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Faculty Senate Minutes
September 16, 2020

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Zoom. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Vera Campbell-Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Ruben Gerding, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Lesly Krome, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Raju Vanteddu, Haohao Wang, Diane Wood, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard and Xander Goffinet, Student Government Liaison, were also present. Pam Gershuny, Sophia Scott, Samantha Siemers, and Arika Wiggins were all present as alternates.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Bohannon moved to approve the Faculty Senate minutes from September 2, 2020 (55.3). Senator Hatcher seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes passed unanimously.

Reports

Chair Wood reported that the Senate's Executive Committee is meeting with Doug Koch, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Students, on Thursday, September 17. They intend to develop the best rubric to use for the reviewing of Program Prioritization reports.

Senator Hatcher reported that she had a meeting with Sonia Rucker, Dean of Students, to discuss how students are not producing documentation of their quarantine. According to Dean Rucker if a student is quarantined, then that student must provide paperwork that states when their release date is; if a student is in isolation then you will get documentation directly from the Dean of Students. For those students that are not providing any documentation then it is up to the professor on how to move forward with the student.

Provost Mike Godard reported that he attended the Student Government meeting on Monday, September 14. He stated that they had good conversation and was able to talk with the Student Government President. The Provost encouraged the faculty to give Student Government positive feedback and reinforcement; they are doing a great job and need to be reminded of that.

Provost Godard also reported that he continues to make his way to each academic department. He has met with nine departments so far and will have met 11 by the end of the week and 17 by the end of the month. He stated that there a lot of questions centered around covid-19 and prioritization.

Xander Goffinet, Student Government Liaison, introduced himself to the Senate. He is a Senior majoring in economics and has been a part of Student Government for four years. He reported that the Student Government met on Monday, September 14. They approved their Senators and budget for the year. He also stated that in the four years he has been with Student Government this is the first year they were able to fill every Senate seat; and they had 12 first year students apply.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Fluegge that the committee met last week and worked on the student evaluation bills. She stated that they received feedback from Deans Council, and they are trying to get clarification on some of the feedback to work it all into the bill. She stated that they are working on the 5-Year Academic Calendar.

Compensation – Senator Parry stated that the committee has not met yet because most of their work will be done in the Spring with budget review; but she has been able to meet with Kathy Mangels and Brad Sheriff, Vice President for Finance and Administration, to discuss the committee's work.

Documents – Senator Farrish reported that the committee met last week, and they are working on trying to get extra passing time for students during final exams. She stated that this will not be an issue this semester, but they want to have it ready for future semesters.

Governance – Senator McFarland reported that the committee met last week, and they spent most of the time getting all members acclimated to what they do. They are working on revising the *University Standing Committee and Councils Policy* and *Procedures* bills that were returned to the committee.

Professional Affairs – Senator Fulton reported that after they spoke with Provost Godard, the committee looked at the tools used by other universities for submissions of dossiers electronically. She stated that they will meet with Floyd Davenport, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, to discuss some options for Southeast.

Membership – No report.

Non-Legislative Committee Reports

Johnson Faculty Center – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee was able to get the rent for the suites raised to \$40 and are working to get the basement flooding repaired. She stated that the committee will also take part in rewriting some of the Johnson Faculty Center by-laws in the Faculty Handbook.

RNTT AdHoc Committee – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee is fully populated by Kevin Dickson, Chair of the Department of Management; Belinda McMurry, Instructor for the Department of Engineering and Technology; Brooke Clubbs, Instructor and Director of Health Communication; Melissa Odegard-Koester, Dena of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Jessica Sentell, Instructor for the Department of Political Science, Philosophy, & Religion; and Alissa Davis, Director of Human Resources. Senator Hatcher stated that they are collecting documentations and feedback but are waiting until after the prioritization to make recommendations.

Adjournment

Senator Hatcher moved to adjourn; Senator Campbell-Jones seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.