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Faculty Senate Minutes
October 28, 2020

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 via Zoom. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Indi Braden, Vera Campbell Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Rubén Gerding, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Lesly Krome, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Raju Vanteddu, Haohao Wang, Diane Wood, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard was also present. Pam Gershuny and Sophia Scott were present as alternates. Kristen Sobba was not present nor represented by an alternate.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Hatcher moved to approve the minutes from October 14, 2020 (55.6). Senator Fluegge seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes passed unanimously.

New Business

Chair Wood asked for a motion to suspend Faculty Senate business until the next Senate meeting on November 18, 2020 due to Prioritization Program Review. She stated that the reason for this is so the Senate committees can focus solely on the review of programs. Senator Hatcher moved to approve; Senator McMurry seconded. A vote was taken, and the suspension of Faculty Senate business was passed unanimously.

Senator McMurry asked the Provost that if a Senator is on a committee and receives a report from their department, should they give insight for discussion and recuse themselves from just the vote? The Provost deferred to Chair Wood. Chair Wood stated that the Senator should recuse themselves altogether for that review, but if there is clarification needed then the committee should speak with the Executive Committee and we will then contact the Chair or Dean of that department for any information that is needed.

Reports

Chair Wood reported that she and the Professional Affairs committee were able to receive feedback from Chairs' Forum regarding Tenure and Promotion and Merit Pay for chairs. She stated that the committee should have a productive discussion, and with this information, they will be able to form a bill to adjust the language to this section of the Faculty Handbook.

Provost Godard stated that he sent out an email regarding classroom guidelines; with an update to eating in the classrooms. He said the guidelines reflect that eating in the classroom and indoor instructional spaces is no longer permitted.

The Provost also reported that the Cape Girardeau Public Health Center Board of Trustees voted to extend the mandatory mask order. He stated that the mandate will only be lifted if one of three provisions is met. The three provisions are: (1) the positivity rate is below five percent for a two week period and the rolling 14 day case of new cases is below 200 for a two week period; (2) a

vaccine becomes widely available; and (3) a highly effective and relatively low cost therapeutic treatment becomes widely available.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Fluegge reported that the committee is preparing to review the reports for Prioritization Program Review.

Compensation – Senator Parry reported that their committee is also waiting for reports to review.

Documents – Senator Farrish reported that the committee is ready for the reviews as well.

Governance – Senator McFarland reported that after the committee is finished with the reviews, they will be working on procedures for the bill process of Senate bills.

Professional Affairs – Senator Fulton reported that they are also ready to get started on the reviews and after they're finished, they will be working on the Tenure and Promotion and Merit pay for chairs section of the Faculty Handbook with the feedback they received from Chairs' Forum.

Membership – No report.

Non-Legislative Committee Reports

Johnson Faculty Center – No report.

RNTT AdHoc – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee met for the first time today, they set their goals and timelines, and are eager to begin their work.

Adjournment

Senator Hatcher moved to adjourn; Senator Bohannon seconded. The faculty Senate adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.