

LI No. 5
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 5, 2016

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengston, Larry Bohannon, Shelba Branscum, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Gary Cwick, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Jim McGill, Kathy Miller, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Peter Oman, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Jingjing Tong, Nicolas, and Bart Williams. Provost Kunkel was also present. The following alternates were present: Missy Phegley-Nieveen and Belinda McMurry. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: David Mauk, and Diane Wood. President Vargas was present as a guest.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September 21, 2016 (51.4) were approved.

Guest

President Vargas joined the Faculty Senate. He briefly talked about retention and about Dr. Vincent Tinto's visit to campus on October 19. He stated that he looks forward to what the Senate has to offer the University this year.

Old Business

Senator Powell moved to approve *Bill 16-A-XX The College Dean Search Committee Procedures*. Senator Jung seconded. Discussion took place. With a friendly amendment *Bill 16-A-16 The College Dean Search Committee Procedures* passed.

New Business

Senator Schmidt introduced *Bill 16-A-XX Academic Honesty Policy* and *Bill 16-A-XX Academic Honesty Procedures*. He explained to the Senate what changes the committee made to the bills. Discussion took place. Senator Schmidt will take the bills back to the committee with the suggestions from Senate.

Reports

Chair Redmond reminded the Senate that Dr. Vincent Tinto will be at the Faculty Senate meeting on October 19 to discuss retention. He also discussed the results of the poll taken for the cancellation of classes on the first day of school for the eclipse. He stated that the results were that 46% want to cancel classes completely, 47% want to cancel classes between 12-3 p.m., and 7% don't want to cancel classes at all.

Provost Kunkel mentioned that, because of the results from the eclipse poll, he is recommending that classes be canceled from 12-2 p.m. There is a task force putting together activities for this day. Provost Kunkel reported that there is a search for a Dean for the College of Business. A search committee has been formed. He hopes to have a Dean named by February.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Schmidt reported that the committee met the previous week and worked on the Academic Honesty bills. They also discussed other projects they have on their agenda to work on.

Compensation – Senator Dickson had no report.

Documents – Senator Bohannon reported that the committee examined the chapters of the Faculty Handbook to see if links were current. They also discussed how to make the handbook more consistent.

Governance – Senator Powell reported that the committee continues to work on bills related to University Standing Committees and Program Review sections of the Faculty Handbook.

Professional Affairs – Senator Odegard-Koester reported that the committee has formed subcommittees to work on Chapter 2 of the Faculty Handbook. They also continue to work on sabbatical leave and conflict of interest.

Membership – Senator Humphrey reported that an email was sent out got people to be nominated for commencement.

Executive Session

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

Michael Parker
Candide Walton
Deborah F. Beard
Paul J. Watkins
Norman E. Kinney
William E. Snell Jr.
Dale E. Haskell
Gary Cesarz
Susan Swartwout

Senator Jung seconded. A vote was taken and the bill passed.

Adjournment

Senator Dickson moved to adjourn; Senator Ruediger seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate will be held on November 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room.