

LIII No. 12
Faculty Senate Minutes
February 20, 2019

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. The following Senators were present: Tamara Buck, Eric Clements, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Dena Hale, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Carl Kinnison, Kim Louie, Kathie Miller, Jingjing Tong, Nicolas Wilkins, Jerzy Wojdylo, and Diane Wood. Interim Provost Randolph, and Student Government Liaison, Renee Owens, were also present. Cassandra Loggins was present as an alternate. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Shamik Bhattacharya, Larry Bohannon, Ziping Liu, David Mauk, Elizabeth McFarland, David Powell, and Willie Redmond.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February 6, 2019 (53.11) were approved.

Guest

Dr. Debbie Below, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, was a guest speaker to discuss Strategic Enrollment Planning, recruitment, and retention with the Senate. She stated that she has been working with groups on campus to get feedback on opportunities to enhance enrollment at the University. She briefly went through the handouts on Strategic Enrollment Planning, and then opened the floor for discussion, questions, and concerns.

Old Business

Senator Evans moved to approve bill *19-A-XX – Online Course and Content Procedures*. Senator Wood seconded. She reminded the Senate that the bill's companion policy bill, *19-A-2 – Online Course and Content Policy*, was passed at the previous Senate meeting. A vote was taken and bill *19-A-3 – Online Course and Content Procedures* passed.

Senator Hess moved to approve *19-A-X – University Standing Committees and Councils Policy*. Senator Hatcher seconded. A vote was taken and bill *19-A-4 – University Standing Committees and Councils Policy* passed with one abstention.

Senator Hess then moved to approve bill *19-A-X – University Standing Committees and Councils Procedures*. Senator Hatcher seconded. Senator Wood moved to amend the bill to include “and subject to the addition of the list of University Standing Committees and Councils to the President’s Office website.” Senator Humphrey seconded. A vote was taken to approve the amendment and passed with one abstention. A vote was then taken to approve the bill and bill *19-A-5 – University Standing Committees and Councils Procedures* passed unanimously.

Reports

Chair-Elect Wilkins had no report.

Interim Provost Randolph opened the floor up to any questions or concerns the Senate had.

Renee Owens, Student Government Liaison, reported that they have seven committees: Student Fees Reform, Campus Safety, Serving SE, Diversity and Inclusion, Finance, By-Law Revision, and Public Relations; and they did get rid of the Sustainability Committee. They also swore in three new Senators this semester. She reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee will be doing a “Ask a _____” series. It will be held March 25-29. Lastly, Ms. Owens reported that they were informed from the Board of Regents meeting on February 14, that housing costs are going up.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Evans reported that the committee is working on the Student Evaluations bills.

Compensation – Senator Miller reported that the committee met as a part of the Instructional Cost Task Force on February 13, and the Budget Review Committee will meet on February 22.

Documents – No report.

Governance – Senator Hess reported that they are working on the Take-Away Friday event in April.

Professional Affairs – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee has been working hard on preparing bills to present to the Senate, which include the Grievance Policy and a drafted bill for Provost Search Criteria.

Membership – Senator Hand stated that she will report the findings from the Morale Task Force.

Adjournment

Senator Wood moved to adjourn. Senator Hatcher seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in the UC Redhawks Room from 3-5 p.m.