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Minutes of the Faculty Senate
October 18, 2017

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Larry Bohannon, Shelba Branscum, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Gary Cwick, Kevin Dickson, Joni Hand, Jonathan Hayes, Avery Henry, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Ziping Liu, Jim McGill, Kathie Miller, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Tim Schmidt, Julie Tipton, Janice Ward, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Madison Smith was present as the Student Government Liaison. Adolfo Ramos and Cassandra Loggins were present as alternates. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Carl Kinnison, David Mauk, and Jingjing Tong.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for October 4, 2017 (52.5) were approved.

Reports

Chair McGill reported that the only salary letters that were sent out were ones to faculty who were promoted. He also reported that Provost Kunkel is preparing to send out scenarios to see how much will be saved by the restructuring. There will be an open forum on Wednesday, October 25 during common hour to discuss the academic restructuring and there is an email address set up for ideas to be sent in.

Chair McGill also reported that there is now a committee for faculty retention. Senator Wood stated that she was asked to be a member and that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will attend a conference in Chicago, IL November 12-15. She stated that in 2014 the HLC came and evaluated Southeast Missouri State University and in that report, there were two points made, valuing faculty and communication. Senator Wood said that she has been working on a report from the faculty perspective to take to the conference. She asked to have ideas on what the faculty sees happening in campus, what changes would improve relations or work environment, and what would make them feel more valued. Chair McGill stated that President Vargas wants the faculty to feel valued and he is working to make this happen.

Student Government Liaison

Madison Smith reported that the Student Government is working hard in their sub/committees. She also reported that "Vote Your Main Street" is open till October 31. This is a competition against other schools and a chance to win a \$150,000 grant. November 28 will be Giving Tuesday and she encouraged everyone to donate to the University that day to help fund the "We Are One" scholarship for students. The Student Government are hoping to raise enough for two scholarships.

New Business

Senator Schmidt presented *Bill 17-A-6 Academic Advising Policy*. He stated that he's bringing it to Senate to share a language change the President suggested. Discussion took place and the Senate approved the language change.

Senator Schmidt also discussed the student evaluation of instruction. He went through the current procedures and then passed out a draft for a new instrument of evaluation. The Senate discussed the new instrument; when and how it will be distributed, open and close dates on it, and feedback.

Legislative Committee Reports

There were no reports given due to time constraints.

Adjournment

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriiana/Redhawks Room.