provost does not know if that information is in the bulletin. At this point, Chair Hatcher asked if the bill should be recommitted to the committee and brought back for a first reading at the beginning of Spring 2022. Senator McMurry's department has information and Senator Fluegge's department has an edit they would like included or made

in **2022-A-4**. So, this input will be shared with Senator Fulton and the Professional Affairs Committee for their consideration. Chair Hatcher commented that the

primary reason to recommit the bill was to harmonize with the graduate bulletin and not be out of step with it or create a contradiction or an ambiguity.

The next item for discussion was the graduation resolution. Senator Schmidt moved for consideration approval of the resolution regarding recommending students for commencement. Seconded by Senator Taylor. Senator Schmidt asked the question and Chair Hatcher asked the question of all in favor of passing the resolution. **Resolution 22-2** passed unanimously.

### **Chairs Report**

No report

### **Provost's Report**

The provost provided clarification and expectation of final exams. Each class will meet during the final exam time and final exam times cannot be changed. Faculty can keep the final exam time and offer students an alternative time, in addition to the scheduled time if they feel that it is appropriate for the student. Senator Moore mentioned a faculty member in her department who will have 2 final exams at the same time and asked the provost for suggestions. He said he would check with the registrar's office to look at that class schedule and said that department chairs need to be cognizant of how classes are scheduled to prevent final exam time conflicts. Senator Fluegge commented that her department noticed that the registrar's office had posted the 1 hour and 45-minute final exam time to begin this semester; the provost said that it technically begins Spring 2022.

### **SGA Report**

Allison Lauter reported that special elections will be held near the end of January and that the SGA will be funding a part of the crosswalks/curb cutting project that facilities management is doing. The SGA will also be funding the Wings shuttle to operate for 3 Wednesdays over Winter break to provide transportation to students who are campus.

**Academic Affairs:** No report

**Compensation:** No report

**Documents:** Senator Hand reported that a final memo was sent to Laura and that the committee may have to go back and look at some of the work that has been done before the website went live due to broken links.

**Governance:** No report

**Professional Affairs:** No report

**Membership:** Senator Fluegge met with the vice chair of the ad hoc wellness committee said that some cool activities will be coming in January.

**Adjournment:** Chair Hatcher called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Krome made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Senator Schmidt. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.**