

XVIII No. 9
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 26, 2014

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Doug Atwood, Larry Bohannon, Marcus Bond, Stephanie Chamberlain, Brandon Christensen, Eric Clements, Brooke Clubbs, Wendy Cooper, Kevin Dickson, Joni Hand, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Debra Lee-DiStefano, Ziping Liu, Tiffany Parker, Jian Peng, Willie Redmond, Joyce Renaud, Claudia Ruediger, Carol Veneziano, Candide Walton, Janice Ward, Victor Wilburn, and Diane Wood. Provost Eddleman was also in attendance. The following alternate was present: Sven Svenson. Caleb Cockrill was present for Student Government Liaison. Not in attendance or represented by an alternate was: David Powell, Desma Reno, Seidu Sofo, and Aaron Tuttle.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 29, 2014 (48.9) were approved.

Old Business

Senator Peng moved to approve *Bill 14-A-XX Department Chairs Procedures*. Senator Ruediger seconded. During discussion, Senator Atwood moved to amend the word “once” on line 174 and replace it with “after.” Senator Dickson seconded; the Senate voted and the amendment passed. Senator Wood moved to amend line 179 by replacing the current language with, “After reviewing the search committee’s evaluation, the Dean will provide rationale for his/her recommendation to the full department. The search committee can request a meeting with the Dean and Provost to discuss the Dean’s recommendation before a final recommendation is made to the President.” Senator Dickson seconded. The Senate voted and the amendment passed. Chair Lee-DiStefano moved to amend line 177 by replacing the current language with: “After the search is complete, the search committee Chair provides written evaluations signed by each member of the search committee to the college Dean, identifying strengths and weaknesses of the candidates.” The Senate voted and the amendment passed. Senator Chamberlain moved to amend line 175 by removing, “if at the associate rank or above.” Senator Christensen seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment passed. Senator Althaus moved to amend line 175 by adding “which will make that determination of all the finalists before an invitation to campus is extended.” Senator Dickson seconded; a vote was taken and the amendment passed. After the discussion, the Faculty Senate voted and *Bill 14-A-10 Department Chairs Procedure* was passed.

Senator Clubbs moved to approve the Faculty Senate Constitution with only grammatical errors to fix. The Senate voted and the Faculty Senate Constitution passed.

New Business

Senator Peng introduced *Bill 14-A-XX Department and Department Chairperson Policy* and *Bill 14-A-XX Department and Department Chairperson Procedures* to the Senate. Senator Peng went through the bills and explained added language and deletion of language. Discussion took place. Senator Peng will bring the bills back to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Senator Althaus introduced *Bill 14-A-XX Normal Load During the Academic Year Policy* and *Bill 14-A-XX Normal Load During the Academic Year Procedures*. Senator Althaus went through the bills and explained the additions and deletions to the bill. Discussion took place. Senator Althaus will bring the bills back to Senate for approval.

Senator Althaus also introduced *Bill 14-A-XX Teaching Assignments During the Summer Session Policy* and *Bill 14-A-XX Teaching Assignments During the Summer Session Procedures*. Senator Althaus, again, went through the bills and explained the additions and deletions of language. Discussion took place. Senator Althaus will bring the bills back to Senate for approval at the next meeting.

Reports

Chair Lee-DiStefano had reported that the scheduled Faculty Senate meeting for February 12 was canceled due to the University being closed because of the weather.

Senator Chamberlain reported to the Senate about a MAFS meeting that she, Senator Wood, and Chair Lee-DiStefano attended on February 17-18. She reported that Mike Thompson, Commissioner David Russell, and Rusty Monhollon were also present. While at the meeting they learned about SARA (State Articulation Reciprocity Agreement), which concerns online education. Mike reported that by 2014 there will be 20-30 states involved in online education, and by 2015 there will be 45 states. Senator Chamberlain reported that she sat in on Senator Thompson's Higher Education Committee hearing and learned that there were a couple of bill proposals. The bills suggested that students need to take remedial courses at universities around the state and they shouldn't have to pay for those courses; that in fact, these amounts should be deducted from K-12 school districts.

Provost Eddleman reported that the next Board of Regents meeting will be on February 28, 2014. He also reported that the Budget Review Committee will meet on Thursday, February 27 to discuss the status of strategic enrollment management for the next academic year.

He reported that the last of the series of college-wide meetings has ended but if anyone would like to still meet with him, he will be doing Breakfast with the Provost on Thursday mornings in the UC.

The Provost reported that the HERI (Higher Education Research Institute) faculty survey will be available until March 14. He stated that another email was sent out to all faculty as a reminder to take the survey.

Lastly, he reported that the Faculty Senate committee submitted their recommendation for the Summer Proposal Development Program. Those faculty, who were selected, received notification of their reward.

Student Government Liaison

Caleb Cockrill reported that the Student Government will order TVs and put them in various spots around campus. It will show the shuttle tracker, a list of all the events happening that day on campus, and the weather. He also reported that they are looking at and evaluating the CTA safe ride program. Lastly, the student government is starting brand new this year, the Student Involvement Ambassador Program. They are trying to get the program finished by the end of this semester and implemented in the fall.

Reports

Academic Affairs- No report due to time restraints.

Compensation- No report due to time restraints.

Documents- No report due to time restraints.

Governance- No report due to time restraints.

Professional Affairs- No report due to time restraints.

Membership- No report due to time restraints.

Adjournment

Senator Jung moved to adjourn. Senator Parker seconded. The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on March 12, 2014 at 3:00 pm in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room.