

**LII No. 16**  
**Minutes of the Faculty Senate**  
**April 25, 2018**

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the UC Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Larry Bohannon, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Arsalan Gharaveis, Joni Hand, Jonathan Hayes, Avery Henry, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Carl Kinnison, Ziping Liu, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Desma Reno, Tim Schmidt, Julie Tipton, Nicolas Ward, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel and Peyton Mogley, former Student Government President, were also present. Margret P. Hill was present as an alternate. The following Senators weren't present and had no alternate: Kevin Dickson, Tom Holman, David Mauk, and Janice Ward.

Dr. Christina Ragain, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Chair of the Grants and Research Funding Committee, was present as a guest.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for April 1, 2018 (52.15) were approved.

**Guest**

Dr. Ragain came to Senate to continue to discuss the proposed changes to the Grants and Research Funding Guidelines. She went through the document explaining what changes the committee was putting forward.

**Old Business**

Senator Schmidt moved to approve *Bill 18-A-XX – 5-Year Academic Calendar\**. Senator Jung seconded. Senator Schmidt explained the changes applied to the dates. He stated that the changes don't reflect the request to start fall semester two days early because he was not able to get feedback from certain divisions (e.g. Residence Life, Dining, Registrar's Office, etc.). Senator Wood moved to table the bill until proper feedback is given. Senator Redmond seconded. *Bill 18-A-XX – 5-Year Academic Calendar* was tabled.

**New Business**

Senator Althaus presented the Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Procedures Report\* the Professional Affairs Committee has been working on. He explained that during this semester, the Committee had been hearing questions challenging the criteria and procedures used to recommend emeritus(a) status to retiring faculty. After study, consultation, and deliberation, the Committee prepared the report responding to each of those questions. In the opinion of the Committee, there are no significant flaws with the current policy and procedures, and therefore, the Committee is making no recommendation for changes to the current Handbook provisions. Senator Althaus also thanked Provost Kunkel for meeting with the Committee this year to discuss this and other matters.

Senator Althaus and Senator Redmond moved to approve *Resolution 18-3 – Clarification of Senate Makeup and Senate Terms\**. Senator Jung seconded. A vote was taken, and the resolution passed.

### **Reports**

Chair McGill presented a certificate to the following Senators, whose terms were ending:

Diane Wood  
Janice Ward  
Tom Holman  
Shelba Branscum  
Arsalan Gharaveis  
David Powell  
Jennifer Bengtson  
Tim Schmidt  
Gary Cwick  
Rick Althaus  
Bart Williams  
Don Young

Chair McGill moved to approve *Resolution 18-1 – Appreciation for Provost Karl Kunkel\** and *Resolution 18-2 – Appreciation for Dr. Rick Althaus\**. Senator Jung seconded. A vote was taken and both resolutions were unanimously passed.

Outgoing Student Government President Peyton reported that the Student Government ended their session on Monday, April 23. She stated that the letters to the Governor and the Legislature have been emailed letting them know that Student Government Senate is in opposition of the signing of the higher education budget cuts.

### **Legislative Committee Reports**

Each committee gave their End of Year Reports,\* and Senator Miller present a draft of the Budget Committee Report\*.

### **Adjournment**

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

*\*These documents can be found on the Faculty Senate website, under Meeting Materials.*