

LIV No. 8
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 13, 2019

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, November 13, 2020 in the Kem Statuary Hall in the Alumni Center. The following Senators were present: Tamara Buck, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Beverly Evans, Eric Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Dena Hale, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Kim Louie, David Mauk, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Desma Reno, Kristen Sobba, and Diane Wood. Provost Mike Godard; and Robert Phillippe and Raegan Tibbs, Student Government Liaisons, were also present. Chris Wubbena and Shonta Smith were present as alternates. Senators not present nor represented by an alternate were: Patricia Farrish, Ziping Liu, and Nicolas Wilkins.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 30, 2019 (53.7) were approved.

New Business

Senator Hess introduced bill *19-A-X – Principles of Collegiality*. He went through the bill, explained what changes were made, and how this section was thought best to be placed in the preamble. He asked the Senators to take this back to their departments for feedback and will bring it back to Senate for a final vote.

Reports

Chair Elect Wood informed the Senate about the Faculty Social Hour that will be taking place on Friday, November 15 at Catapult. She stated that if anyone would like to bring beer or wine as a donation, it would be more than welcomed, and if they couldn't make it but still want to donate, they can drop it off in her office or at Catapult.

Provost Godard reported that Missouri Western is looking at how they are conducting their course evaluations. The University of Missouri went through the same process with White Paper about a year ago. He stated that he sent a copy of it to the Executive Committee and thought it could be used as a reference or tool to compare to the way we conduct our course evaluations.

Lastly, Provost Godard reported that he continues to make rounds to each department to discuss any questions or concerns. He stated that he will finish the last three departments within the next week and will restart his rounds the next semester. He thanked them for the great feedback he was receiving during his visits.

Senator Ragain reported that the AAUP has had two meetings, the next one being on November 19 at 5:30 p.m. She stated that the topic for this meeting will be to discuss RNTT and adjunct faculty because they have received concerns from both of these groups; they feel they have no voice or shared governance. Senator Ragain stated that the AAUP will have another meeting on December 3 at 12:30 to discuss student evaluations and academic freedom.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Evans reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday and worked with Professional Affairs on language to draft bills for student evaluations.

Compensation 0 Senator Reno reported that the committee is waiting for Budget Review to begin.

Documents – No report.

Governance – Senator Hess reported that the committee met and worked on the bill presented today and are also working on the bills for University Standing Committees and Councils.

Professional Affairs – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee worked with Academic Affairs on the student evaluation bills.

Membership – Senator Wubbena reported that the adhoc committee met.

Adjournment

Senator Hess moved to adjourned; Senator Buck seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Kem Statuary Hall in the Alumni Center from 3-5 p.m.