The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Carl Bloom, Larry Bohannon, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Kevin Cook, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Shelby Hicks, Natalie Holley, Roberta Humphrey, Jocelyn Martin, Jim McGill, Brenda McMurry, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Peter Oman, Jian Peng, David Powell, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Carol Veneziano, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Interim Provost McDougal was also present. The following alternates were present: Gabriele Eckart, Kyoung T Kim, David Naugler, and Zack Zibluk. Student Government Liaison, Nathan Grobe was present. Senators not present or represented by an alternate were: Willie Redmond, Julie Weathers, and Nicolas Wilkins.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for September 16, 2015 (50.4) were approved.

New Business
Senator Wood discussed the GR609: Graduate Thesis or Creative Project Development. She passed out a chart to show the percentage of graduate students that have to pay the fee because they aren’t completing on time. Discussion took place.

Senator Humphrey introduced Bill 15-A-XX Incomplete Grades Procedures. She stated that the policy has already been approved and the procedures have not. All language is new because there is no procedures section in the handbook. She will bring the bill back to be approved at the next meeting.

Old Business
Senator Humphrey moved to pass Bill 15-A-XX Other Instructional Policy. Senator Althaus seconded. She explained the minor changes that were made. Senator Schmidt moved to amend line 47 by putting a period after “two business days” and then striking the rest of the sentence. Senator Powell seconded. A vote was taken and the amendment passed. Further discussion on the bill took place. The Senate voted and Bill 15-A-12 Other Instructional Policy passed.


Senator Veneziano moved to pass Bill 15-A-XX University Standing Committees and Councils Policy. Senator Wood seconded. Senator Veneziano explained that there was only one change made. A vote was taken and Bill 15-A-14 University Standing Committees and Councils Policy passed.

Senator Veneziano moved to pass Bill 15-A-XX Academic Departments Procedures. Senator Powell seconded. After much discussion about the bill, Senator Veneziano moved
to table to bill. Senator Humphrey seconded. A vote was taken and Bill 15-A-XX Academic Departments Procedures was tabled.

Reports
Chair Bloom reported that he is receiving more information for the Chronicle Report. Documents Committee has requested a meeting with President Vargas to discuss the report. He also reported that he will be getting more information from Kathy Mangels regarding a report of RNTT.

Interim Provost McDougall handed out a list of initiatives he has for the 2015-2016 school year. He took questions from the Senate on these initiatives.

Student Government Liaison, Nathan Grobe, reported that the Student Government is working to improve student professor relations. He stated that they are taking any ideas the faculty might have.

Legislative Committee Reports
Academic – Senator Humphrey reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday. They worked on the bills that were presented today and continue to prepare and bring forward bills from last year.

Compensation – Senator Oman reported that the committee met with Kathy Mangels and Vice Provost McAllister about the Graduate Equity Study. He stated that they have enough to move forward but would like to consult with the Graduate Council before they do. He also stated that the committee continues to work on offload work.

Documents – Senator Powell reported that the committee met the previous week. They have completed the review of recommendations from the previous session. They have also started on Chapter 8 of the Faculty Handbook recommendations. The committee will draft items to bring to the next Faculty Senate meeting

Governance – Senator Veneziano reported that the committee met the previous week. They discussed the bills that were presented today. They will continue to work on the Faculty Handbook.

Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee has been working on Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook. He stated that most of the items in the chapter will be links. They are working to draft a bill to bring to the Senate.

Membership – Senator Schmidt stated that some positions in the legislative committees were filled after the meeting in May. He moved to approve the new committee members. Senator Zibluk seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

Adjournment
Senator Schmidt moved to adjourn. Senator McMurry seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on October 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.