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Minutes of the Faculty Senate
October 3, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Shamik Bhattacharya, Larry Bohannon, Tamara Buck, Eric Clements, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton Ruben Gerding, Dena Hale, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Elizabet McFarland, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, Peter Oman, David Powell, Desma Reno, Jingjing Tong, and Nicolas Wilkins. Dean Weller-Stilson was present as Administration Liaison. Renee Owens, Student Government Liaison, was also present. Dustin Siegel was present as an alternate. Senators not present or represented by and alternate were: Joni Hand, Kim Louie, and Willie Redmond.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 2, 2018 (53.2) and September 5, 2018 (53.4) were approved.

New Business

Chair Powell stated that he spoke with Martha Henckell, Director of Academic Technologies, about the storage term of courses and class data. He stated that data is currently back up to 1997. With this information, a major concern is that with having this data, increases the need to share it when requested. Some of the Senators thought it might be a good idea to only keep the information for seven years. The Senate asked Academic Affairs to look into the matter and possibly draft a policy for it. They agreed.

Senator McGill discuss what faculty view as the proper position of research. He stated that the Professional Affairs Committee has already started looking into this. They've discussed polling the faculty and have already drafted some questions. He also stated that the Administration had mentioned that they should determine is a publication should be done or not. A concern the Senate had was that maybe the Administration wouldn't fully understand the worth of the publication and that it should be determined by the department instead. Senator McGill said that he will take this back to the committee and discuss the matter in more depth.

Senator Evans reported that the Academic Affairs Committee has been charged with and asked to consider the moving of Fall break. She stated that there were a few options to chose from and asked the Senate for their input. After the discussion, she stated that she will take this matter back to the committee and will bring a decision back to the Senate at the next meeting.

Reports

Chair Powell reported that he met with a few of the committees this past week. He stated that the Dean's Council and Administration Council has had a chance to meet yet but will the following week.

Dean Weller-Stilson reported that President Vargas and Interim Provost Randolph plan to meet with the colleges in a couple of weeks and hope to start meeting with each department in the Spring.

Ms. Owens reported that the Student Government discussed the Academic Calendar pertaining to Fall break. They also discussed replacing some of the outdated cameras around campus to help make it safer. She stated that the sustainability committee also met and discussed ways to make the University more recycle friendly.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Evans reported that the committee met the previous week and worked on the bills for ownership of online courses and the academic calendar.

Compensation – Senator Reno reported that the committee met last Wednesday and went over the charges and goals for the committee, set out from the previous year. They asked Kathy Mangels to meet with them on November 7 to discuss new faculty and leadership.

Documents – Senator Bohannon reported that the committee continues to examine and make updates to the Faculty Handbook. He stated that he will bring questions to the Senate regarding the handbook.

Governance – Senator Hess reported that Chair Powell and Senator Hand joined their committee meeting to discuss three bills they are working on. He stated that he has asked Interim Provost Randolph to join them in discussing these bills on November 7.

Professional Affairs – Senator McGill reported that the committee has discussed the revision of the sabbatical leave bills. He stated that he plans to bring four bills forwarded at the next Senate meeting. The committee has also been working on the emeritus policy and trying to draft a resolution for it.

Membership – No report.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room from 3-5 p.m.