The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: 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, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Vice Provost McAllister was an alternate for Provost Eddleman. The following alternates were present: Al Haywood, Belinda McMurry and Shonta Smith. Butler Parker was present as the Student Government Liaison.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for October 1, 2014 (49.4) were approved with two abstentions.

New Business
Senator Schmidt informed the Faculty Senate about new information from Strategic Enrollment Management Committee. He stated that head count of the University grew to 12,087 students which is an increase from last year of 170 students. The total FTE growth was 1.5%. There are 91 more high school dual credit students enrolled, 120 additional new freshmen, and there are 6.6% in full time graduate enrollment, 1,239 total in graduate students. He stated that Dr. Below is working to improve the SEM plan to refine the enrollment process goals and opportunities. Lastly he reported that Dr. Below wanted to inform everyone that if you are recruiting students outside Missouri, make sure that faculty is up to date on the new Midwest Achievement Award details that go into effect in fall of 2015.

Senator Humphrey introduced Bill 14-XX Summer Session Policy and Bill 14-XX Summer Session Procedures. She went through both bills and explained what changes were made to the bills. She will be bringing it back to the Senate for approval at the next meeting.

Old Business
Senator Humphrey brought Bill 14-XX Other Instructional Policy back to the Senate for approval. Senator Peng moved to pass the bill. Senator Schmidt seconded. The Senate voted and Bill 14-A-34 Other Instructional Policy was passed.


Reports
Chair Wood reported that she and Chair-Elect Bloom attended the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) conference in Jefferson City on October 13-14. She stated that
there is a new president and executive committee for MAFS. She stated that
Commissioner Russell didn’t attend but Rusty Mulholland was present. The conference
was mainly about the redirection of MAFS.

Vice Provost McAllister reported that a new adhoc committee on Pedagogy for Students
with Disabilities has been formed. They had their first meeting last week. The things that
were discussed are going to be beneficial for all students. He also stated that the standard
use for PD funds was brought to the Provost office attention. There is a concern about you
can and can’t use the funds for. There has been an advisory committee formed to discuss
the procedural rules and attempt to standardize it a little more. The committee was just
finalized this afternoon so they haven’t had a chance to meet yet.

The CSIS faculty facilitators have been chosen. He mentioned that they had a record
number of faculty application this year. Academic Program Review has started their work
to find academic departments that are on the five year cycle. These departments have been
informed and they have till November to respond to the accuracy of the data or to voice
any concerns that they have.

Lastly he informed the Senate that midterm grades are due Monday, October 20 and final
grades will be due Sunday, December 21.

Student Government Liaison
Parker reported that they are still trying to figure out how to fund the transit services. They
are in discussion about either paying $6000 for the transit service and then all student will
be able to utilize it or doing a reimbursement system instead.

Legislative Committee Reports
Academic Affairs – Senator Humphrey reported that the committee met the previous
Wednesday and they discussed the bills that were presented today and are continuing to
look at sections of the handbook that were suggested to the committee.
Compensation – Senator Dickson reported that the committee discussed work that has
been done off-load. There are two types; one where someone is getting paid and you’re
not, and the other is where no one is getting paid. They will be focusing on the second
type where no one is getting paid. They also discussed the proposal for having an
administrative assistant for Faculty Senate as a full time position for base pay. Lastly they
are working on a proposal for a merit increase for RNTT.
Documents – Senator Clements reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday
and they are continuing to go through the Faculty Handbook to search for any errors that
need to be corrected.
Governance – Senator Peng reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday and
looked over section 1G5, University Standing Committees, of the Faculty Handbook.
They are also looking into other section of the Handbook.
Professional Affairs – Senator Ruediger reported that the committee has been working on
the Emeritus policy and procedure section in the Faculty Handbook. They have met with
Alyssa Vandeven on the subject. They are also working on the task force on annual merit
review of chairs. They have met twice and they are currently working to put it into
language.
Membership – No Report.

Adjournment
Senator Lee-DiStefano moved to adjourn. Senator Bloom seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on October 29, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.