The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengston, Carl Bloom, Larry Bohannon, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Shelby Hicks, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Jim McGill, Belinda McMurry, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Peter Oman, Jian Peng, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Larry Underberg, Carol Veneziano, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Interim Provost McDougall was also present. Senators not present or represented by an alternative were: Tom Holman, Ziping Liu, Jocelyn Martin, and Julie Weathers.

**Approval of Minutes**
The minutes for January 27, 2016 (50.10) were approved.

**New Business**
Senator Humphrey introduced *Bill 16-A-XX 5-Year Academic Calendar*. She moved to suspend the rules to pass the bill. Senator Schmidt seconded. Discussion took place. Senator Redmond moved to amend the calendar by moving the start of spring classes from January 13 to January 21. Senator Schmidt seconded. A vote was taken and with five abstentions, the amendment passed. A vote was taken to pass the calendar; with 14 for, seven abstentions, and five against the bill, *Bill 16-A-4 5-Year Academic Calendar* passed.

Senator Powell introduced *Bill 16-A-XX Information Technology Policy* and *Bill 16-A-XX Information Technology Procedures*. He went through the bills and explained what changes the committee made. The Senate discussed the bill. Senator Powell will bring the bill to the next Senate meeting for approval.

**Old Business**
Chair Bloom stated that the *16-A-XX Principles of Collegiality Policy* will be tabled.

**Reports**
Chair Bloom reported that Judy Wiles, Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing, as well as the new Provost, Dr. Karl R. Kunkel. Judy Wiles, along with a few other Chairs will be joining the Senate to discuss the procedure bills dealing with Academic Departments. He also reported that Budget Review has started. Lastly, Chair Bloom reported that there will be an inauguration ceremony for President Vargas this spring. The President wants to do something that will highlight faculty success.

Senator Jung moved to pass *Resolution 16-1 Appreciation for Interim Provost McDougall*. Senator Althaus seconded. A vote was taken and the resolution passed.

**Legislative Committee Reports**
*Academic Affairs* - Senator Humphrey reported that the committee continues to work a on policy and procedure bill for the Academic Honesty section of the Faculty Handbook.
Compensation – Senator Oman reported that the budget being posted states that there will be a 6% increase with an agreement that tuition won’t be raised, which translates to a 5.51% increase. The University will receive all of this because we have met all of our performance goals.

Documents – Senator Powell reported that the committee worked on the Information Technology policy and procedures bills.

Governance – Senator Veneziano reported that the committee has been working on the collegiality statement but Chair’s Forum isn’t agreeing with it because they don’t think the Chairs were included in the statement.

Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee has been working to put together open forums around campus to get input on what constitutes as conflict of interest. He stated that the dates and locations will be listed in newswire and through email. He said that the committee won’t be able to draw up the bills this semester but they will collect information that will be needed to create the bills.

Membership – Senator Schmidt reported that the University Standing Committee nominations are coming. He asked that the Senators spread the word throughout their departments.

Adjournment
Senator Dickson moved to adjourn. Senator Humphrey seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on February 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.