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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 7, 2016

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in the Glenn Auditorium, Dempster Hall. The Following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengston, 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, Peter Oman, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Jingjing Tong, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel was also present. The following alternate was present: Belinda McMurry. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Ziping Liu, Melissa Odegard-Koester, and Arlene Reilly-Sandoval. The following were present as guests: Dr. Gerald McDougall, Debbie Below, Vice Provost Charles McAllister, Dr. Morris Jenkins, Dr. Chris McGowan, Barbara Glackin, and Dr. Allen Gathman.

Reports

Chair Redmond informed that Senate that every month, once a month, he has a meeting with the Provost and a meeting with the Provost and President accompanied by the rest of the Executive Committee. During these meetings they discuss bills that are in the process of being approved. He also mentioned that the Board of Regents is meeting on September 9 and two of the Senate bills will be reviewed at that meeting; and two of the Senate's procedures bills have passed through the 15 Day Review.

Chair Redmond reported that the Solar Eclipse on August 22, 2017 will fall on the first day of classes next year. He stated that the University would like the students to be engaged in it but canceling classes on the first day could be an issue. There have been thoughts about canceling classes from noon to two, giving students the most opportune moment to watch the eclipse. A task force has been put together and has asked Faculty Senate for their opinion; possibly sending out a quick survey monkey to all faculty and ask the faculty what their opinion is for canceling classes in that time period. Lastly, Chair Redmond reported that there will be a New Faculty Reception/Faculty Social on September 23 at the Johnson Faculty Center.

Provost Kunkel added to Chair Redmond's report about the eclipse. He stated that there is a task force of 30 people planning events for this day. There are a lot of ideas and soon there will be posters and programming put together for the event.

Provost Kunkel discussed the changes being made in the Provost office. Dr. Gerald McDougall and Dr. Allen Gathman are retiring at the end of the year and new positions are being created to help even the load these two have been handling. The purposed positions are: Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Budget/Dean of Research and Graduate Studies; Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness and Student Success; and Associate Provost for the Extended Campus.

Lastly, the Provost discussed retention with the Senate and informed them that Dr. Vincent Tinto will be visiting campus to discuss retention on October 19. Dr. Tinto will also be joining the

Faculty Senate meeting on that date. He explained how retention is measured and what the goals for the upcoming years are.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Schmidt reported that the goals for the year will include setting the Academic Calendar for 2021 & 2022, continue to advise Academic Honesty in the Faculty Handbook, and to look at possible revision for Academic Program Review guidelines.

Compensation – Senator Wood reported that the committee will start by focusing on two main things; the first being the issue of uncompensated faculty workload, and the second being part time and overload pay.

Documents – Senator Bloom reported that the committee will continue to clean up the Faculty Handbook and would like feedback from anyone that sees any issues. He stated that there was talk about the Faculty Handbook being part of master documents but never was, so they will work on this.

Governance – Senator Powell reported that a pair of bills have been returned to the committee and they will work to get these back through the approval process. They will also be looking at the faculty representation on search committees.

Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee will continue to look through the Faculty Handbook to make sure sections are broken down into policy and procedures. The committee plans to make way on Chapter 2 and the section relating to conflict of interest in the Faculty Handbook.

Membership – Senator Humphrey reported that the committee has filled all the Faculty Senate reporting and legislative committees are full.

Adjournment

Senator Wood moved to adjourn. Senator Althaus seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on September 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room.