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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
May 4, 2016

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday May 4, 2016 in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Carl Bloom, Larry Bohannon, Shelba Branscum, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Gary Cwick, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, David Mauk, Jim McGill, Melissa Odegard- Koester, Peter Oman, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Arlene Reilly-Sandoval, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Jingjing Tong, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel was also present. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Ziping Liu and Nicolas Wilkins.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 20, 2016 (50.16) and April 20, 2016 (51.1) were approved.

Guest

Dr. Wayne Bowen joined the Faculty Senate to discuss the University Studies Program. He explained that in February there was a team sent to SSCC and plan to send another team this summer. He also explained what the plan is for the future. Lastly, he stated that he wants to hear from the faculty about the program and process and that there will be an online Moodle platform to see where the review is at this point.

New Business

Senator Humphrey moved to approve the proposed list for the Legislative Committee membership. Senator Powell seconded. A vote was taken and the committee memberships passed. She also moved to approve the two Chairs for reporting committees, Dr. Brandon Christensen and Dr. Matt Mardonov. Senator Ruediger seconded, another vote was taken and the reporting committee chairs were approved.

Reports

Chair Redmond reported that he has discussed the pending bills with both President Vargas and Provost Kunkel. He also stated that there will be a Faculty Senate retreat that the Executive Committee and committee Chairs will attend. During this meeting they will discuss upcoming actions and set a plan for the Faculty Senate. Lastly, Senator Redmond reported that the President's Inauguration is tomorrow, May 5. He encouraged the Faculty Senate to attend and to spread word to their departments. He stated that the President wanted to make it clear that this is not about him, the President just wants the University to come out and celebrate with him.

Provost Kunkel reported that if faculty would like to march in the progression line for the inauguration then they need to line up at the track at 1:30 pm. He also stated that Higher Education has approved the application for bachelor of Science & Industrial Distribution and will be available next Fall. The Industrial Engineering Program is being held up for broader discussion across the state.

Provost Kunkel briefly discussed House Bill 2651 regarding common course numbering across Missouri. Lastly, the Provost discussed with the Senate about policy and procedure bills being approved and then being posted to the Faculty Handbook.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Schmidt reported that one recommendation the Deans made was language regarding the Academic Calendar tied to online courses. They want to make sure the Moodle page is open on day one of the semester and not getting exams on University holidays. This needs to be added to the handbook somewhere, so we will be taking care of that.

Compensation – Senator Wood had no report.

Documents – Senator Bloom had no report.

Governance – Senator Powell had no report.

Professional Affairs – Senator Odegard-Koester had no report.

Membership – Senator Humphrey reported that the Executive Committee put together the legislative committees based on the Senators' requests. Those members then helped to find faculty fill open spots in the committees. We hope to have all the committees filled by the end of summer.

Adjournment

Senator Bloom moved to adjourn. Senator Schmidt seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on September 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium, Dempster Hall.