The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Carl Bloom, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Kevin Dickson, Joni Hand, Shelby Hicks, 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, Larry Underberg, Carol Veneziano, Julie Weathers, Nicolas Wilkins, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel, Vice-Provost McAllister, and Student Government Liaison Insely Smith were also present. The following alternates were present: Susan Davis and Gabriele Eckart. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Kathy Ham, Ziping Liu, and Bart Williams.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for March 9, 2016 (50.13) were approved.

Old Business
Senator Humphrey moved to approved Bill 16-A-XX – Jane Stephens Honors Program Procedures. Senator Dickson seconded. There was no discussion, and Bill 16-A-7 Jane Stephens Honors Program Procedures was unanimously approved.

Reports
Carl Bloom reported that there has been no further motion yet by the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) on the concealed-carry resolution we endorsed during the previous session. He has also received no feedback yet regarding a SEMO resolution, and asks for information to be forwarded to him to decide whether to move forward on our resolution. Senator Althaus recommended informing our local government officials about the endorsement we previously passed. Chair Bloom also reported that for the 360-evaluation of President Vargas’s first year, the Senate Executive Committee and 7 more Senators will meet with the evaluators on Tuesday, April 19; volunteers for those 7 Senator positions were requested. University Program Review is in progress for 6 academic departments, and should be finished by the end of March. An orientation session is requested for new senators, or at least an informational sheet that can be distributed.

Provost Kunkel discussed problems with new degree/program proposals. He reported that submitting a proposal for a new program should not be considered to be automatic approval, and proposals that encroach on certain established programs around the state, or that miss key benchmarks such as enrollment projections, may have political ramifications for the university. He encouraged programs to check CBHE guidelines when writing proposals, to use language from the guidelines to make a compelling case for the new program, and to avoid unnecessary regional program duplication. Provost Kunkel also reported that he attended the CSIS trip over spring break and found it to be a very worthy experience for the students.
**Student Government Liaison**
Insley Smith reported that she was not at the last Student Government Association (SGA) meeting. SGA senator and executive applications are due soon, and elections will take place in April. The Student Government is collaborating on plans for President Vargas’ inauguration.

**Legislative Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs** – Senator Humphrey reported that the committee did not meet due to spring break, and had nothing new to report.

**Compensation** – Senator Oman reported that the committee finalized budget request and brought them forward yesterday, if flat budget, recommended 1% merit increase. Also they put forward a PT/Overload increase of 15 percent.

**Documents** – Senator Powell reported that the committee did not meet due to spring break, and had nothing new to report.

**Governance** – Senator Veneziano reported that the committee did not meet due to spring break, and had nothing new to report.

**Professional Affairs** – Senator Althaus reported that an emeritus bill is to be considered in closed session.

**Membership** – Tim Schmidt reported that nominations for the Institutional Review Board are on hold until the Provost’s Office and the Professional Affairs Committee are able to determine what the revised committee structure should look like. The Student Evaluations ad hoc committee will meet the next day and are still researching options for new instruments/delivery.

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

Carol Veneziano  
Ellen D. O’Rourke  
David A. Kunz  
Linda H. Tansil

Senator Dickson seconded. A vote was taken and the bill passed.

**Adjournment**
Senator Schmidt moved to adjourn. Senator Martin seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.