The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Carl Bloom, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Wendy Cooper, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Natalie Holley, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Debra Lee-DiStefano, Ziping Liu, Jocelyn Martin, Jim McGill, Peter Oman, Jian Peng, David Powell, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Seidu Sofo, Carol Veneziano, Janice Ward, Victor, Wilburn, Nicolas Wilkins, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Eddleman was also present. The following alternate was present: Shonta Smith. Parker Butler was present as the Student Government Liaison. Senators not present or represented by an alternate: Julie Weathers.

Dr. Dave Starrett was present as a guest.

**Approval of Minutes**
Minutes for February 11, 2015 (49.10 and February 25, 2015 (49.11) were approved.

**Guest**
Dr. Dave Starrett came to make the Faculty Senate aware of some new and ongoing projects/initiatives. He stated that there have been some logistical changes to the AQIP program but nothing of great impact. He stated that there are four action projects going on now. These include: development, implementation and assessment of formalized course-level student learning outcomes (SLO), improve student engagement through co-curricular program development and assessment, developing a systemic approach to retention practices and procedures, and using field and clinical experiences to improve teacher preparation. He also stated that they are finishing up the interface for departments to submit and modify SLOs. Next academic year will focus on program level SLOs and curriculum mapping.

Dr. Starrett also discussed competency-based education. The online 2020 subcommittee is currently looking to see where online learning will be in 2020. There have been suggestions to have a certificate program. There are a lot of logistics behind it. He stated that this program is aimed toward people in the work force that may be able to fit a few courses in the schedules. Lastly, he discussed VALUE rubrics. He stated that the rubrics are for use in evaluating and discussing student learning, not grading. He handed out an example of the rubric. He stated that the VALUE rubric positions learning at undergraduate levels within a basic framework of expectations. The evidence of learning can be shared nationally through a common dialog.

**New Business**
Senator Schmidt explained the changes to the section. He stated that the committee broke the section up into policy and procedures.

**Old Business**

Senator Peng moved to approve *Bill 15-A-XX Preamble*. Senator Lee-DiStefano seconded. He stated that the only changes were to add clarification on deadlines. A vote was taken and *Bill 15-A-6 Preamble* was passed.

**Reports**

Chair Wood reported that the Executive Committee had a meeting with the Provost about UI prefix classes. There was a proposal to drop one UI300 but it is currently tabled. She stated that the UI prefix classes were implemented in the in the late 1980’s and were intended to be multi-disciplinary courses. Some of these courses have strayed away from the original intent. She stated that with new faculty coming in, there is confusion about the UI courses and the mixing and matching the intense of those courses.

Lastly, Chair Wood reported that the Governance Committee has been looking at the Grievance section of the Faculty Handbook. She stated that this is a section that needs to be carefully reviewed and well written; because this section touches on Academic, Governance, and Professional Affairs, she suggested forming an adhoc committee to include the Chair of Professional Affairs, the Chair of Academic Affairs, the Chair of Governance, and a couple more suggested people. She stated that she would like to involve Human Resources and Joan Cohen.

Provost Eddleman reported that Budget Review Committee’s next meeting is on Wednesday, March 25. He also reported that the last two college-wide meetings will take place Thursday, March 12. One will be in the Kent Library at 9:30 a.m. and the second one will be at the College of Science, Technology, and Agriculture at 3:00 p.m.

The Provost reminded the Senate that the Provost’s Faculty Research and Creativity Show is on April 29 at the River Campus, Convocation Center, Atrium, and Gallery. He mentioned that the Summer 2015 Grant-Writing application deadline has been extended to April 24.

Provost Eddleman also reported that there will be a shift of management of the Perryville Higher Education Center to Mineral Area College beginning July 1. Lastly, he reported that the Career & Internship Fair held on February 26 had 469 students attend. This was approximately 170 more students compared to the fair held in the fall of 2014

**Student Government Liaison**

Peter Jacobson reported that the Student Government is running low on discretionary funds so they decided to move some of their overflow money to the discretionary funds. He announced that the Senate applications are due March 23; and that Student Government is working hard to get projects completed.

**Legislative Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs** – No report.
Compensation – No report.
Documents – No report.
Governance – No report.
Professional Affairs – No report.
Membership – No report.

Adjournment
Senator Bloom moved to adjourn. Senator Lee-DiStefano seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on April 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.