

LVI No. 6
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 3, 2021

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 in the Program Lounge of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Marcus Bond, Vera Campbell Jones, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher (Chair), Lesly Krome, Kim Louie (Chair-Elect), Hayley Love, Belinda McMurry, Jenna Moore, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, Julie Weathers, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard was also present. The following alternates were present: Beverly Evans, William McNeary, and Missy Nieveen-Phegley. Andy Liu was not present nor represented by an alternate and Jenny Cropp was not present.

Chair Hatcher called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2021, was made by Chair-Elect Louie and seconded by Chair Hatcher with corrections to senators who were listed as alternates in the minutes. The corrections were made, and the minutes were posted on the webpage.

Academic Affairs Chair, Senator Schmidt discussed **FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 22 R-1** (modification of final examination length). Changes to the final exam length would take effect in Spring 2022. The SGA wrote a letter supporting the change. Chair Hatcher asked for a motion to pass the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Chair-Elect Louie and seconded by Belinda McMurry. **22 R-1** passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs Chair, Senator Schmidt, led the second reading discussion of **FACULTY SENATE BILLS 22-A-1** and **22-A-2** (Class Attendance). Discussion of the amendments followed. Chair-Elect Louie made a motion to approve the amendments which was seconded by the floor. Amendments were approved unanimously with one abstention. Chair Hatcher called for a vote to approve the bills. A motion was then made by Chair-Elect Louie to vote and seconded by the floor. Both bills passed unanimously. **22- A-1** and **22-A-2** will go to President Vargas for his review.

Chairs Report

Discussions continue with the Chair of the Professional Council on shared governance. Chair Hatcher expects bills from Professional Affairs regarding graduate faculty qualifications and from Governance regarding the conflict-of-interest policy. The provost will discuss faculty lines and the 25/75 RNTT split during the November 17 meeting. December meeting will be via Zoom. The University is closed Thanksgiving week.

Provost's Report

The provost has been attending academic department meetings. Curriculum has ramped up. Pre-populated templates will be available. Enhanced or transformed curriculums. He was asked about Dr. Rucker's position and told the group that Trent Ball is the contact until November 30th. Dr. Below has returned.

SGA Report

Allison Lauter said the SGA hopes to create more opportunities for students to join things. Some money is available for printing. Also, November 13 and April 2 are Show Me Days.

Academic Affairs: Met to discuss the class attendance bills and the final exam resolution

Compensation: Budget review is coming soon

Documents: Making progress on the Faculty Handbook

Governance: A resolution will be coming soon concerning the conflict-of-interest policy

Professional Affairs: Senator Fulton reported that they are awaiting feedback from Deans' and Graduate Council concerning proposed changes to the language concerning the qualifications to serve as Graduate Faculty.

Membership: Senator Fluegge discussed:

Commencement committee—3-year term. She will finalize membership on 11/4/21

Faculty wellness ad hoc committee—1 year term. Will finalize membership on 11/9/21

Reserved a Takeaway Friday slot in Spring 2022; let her know if interested

The provost asked the group if the cost of renting regalia was a barrier to participating in commencement—brief comments and discussion

Chair Hatcher announced that the 15-day review of the Evaluation Bill will end at 5 p.m. on November 19

Adjournment: Kim Louie, Chair-Elect made a motion to adjourn, and Belinda McMurry seconded the motion. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.