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Faculty Senate Minutes
October 17, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, Shamik Bhattachary, Larry Bohannon, Tamara Buck, Eric Clements, Beverly Evan, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Dena Hale, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Elizabeth McFarland, Jim McGill, Desma Reno, and Nicolas Wilkins. Dustin Seigel and Debbie Lee-DiStefano were present as alternates. Interim Provost Randolph and Renee Owens, Student Government Liaison, were also present. Jingjing Tong wasn't present and didn't have an alternate present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for October 3, 2018 (53.5) were approved.

New Business

Chair Powell explained that the Great Colleges Survey is online and can be viewed under the Employee tab in the portal. He discussed the overview of the survey that was handed out at the meeting. He also mentioned that the HERI survey results can be found on the President's webpage.

Chair Powell also discussed the Faculty Department Poll he has continued to work on since the first meeting of the Senate. He went over the results thus far and encouraged the Senate to bring forward any other note card polls they had, so he may finish the poll and send out a finalized version by next week.

Senator Evans introduced bill *18-A-XX – 5-Year Academic Calendar*. She stated that the Academic Affairs Committee added year 2022 to the calendar and made adjustments to the Fall break dates starting in 2020. She asked the Senators to share the bill with their departments and bring back any concerns or suggestions before a vote for approval is taken at the next Senate meeting.

Reports

Chair Powell reported that he met with the Administrative Council and fall break was discussed. They also took a vote for starting the fall semester early by two days, and 4/5 were in support of this idea. He also mentioned meeting with Dean's Council and discussing the 5-Year Academic Calendar and the Faculty Department Poll.

The Chair also reported that the Executive Committee met with Interim Provost Randolph and they also discussed the Faculty Department Poll results. He stated that it was a very reassuring and helpful meeting.

Interim Provost Randolph reported that she was able to pull 10% of rollover money from each of the departments. This money will be held in the "rainy day fund" to help with the budget in case it gets cut again in January.

She also mentioned that there is a combined form for CAD and CART coming out. There will also be a new syllabus template to help with keeping everything together. It will go to Academic Council for approval and then will be released to faculty for use.

Ms. Owens reported that the Student Government has designated this week as anti-hazing week. She also mentioned that they are looking into replacing all outdated cameras on campus. Lastly, she stated that the Sustainability Committee met and are drafting a resolution to add twenty more recycle bins around campus, and they plan to talk to Chartwells about refilling students' tumblers instead of wasting paper and plastic cups.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Evans reported that the committee met and discussed the 5-Year Academic Calendar.

Compensation – Senator Reno reported that the committee met and continued to discuss committee charges. She stated that they also discussed budget cuts and hiring faculty; Kathy Mangels will be meeting with the committee on November 7 to discuss the budgeting process and will give an overview of what the University is expected to see and that anyone is welcome to come.

Documents – Senator Bohannon reported that the committee continues to comb through the handbook for any changes that need to be made. The committee is compiling a list of questions and will discuss them with the Provost when completed.

Governance – No report.

Professional Affairs – No report.

Membership – No report.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room from 3-5 p.m.