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Faculty Senate Minutes
March 7, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Shamik Bhattachary, Larry Bohannon, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Kevin Dickson, Arsalan Gharaveis, Joni Hand, Jonathan Hayes, Avery Henry, Carl Hess, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, David Powell, Desma Reno, Tim Schmidt, Julie Tipton, Jingjing Tong, Janice Ward, Nicolas Wilkins, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel was also present. Peyton Mogley, Madison Smith, and Eli Bohnert were present as Student Government Liaison. Michael Aide, Belinda McMurry were present as alternates. Willie Redmond and Bart Williams were not present, and they didn't have an alternate present.

Approval of Minutes

The Faculty Senate minutes for February 21, 2018 (52.12) were approved.

Old Business

Senator Schmidt moved to approve the policy and procedure bills for *Student Evaluation of Instruction*. Senator Dickson seconded. Senator Schmidt explained the changes the Academic Affairs Committee made to the procedure bill based off the suggestions from Senators the previous Senate meeting. The Senate discussed both bills in depth and voted. With 23 Senators for, 2 against, and 2 abstentions, *Bill 18-A-4 – Student Evaluation of Instruction Policy* and *Bill 18-A-5 – Student Evaluation of Instruction Procedures* passed.

New Business

Senator Schmidt introduced *Bill 18-A-XX – 5-Year Academic Calendar*. He stated that this calendar would include academic year 2022-2023. Chair McGill and Peyton Mogley, Student Government President, stated that at the last Student Government meeting, Fall/Thanksgiving break was discussed. The Senators continued to discuss concerns about the week-long break in the fall. Senator Schmidt asked the Senate to take the bill back to their departments and get feedback from faculty and students.

Reports

Chair McGill reported that he was at the Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting on February 23. He informed the BOR that the Faculty Senate is a body that really wants to work with them and the Administration to help improve the success of faculty, students, and the University. He stated that this was well received.

Chair McGill also reported that he and Chair-Elect Powell met with the Provost last week to discuss the Faculty Senate bills that are still pending. After much discussion, he stated that they reached an agreement and the bills should be ready to be presented at the next Board of Regents meeting.

On March 28, Chair McGill stated that President Vargas and Dr. Christina Ragain, Grants and Research Funding Committee (GRFC) Chair, will be present at the Faculty Senate meeting. The

President will come to discuss a few matters with the Senate; and Dr. Ragain will present a draft of amendments to the GRFC Guidelines for the Senate's consideration.

Provost Kunkel addressed the course type/workload formula draft recently distributed to Deans and Department Chairs for feedback. This document reflects an attempt to create equitable workloads between faculty and across departments, to make certain faculty are appropriately compensated. Standard formulas, with approved exceptions due to accreditation standards or best practices in disciplines, can be preloaded into Banner relieving the burden of department Administrative Assistants individually entering workload credit for each course and also increasing consistency in instructional workload entry across Academic Affairs. He encouraged departments to engage in constructive discussion of this draft document.

Student Government Liaison

Madison Smith reported that the Student Government continues to discuss where to allocate their general fees; and they have drafted a resolution on the matter. She also reported that Student Government elections are coming up and they are looking for candidates. She encouraged the Senate to communicate with faculty on nominating any students they think would be a good fit. Applications for candidacy can be picked up in the UC Rm 414 and are due March 19 by 5 p.m. with a wallet size photo and 50-word bio. The elections will be held on April 4 & 5.

Legislative Committee Reports

Due to time, these reports weren't given. Senator Althaus did mention that the Provost came to a Professional Affairs Committee meeting last week and discussed emeritus procedures and possible standards. Senator Miller handed out a budget review proposal the Compensation Committee drafted and will present the proposal at the Budget Review meeting on March 23.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:48 and moved to executive session.