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Faculty Senate Minutes
May 3, 2023

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 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, Laura Hatcher, 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 David Oliver were also present. The following alternate was present: Beverly Evans. Peter Oman and Andy Liu were not present or represented by alternates.

Chair Fluegge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting on April 26, 2023. Senator Clapsaddle made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator Louie. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage. Chair Fluegge then introduced Mary Harriett Talbut from the Center for Teaching and Learning and Jennifer Weiss, Director of Learning Assistance Programs, and the Center for Writing Excellence. Talbut and Weiss discussed the uses of ChatGPT and some of the implications. There were several questions and comments about the negative uses of ChatGPT and some merits of its use. There is a CTL Summer Institute that will provide some AI/ChatGPT sessions from May 15 – 18. Faculty can sign up for sessions here: <https://cstl.semo.edu/event/workshops.aspx?series=Summer+Institute+2023>.

Up next, Chair Fluegge called for a motion to approve the legislative and reporting committee chairs, co-chairs, and vice-chairs. Senator Scott made the motion; seconded by Senator Murphy. The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Fluegge then asked for a motion to table the remaining committee positions. Senator Bohannon made the motion; seconded by Senator Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

Chair Fluegge thanked everyone who attended the faculty social hour and clarified a meeting date on the agenda that should have been November 29 instead of November 9. She did not receive an update from the budget review committee. Chair Fluegge discussed the remote work policy, calling attention to the section regarding faculty and office hours. She asked the committee for clarification on faculty approval for remote work - whether they ask their chair or their dean. She asked the chairs, co-chairs, vice-chairs to stay after the meeting to discuss a retreat before school starts.

Provost's Report:

The provost discussed centralized scheduling and said that they are in the process of identifying instructional spaces that should not be included in scheduling. Once they are identified, they will be added to the software with parameters. Chairs and admins are involved in that process. Implementation will be Spring 2024, and a side-by-side comparison may be done this Summer. He also mentioned that Southeast is not ready for a full-fledged partnership with an OPM but instead decided to partner with Wiley on a very short-term contractual agreement. He said that a more in-depth analysis of where Southeast is as an institution is needed before committing to a

long-term partnership. The provost has one more department to visit this semester—mathematics. He encouraged the senate to encourage colleagues to give final exams only at scheduled times. He will send an email reminding faculty about the scheduled exam time and about the length of time, which is one hour and 45 minutes. Online courses cannot have specific exam times; open exam and allow multiple dates and times to complete during final exam week.

SGA Report:

Held banquet last week and discussed having an SGA senator shadow David near the end of the year. David will stay on as the SGA representative. The provost announced that two faculty members received awards at the banquet: Shannon McNew and Brandy Hepler. Faculty were nominated by students. Students were encouraged to complete student evaluations.

Membership:

Senator Hallam will email senators in August about the at large committee openings.

Announcements:

Moore: Firebringer May 4 (7:30) and May 6 (2 p.m.) Rust Flexible Theatre, and Celebrate the Arts Friday, May 5 7:30 p.m. Bedell Performance Hall

Newth: Celebrate the Arts—BFA exhibitions will be in Crisp Museum for the first time and Catapult Creative House will have two student murals.

Fluegge: Southeast Day at Busch Stadium is Sunday, May 21st.

Adjournment: Chair Fluegge called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Senator Moore and seconded by Senator Scott. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30 from 3-5 in Ballroom B of the University Center.