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Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2024

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Larry Bohannon, Christopher Bradley, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp (Chair-Elect), Erin Fluegge (Chair), Pam Gershuny, Stephanie Hallam, Andy Liu, Kim Louie, Haley Love, Kelly McEnerney, Jenna Moore, Joe Murphy, Josh Newth, Tim Schmidt, Sophia Scott, Mike Taylor, Misty Tilmon, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative Jonah McGuire were present. The following alternates were present: Beverly Evans, William McNeary, and Tomoaki Nomi.

Chair Fluegge called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on March 20, 2024. Senator Clapsaddle made the motion which was seconded by Senator Moore. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage.

Up next, Angela Meyer - Director, Facilities Management and Dr. Doug Koch - Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies described their work as co-chairs of the facilities management planning committee. Meyer emphasized that their committee is a recommending body. She discussed the FM project process flow chart and the need for a new chiller plant on the south campus. Also, Meyer reviewed the list of buildings that are being taken offline and added Meyer Hall to the list. Funding continues to hamper repairs and projects. Due to centralized scheduling, faculty will have to have common keys for classroom access. Locks will be recored during the summer. Some senators voiced concerns over inadequate seating, extreme temperature fluctuations, and deteriorating rooms. A discussion followed of various ways that faculty could thank FM employees, and an idea emerged to coordinate a luncheon for FM and faculty. Senators were very supportive of this plan, and Senate execs will look into options for this opportunity.

New business followed and Chair Fluegge asked for a motion to untable the discussion of the Second Reading **FS Bill 24-A-17 Student Credit Hour**. Senator Clapsaddle made the motion; seconded by Senator Moore. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Fluegge then asked for a motion to approve **FS Bill 24-A-17 Student Credit Hour**. Senator Newth made the motion; seconded by Senator Moore. Senator Newth discussed the bill and informed the senate that the table that was previously in the bill will be moved to the university bulletin over the summer after working with the registrar, Sandy Hinkle. Chair Fluegge called for a vote and the bill passed unanimously.

Chair Fluegge then asked for a motion to approve the second reading of **FS Bill 23-A-6 Grade Appeal Procedures**. Senator Moore made the motion; seconded by Senator Love. Senator Moore said that no changes had been made. The vote was called, and the bill passed unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Chair Fluegge provided the following informational/calendar items:

- Enrollment information task force met on March 21st and discussed strategy prioritizations and will be forming focus groups. Will meet on April 19th. Hope to focus on 10 areas.
- Met with Dean Weller-Stilson and discussed recruiting and best practices.
- Centralized scheduling will meet Friday, April 5th.
- Administrative Council will meet on April 9th at 8:30
- Budget Review meeting on April 10th with new interim VP for Finance, Ron Dorn. All three employee groups supported a 4% wage increase.
- Will meet with Deans' Council on April 11th.
- She will meet with SGA on April 9th and discuss the enrollment information task force and meet with SGA president and other executives.
- Faculty handbook review—bills need to be reviewed and signed by Dr. Vargas
- Some information in the handbook is incorrect and will be linked out to correct source.
- Committee chairs will present end of year reports at the next meeting on April 17; split session on April 24
- April 17 meeting materials need to be submitted on Friday, April 12 or Monday, April 15

Provost's Report:

The provost reminded everyone that classes are not cancelled all day on Monday, April 8 for the eclipse. Classes are cancelled from 11 to 2:30 pm. He hopes to get all the pending bills to the president by the end of the semester.

SGA Report:

Approved several funding requests. Also combined two executive positions into one and created a new PR chair. SGA elections are today and tomorrow. Jonah asked the senate to send a link to students reminding them to vote: <https://semo.presence.io/form/student-government-elections-2024-2025>

Academic Affairs: No report; completed charge.

Compensation: No report; completed charge

Documents: Working on scientific misconduct information

Governance: Will work on the end of year report

Professional Affairs: Will work on the end of year report.

Membership: Some have not responded to the committee preference request; please respond as soon as possible

Johnson Faculty Centre: No report; will work on end of year report.

Announcements:

Moore: The Wizard of Oz, April 10-13, 7:30 pm Bedell Performance Hall; also, April 13 & 14 at 2 pm; Extravaganza April 9 at 5:30 pm River Campus Atrium.

Aide: Appointed to the organizing committee for the 7th International Conference on Climate Change.

Cropp: Faculty Social Hour: Friday, April 19 from 5-7 at Ebb & Flow (11 S. Spanish Street)

Murphy: Discussed Eclipse Day events; flyer was distributed

Adjournment: Chair Fluegge called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Schmidt made the motion; seconded by Senator Moore. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 from 3-5 in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.