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Faculty Senate Minutes
February 9, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in Dempster Hall, Room 109. The following Senators were present: Michael Aide, 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, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative Allison Lauter were also present. The following alternates were present: William McNeary, Sophia Scott, and Jessica Benton.

Chair Hatcher called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and announced that Dr. Brad Sheriff, Vice President for Finance and Administration would be the guest speaker. Guests were reminded that they had to be recognized by the Chair, Dr. Hatcher, before speaking to ensure that senators' questions could be answered in the allotted time. Guests could pass questions to their senators if desired. The minutes of January 26th had some minor corrections—pointed out by Senator Schmitt. Chair Hatcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2022. A motion was made by Dr. Scott and seconded by Chair-Elect Louie. The minutes were unanimously approved, and the corrected minutes were posted to the webpage.

Chair Hatcher introduced Dr. Sheriff and he discussed the budget and answered questions until 4:43 p.m. A handout with budgetary information was provided. Dr. Sheriff believes that the university may make a small surplus this year. He has concerns about the university's ability to respond financially because of the large amount of debt the university carries, and the lack of a strategic initiative. However, he is pleased the new strategic action plan has been passed, though it still needs some details to be fully operational. Also, he stressed that the university needs to rethink where to find funds and think beyond the E & G—to identify the priorities (E&G funds are those the university receives through state appropriations and student tuition). Dr. Sheriff hopes the university will reach a point where the budget is stabilized and predictable. The last issue discussed was the restructuring of budget review. Chair Hatcher emphasized the need for faculty senate executives to be involved in providing input on any restructuring of the budget review process, and the importance of maintaining communication with the Faculty Senate.

Chair's Report

Chair Hatcher reported that she has been working on the budget.

Provost's Report

The provost is 99% confident that the 12.5% budget reduction will be met by fiscal year 2023.

Student Government Association Report

Allison Lauter -held their first meeting and discussed the meal plan changes; petitions are being circulated and a forum will be held with Chartwells to discuss the changes; also working on a capstone project for the SEMO app

Academic Affairs: Senator Schmidt—held a meeting last week and discussed edits on the 5-year academic calendar and textbook policy

Compensation: Senator Parry—will be meeting on February 15

Documents: Senator Hand—held a meeting last week and a list of charges were given

Governance: Senator Cropp—no report

Professional Affairs: Senator Fulton—met last week and discussed a questionnaire on electronic dossiers and graduate faculty status

Membership: Senator Fluegge—no report

Announcements:

Moore: Cinderella opens on February 16 at 7:30 at the Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall

Fluegge: Take Away Friday, February 11 via Zoom

Aide: The Danforth Center will be working with the agriculture department on research

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 4:53 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.