

LII No. 15
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 11, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Shamik Bhattachary, Larry Bohannon, Eric Clements, Kevin Dickson, Joni Hand, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Desma Reno, Tim Schmidt, Julie Tipton, Jingjing Tong, Janice Ward, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel; Madison Smith, Student Government Liaison; and Peyton Mogley, Student Government President, were present. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Henry Clark, Arsalan Gharaveis, Avery Henry, and David Mauk.

Dr. Christina Ragain, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Chair of the GRFC Committee; and Dr. Bethany Alden-Rivers, Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness and Student Success, were present as guests.

Approval of Minutes

The Faculty Senate minutes for March 28, 2018 (52.14) were approved.

Guests

Dr. Alden-Rivers attended the Senate meeting to give an update on the HLC Accreditation. She presented a PowerPoint and handed out an HLC Systems Portfolio Project Plan*.

Dr. Ragain presented a proposed change to the Grants Funding and Research Guidelines. She went through the document and explained what changes the GRFC Committee made to the guidelines*. The Senate discussed and offered amendments to the document as well. She will bring the proposed Grants Funding and Research Guidelines back to the Senate on April 25 for approval.

Old Business

Senator Schmidt presented two versions of the *18-A-XX 5-Year Academic Calendar**. He explained that version 2 shows the fall break as one full week; version 3 shows two fall breaks, one during the seventh week of the semester and the other for Thanksgiving break, starting in 2019. The Senate discussed other changes that included: starting the semester two days earlier and moving the first fall break to the seventh week (as presented) or to the eighth week (as in the past). Senator Schmidt asked the Senate to take these versions back to their departments for feedback.

Reports

Chair McGill reported that President Vargas wanted to reassure the Senate that he is taking into full consideration and investigating the questions and concerns that were expressed at the last meeting.

The Chair also announced that there will be a Faculty Social Hour next Friday, April 20. Chair-Elect Powell will send out more details on the event as they come.

Lastly, Chair McGill stated that in December, Student Government challenged the Faculty Senate to the Pepper Eating Challenge for ALS; and he will be at the Johnson Faculty Center on Wednesday, April 18 between 3-5 p.m. to take the challenge. He encouraged the rest of the Senate to be present and accept the challenge as well.

Provost Kunkel reported that Academic Council did endorse the reorganization proposal on April 3, 2018. There were three changes recommended by the Council. He stated that the 78-page proposal is now in the hands of the President and he will review it, make a decision, and present it at the May Board of Regents meeting.

Madison reported that the Student Government has their elections. The new Executive Board is:

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Chief of Staff:

Special Projects Committee Chair:

Student Issues Committee Chair:

University Affairs Chair:

Parliamentarian:

She stated that there are still vacancies in the following departments:

College of Business – 2 vacancies

College of Health and Human Services – 1 vacancy

College of Liberal Arts – 2 vacancies

School of University Studies – 2 vacancies

School of Visual and Performing Arts – 2 vacancies

Madison stated that pending the restructuring of the University, they will also restructure their Senate to evaluate how to handle it. She asked Senators to encourage students in their college/school to apply for the special elections in the fall.

Ms. Smith informed the Senate that the Student Government passed a by-law change, the Parker Field Mural. There will be eight new mural spots available for faculty, staff or students to submit a design of their mural to be painted and posted for a two-year rotation.

Lastly, she reported that they passed a resolution to formally oppose the Governor's budget. It will be sent to the Board of Regents, President Vargas, all members of the Missouri Legislature, the Lieutenant, and Governor of Missouri.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Schmidt reported that the committee met the previous week and have continued to work on the two versions of the 5-Year Academic Calendar.

Compensation - Senator Miller reported that they have a meeting with the Budget Review Committee on Thursday, April 12. Then they will start balancing out the budget for the next academic year.

Documents – No report.

Governance – No report.

Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee met last Wednesday, and they are still working on a report regarding the emeritus(a) status.

Membership – Senator Redmond reported that the committee is working through filling the vacant spots for the next Faculty Senate session. He stated that seats that are open in departments that aren't affected by the restructuring have been contacted. As for the vacancies in departments that are affected by the restructuring, they are going to try to reassess them in the fall. There are some Senators whose terms aren't ending, and their departments are merging; the committee has decided to let them finish out their term and make changes after that.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room from 3-4 p.m.

**These documents can be found on the Faculty Senate website.*