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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
January 25, 2017

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, January 25, 2016 in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengston, Larry Bohannon, Shelba Branscum, Eric Clements, Gary Cwick, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, David Mauk, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Missy Phegley-Nieveen, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Jingjing Tong, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel was also present. Student Government Liaison, Madison Smith, was present. Henry Clark was present as an alternate for Peter Oman. Martha cook was neither present nor represented by an alternate.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for November 30, 2016 (51.7) were approved.

New Business

Senator Schmidt introduced *Bill 17-A-XX - 5 Year Academic Calendar*. He explained that this calendar is extended to 2021. He asked the Senate to take the bill back to their departments and that this bill will be voted on at the next meeting.

Old Business

Senator Schmidt moved to pass *Bill 17-A-XX – Academic Honesty Policy*. Senator Althaus seconded. Discussion took place. Senator Dickson moved to amend line 52 by adding “or solicits someone else to complete an assignment in part or in whole” Senator Schmidt seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment passed. A vote was taken to pass the bill. *Bill 17-A-1 – Academic Honesty Policy* was approved.

Senator Schmidt moved to pass *Bill 17-A-XX – Academic Honesty Procedures*. Senator Dickson seconded. Discussion over the bill took place. A vote was taken and *Bill 17-A-2 – Academic Honesty Procedures* was approved.

Senator Powell moved to pass *Bill 17-A-XX – Principles of Collegiality*, Senator Ruediger seconded. Senator Wood moved to amend the bill by reinstating “Although the University professor perceives the need to integrate diverse functions in the overall organization of the institution, his/her professional expertise in his/her areas of knowledge entitles him/her to considerable autonomy and liberty in the performance of professional activities” and adding it to the second paragraph. Senator Jung seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment passed. Senator Jung moved to amend the bill by reinstating “In addition to faculty recommendations on academic and professional matters, the collegial process also recognizes the value of faculty input in budgetary matters” and adding it to the third paragraph. Senator Dickson seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment passed. The Senate voted to pass the bill; *Bill 17-A-3 – Principles of Collegiality* was approved.

Senator Powell moved to approved *Bill 17-A-XX – Academic Department Procedures*, Senator Althaus seconded. After much discussion over the bill, Senator Schmidt moved to table the bill. Senator Jung seconded. *Bill 17-A-XX – Academic Departments Procedures* will be brought back to the Senate at a later date.

Reports

Chair Redmond had a brief discussion with the Senate about House Bill 266. The bill proposes to abolish tenure for Missouri public institutions of higher education for new hires after 2018; those who already have tenure will retain it. He stated that nothing is in motion at this time but wanted the Senate to be aware. The Chair also handed out a draft of a Tobacco Use Policy that will be presented to the Board of Regents on February 17, 2017.

Provost Kunkel stated that an email was sent out to the faculty regarding the eclipse this fall. There was a committee put together for the events for the day of the eclipse. They are now developing a speakers' bureau. He stated that if anyone would like to speak at the event, then the information needs to be sent to Dean McGowan.

Provost Kunkel also discussed the budget issue with the Senate. He stated the Governor announced a \$3.4 million withholding for Southeast in the fall of 2017, fiscal year 2017. He stated that the withholding will be taken in February and the University will use one time monies to insure the operation of the University, but the one time monies will need to be refilled. The President has asked the Budget Review Committee to start meeting now, rather than later because of this. The Provost stated that one way to deal with the budget cut is through growth, by recruiting and retaining students. Right now, 58% of the budget comes from students and the other 42% comes from the state.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Schmidt reported that the committee continues to work on sections from the Faculty Handbook.

Compensation – Senator Wood stated that the committee is waiting to hear from the Budget Review Committee on Friday before going forward.

Documents – No report

Governance – Senator Powell reported that the committee has gone over the University Standing Committees section of the Faculty Handbook. They will be starting is off with a new bill. He also stated that the committee will be working with Academic Affairs on a few bills.

Professional Affairs – Senator Odegard-Koester reported that the committee met the previous week and the completed a lot of work, including work on the Sabbatical Leave section of the Faculty Handbook.

Membership – Senator Humphrey announced that Senator Bohannon is the new Chair of the Documents Committee and Senator Tong will be the new Vice-Chair.

Executive Session

Senator Odegard-Koester moved to pass an emeritus bill for the following:

J. Robert Willingham

Cynthia L. Gordinier-Harkey

Dickson Seconded

Adjournment

Senator Holman moved to adjourn, Chair Redmond seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room.