The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengtson, Carl Bloom, Larry Bohannon, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Kevin Dickson, Joni Hand, Shelby Hicks, Natalie Holley, Tom Holman, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Jocelyn Martin, Jim McGill, Belinda McMurry, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Peter Oman, Jian Peng, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Carol Veneziano, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Vice Provost Charles McAllister was present. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Kathy Ham, Ziping Liu, Julie Weathers, and Nicolas Wilkins.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for November 11, 2015 (50.8) were approved.

New Business
Senator Veneziano introduced Bill 15-A-XX The Role of the Faculty Senate in University Governance. She went through the bill and explained to the Senate what changes the committee made. Discussion took place. Senator Veneziano also introduced Bill 15-A-XX University Standing Committees Procedures. She discussed changes that were made to the bill. The Senate discussed the bill. She will bring both bills back to the next meeting for approval.

Senator Humphrey introduced Bill 15-A-XX Academic Honesty Policy and Bill 15-A-XX Academic Honesty Procedures. She discussed the bills with the Senate. These bills will not be brought back for approval at the next Senate meeting. The committee is working hard to get input from faculty on both of these bills before they are passed by the Senate.

Senator Althaus introduced Bill 15-A-XX Reorganizing and Updating Chapter 7. He went through the bill and discussed the changes. He stated that in some section of the bill, the committee removed the contents and added a link because the information can be found elsewhere on the Southeast Missouri State University website.

Old Business
Senator Powell moved to bundle and pass the following resolutions:

- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 5.10 Resolution
- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 6.10 Resolution
- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 6.60 Resolution
- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 6.61 Resolution
- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 7.71 & 7.72 Resolution
- 15-X – Faculty Senate Bylaws – 7.5504 & 7.5506 Resolution

Senator Jung seconded. A vote was taken and all the resolutions passed.

Senator Schmidt moved to pass 15-X Graduate Council Resolution. Senator Dickson seconded. A vote was taken and the resolution passed.
Reports
Chair Bloom stated that the Executive Committee has met with other leadership committees to discuss the Chronicle comments. There is a draft of all the comments, and once it is finalized, it will go to the President and then should be available to the University by the end of the week. Chair Bloom also discussed the changes to commencement.

Vice Provost McAllister reported that the Fall deadline for grade reporting will close on December 21 at 8:00 p.m. for moodle and 9 p.m. on the portal.

Legislative Committee Reports
Academic Affairs – Senator Humphrey reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday. They continue to work on the Academic Honesty bills and hope to get a lot of feedback on them.
Compensation – Senator Oman reported the Chair stipend survey has been pushed back to next semester.
Documents – Senator Powell reported that the committee didn’t meet face to face but they have been busy fielding information to form a draft for Chapter 6 of the Faculty Handbook.
Governance – Senator Veneziano reported that the committee has been working on the bills presented today and they will have a new bill to present at the next meeting.
Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee met on November 4. Incorporating the previous work of committee members, Senator Althaus had prepared a draft Faculty Senate bill that would revise and reorganize the content of Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook, “Other Policies and Areas of Interest to Faculty.” The committee will take the suggestions and modifications that were made and a revised bill will be drafted for the next Faculty Senate meeting.
The committee examined Chapter 3, Section B, “Conflict of Interest.” They discussed a current event at another campus where the academic freedom of a faculty member was subordinated to the wishes of a corporate funder. The Committee also took note that the AAUP has several statements that may be of use in revising the Conflict of Interest policy at Southeast.
Other discussion took place regarding possible abuse of the “Ownership of Online Courses” policy. It was noted that the ownership rights of the faculty member who developed the course must be protected during any internal or external review process and that those ownership rights must also be protected from informal pressures that might be applied by colleagues or other university faculty or administration. The committee feels that the ownership rights of a faculty member must be protected from both formal and informal pressures and must also be protected during internal and external review process.
Membership – Senator Schmidt reported that the committee hopes that by the first meeting of the spring, the ball will be rolling to get the University to look at the new student evaluation.

Executive Session
Senator Althaus moved to pass an emeritus bill for the following:

Janet R. Weber
Senator Schmidt seconded. A vote was taken and the bill passed.

**Adjournment**
Senator Althaus moved to adjourn. Senator Wood seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on January 27, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.