

LX No. 16

Faculty Senate Minutes

April 22, 2026

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Abram Book, Christopher Bradley, Jenny Cropp, Corrie Dudley, Erin Fluegge, Pam Gershuny, Michael Holm, Arusha Ijaz, Barbara Lamont, Hayley Love, Kelly McEnerney, Jenna Moore (Chair), Joe Murphy (Chair-Elect), Josh Newth, Tomoaki Nomi, Peter Oman, Anthony Scherer, Kyle Schneider, Robin Smith, Mike Taylor, Misty Tilmon, and David Yaskewich. Interim Provost Doug Koch, and SGA Liaison Layne Collier also present. The following alternates were present: Marikit Fain, and Joseph Snyder.

Call to Order

Chair Jenna Lee Moore called the 16th meeting of the 60th session of the Faculty Senate to order.

Minutes

Minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting (61.15) were approved without corrections.

Old Business

Resolution 26-6: Revising Duties for Faculty Senate Chairperson

Resolution 26-7: Revising Duties for Faculty Senate Chairperson-Elect

Resolution 26-8: Chair & Chair-Elect Membership Committee

Note: The Chair explained that resolution numbers were adjusted due to a previous numbering conflict; titles and content remain unchanged.

Motion to consider Resolutions 26-6, 26-7, and 26-8 together made by Senator Taylor and seconded by Senator Newth

Discussion:

- Concerns were raised regarding Executive Committee members not serving as voting members of the Membership Committee.
- Multiple senators voiced similar concerns.
- One senator indicated an intention to abstain if a vote proceeded.

Motion to return Resolutions to committee made by Senator Murphy and seconded by Senator Love

Vote (Return to Committee):

- In Favor: 11
- Opposed: 3
- Abstentions: 7

Outcome:

All three resolutions were **returned to committee** and will be reconsidered in the 61st Faculty Senate session.

New Business

Resolution 26-9: Spring and Summer Graduation Resolution

Motion to approve made by Senator Murphy and seconded by Senator Schneider

This resolution approves students who have met all academic requirements for Spring and Summer graduation.

Discussion: None

Resolution 26-9 passed unanimously

Reports

Chair – Jenna Lee Moore

Key items included:

- Discussion with President Hodson regarding earlier determination of Fall Break dates.
- Update on faculty compensation structure and confirmation that RNTT merit is funded from pooled funds.
- President Hodson expressed commitment to full cost-of-living raises for faculty, pending budget approval.
- Administrative Council updates:
 - Brandt Hall demolition underway; completion projected for July 31.
 - Kent Library Plaza renamed *Talbert Terrace*; donor-funded project with July 31 completion goal.
 - Dr. Corey Bradford appointed Vice President for Finance (effective June 15).
 - Upcoming town halls on April 29 and May 13 (streamed, not recorded).
- Budget Review Committee recommendation of a 3.3% raise for full-time faculty and staff.
- End-of-year report highlighting Senate activity, committee work, Board presentations, faculty engagement events, and acknowledgements.
- Chair announced resignation from SEMO, effective August 3, 2026, to accept a position as Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities at Palm Beach State College.

Administrative Liaison – Interim Provost Doug Koch

- Reported that restructuring and extraordinary review recommendations from the president will go before the Board on May 8.
- Thanked senators for professionalism and engagement in difficult discussions.

SGA – Layne Collier

- Reported completion of SGA elections:
 - President: Reese Mullins
 - Vice President: Kaya Pope
 - Treasurer: Carolyn Case
 - Secretary: Jaden Myers
- Thanked Faculty Senate for mentorship and support.
- Shared personal update regarding graduate studies and assistantship.
- Expressed appreciation for the passage of Resolution 26-9 enabling graduation.

Committee Reports

- *Academic Affairs (Kyle Schneider)*: End-of-year report completed; graduation resolution finalized.
- *Compensation (Erin Fluegge)*: No meeting; work completed previously.
- *Documents (Michael Bezushko)*: Not present.
- *Governance (Joshua Newth & Robin Smith)*: End-of-year report approved electronically.
- *Professional Affairs (Corrie Dudley)*: Emeritus approvals completed; additional items forthcoming.
- *Membership (Hayley Love)*: End-of-year report distributed; committee appointments completed.
- *Johnson Faculty Center (Joe Murphy)*:
Windows repaired, curtains installed, and mini fridge acquired.

Announcements

- *The Laramie Project* opens Thursday and runs through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Rust Flexible Theater.

- Chair Jenna Lee Moore was honored with a plaque recognizing service as Chair of the 60th Faculty Senate.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Senator Taylor and seconded by Senator Murphy
The meeting adjourned at 3:28p.m.

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