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Faculty Senate Minutes
February 23, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Eric Billington, Marcus Bond, Vera Campbell-Jones, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher (Chair), Monica Kearney, Andy Liu, Kim Louie (Chair-Elect), Hayley Love, Jenna Moore, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard was also present. Michael Aide and James Youn were not present nor represented by an alternate. The following alternates were present: William McNeary and Jessica Benton. SGA representative Allison Lauter was not present but was represented by Kate Appleman.

Chair Hatcher called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. and informed everyone that she hoped to keep the meeting short so that all could leave due to the approaching winter storm. She also announced that two guests would be present: Dan Presson from Career Services and Michelle Johnson from the American Red Cross. Chair Hatcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2022, with a change to the date of the Take Away Friday to February 11 instead of February 18. A motion was made by Senator Schmidt and seconded by Chair-Elect Louie. The minutes were unanimously approved and posted on the webpage.

Dan Presson, Director of Career Services, gave an overview of the work that is done in his office. Resume and cover letter assistance is available as well as graduate school and internship search assistance. He discussed a Title 3 grant his office received that allowed him to hire a coordinator for experiential learning. He encouraged faculty to use his office as a resource and to assist them in offering students a view of what life is like after college.

Michelle Johnson, Account Manager for the American Red Cross told the Senate that we have a national blood crisis. She discussed the blood shortage and said that she hopes to get more than 1,000 units at the Spring 2022 Blood Drive that will be held from March 22 through March 30 at the Student Recreation Center. Kate Appleman, Secretary and Board of Directors member of the American Red Cross said that student participation in the annual blood drives was usually good; however, mentioned that faculty participation has been low in the past. Chair Hatcher asked for information so that she can forward to all faculty. Other suggestions included posting on the Newswire and offering trophies to departments as competitive participation prizes. Johnson commented that the wait time to donate blood has decreased and that donors can be in and out in less than an hour.

Chair Hatcher then resumed new business at 4:32 p.m. Senator Schmidt asked for a motion to introduce **FACULTY SENATE BILL 2022-A-6** (Addition of academic year 2025-2026 to the five-year calendar). A motion was made by Chair-Elect Louie and seconded by Senator Taylor. Senator Schmidt commented that the breaks remain the same and dates in 2025-2026 move back by one day. Also, summer classes will run Monday through Thursday instead of Tuesday through Friday. The registrar's office and other executive staff will be reviewing the dates. The

calendar will be committed to departments for review and returned to the senate for a second reading.

Chair's Report

Chair Hatcher attended the first budget review committee meeting. She suggested that the senate have Dr. Sheriff attend senate meetings twice a year

Provost's Report

The provost is currently reviewing applications for the Faculty Fellowship Program; funding comes from the part-time overload budget

Student Government Association Report

Kate Appleman -Bruce Skinner, Debbie Below, and Trae Mitten have met with the SGA; much discussion concerning the meal plans

Academic Affairs: Senator Schmidt—did not meet last week

Compensation: Senator Parry—met last week and will be requesting completion of the equity raises and is considering asking for 3.5% compensation increase

Senator Yaskewich attended a benefits meeting and there are currently no formal plans on benefits

Documents: Senator Hand—working on individual projects

Governance: Senator Cropp—met last week to discuss draft of the conflict-of-interest policy and it has gone out for feedback from the provost and from Dr. Sheriff

Professional Affairs: Senator Fulton—met last week and finalized the language on the graduate faculty policy and it will go to the Graduate Council; Senator Fulton also met with the task force on the chair's forum to discuss chair annual evaluation

Membership: Senator Fluegge—no report

Announcements:

Moore: Bridges event Monday, February 28 at 6 p.m. Rose Theatre

Parry: The Michael Davis Lecture was held virtually and was interrupted by racial slurs; individual was removed from the lecture

Appleman: Eating Disorder Awareness Week Panel to be held the evening of February 23

Adjournment: Chair Hatcher called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by the floor. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.