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Faculty Senate Minutes
September 25, 2024

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, in the Program Lounge of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Michael Bezushko, Larry Bohannon, Abram Book, Christopher Bradley, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp (Chair), Corrie Dudley, Erin Fluegge, Pam Gershuny, Barbara Lamont, Haley Love, Kelly McEnerney, Jenna Moore (Chair-Elect), Joe Murphy, Josh Newth, Tomoaki Nomi, Peter Oman, Anthony Scherer, Kyle Schneider, Mike Taylor, Misty Tilmon, and David Yaskewich. Interim Provost Doug Koch and SGA representative, Sophie Martin were present. Robin Smith was not present or represented by an alternate. The following alternates were present: Ziping Liu and Belinda McMurry.

Chair Cropp called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and asked for approval of minutes from the September 11th meeting. No corrections were needed, so the minutes were approved as circulated and will be posted on the webpage.

Chair's Report:

Chair Cropp said she had emailed Dr. Shields about budget review meetings and has not received a response. She will present the faculty senate report to the Board of Governors on October 4. She also asked senators to encourage their departments to attend the listening sessions with Greenwood Asher & Associates on October 3 and 4 regarding the presidential search. Chair Cropp attended a Dean's Council meeting a couple of weeks ago during which time, she was asked to talk with the faculty senate about looking at the language in the handbook surrounding the number of office hours. There are currently three hours required. There is currently a concern that there is not enough presence on campus during the day on weekdays. A lengthy discussion followed with different opinions and concerns expressed.

Interim Provost's Report:

Dr. Koch said the HLC assurance report did not require follow-up and that the next step is to define the quality initiative. The next HLC review will be in 2029. He also discussed Southeast Online and Graduate Services due to some confusion about the role of that office. They will focus on recruitment and admissions. The Office of Graduate Studies is not changing.

SGA Report: The new PR chair was announced, and Dr. Vargas was a guest at the last meeting and discussed the searches for the VP of Finance and for the provost.

Academic Affairs: Did not meet; emailed committee members.

Compensation: Did not meet; will continue work on the sick leave policy.

Documents: Met and found some links that were not working; will compile a list and submit for checking. Also need access to the TEAMS files or create another TEAMS file for the committee.

Governance: Met and worked on charges.

Professional Affairs: Met and drafted an email for suggestions about faculty designations to supplement or replace the RNTT designation.

Membership: Notified the registrar of the updated commencement committee members and there are still two legislative committee vacancies. Not a lot of interest in the SGA liaison positions.

Johnson Faculty Centre: No report

Announcements:

Moore: ‘Noises Off’ at Bedell Performance Hall, September 26-28 at 7:30 pm and September 28-29 at 2 pm.

Aide: The facilities management planning committee met and are planning some classroom upgrades.

Murphy: Night sky observation on October 3 at the observatory between 6:30 and 7 pm

Lamont: All Together Now at Bedell Performance Hall, October 3 at 7:30

Adjournment: Chair Cropp called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Moore made the motion; seconded by Senator Murphy. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, from 3-5 pm in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.