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Faculty Senate Minutes
November 30, 2022

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, in the Redhawks Room of the University Center. The following Senators were present: Eric Billington, Larry Bohannon, Vera Campbell-Jones, Shannon Clapsaddle, Eric Clements, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Stephanie Hallam, Laura Hatcher, Monica Kearney, Andy Liu, Kim Louie (Chair), Hayley Love, Jenna Moore, Josh Newth, Pam Parry, Tim Schmidt, Sophia Scott, Songyon Shin, Mike Taylor, Haohao Wang, David Yaskewich, and James Youn. Provost Mike Godard and SGA representative David Oliver were also present. The following alternates were present: Joe Murphy, Kevin Sargent, Missy Nieveen-Phegley. James Youn was not present or represented by an alternate.

Chair Louie called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on November 9, 2022. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the webpage.

Up next, Senator Schmidt moved to introduce **23-A-X, the three-year academic calendar bill**; seconded by Senator Taylor. Senator Schmidt commented that the only real changes are moving from a five year to a three-year calendar and the dates of Fall Break being subject to change due to athletic scheduling. A concern was raised about students travelling internationally and returning on January 12, 2026. While it is not ideal to return the day before classes begin, it affects a small number of people and moving back the start date would create issues for summer scheduling. Senator Schmidt moved to suspend regular rules in order to vote on the bill; seconded by Senator Moore. The motion was unanimously approved. Senator Schmidt then called for a motion to approve the three-year calendar bill; seconded by Senator Scott. A friendly amendment will be added to the bill to reflect an adjustment to class schedules on April 8, 2024, to accommodate events surrounding the total eclipse occurring in the afternoon. The bill was unanimously approved. Senator Schmidt made a motion to return the senate to regular rules; seconded by Senator Taylor. All senators approved the motion.

Senator Schmidt moved to approve the faculty recommendation for Fall 2022 graduation; seconded by Senator Taylor. **Resolution 23-3 Graduation Resolution** was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

Chair Louie announced that SGA will be having a winter clothing drive at the UC December 6-8 and the items will be delivered to Teen Challenge at its conclusion. Chair Louie will email the senate the times on December 6-8 to donate. Senator Hatcher attended the last SGA meeting. Chair Louie attended the Council of the Deans meeting.

Provost's Report:

The provost announced the passing of Pauletta Burns who was a coordinator of the Poplar Bluff delivery site and who also received the Advisor of the Year award last year.

He reported on a legislative visit to campus which consisted of 25 legislators or their staff from the state and federal level. Dr. Vargas led the meeting. The aim of the visit was to articulate the

university's needs and how legislators can help SEMO. The provost said the chairs' forum discussed the chairs' evaluation bill and that he had provided an update to chairs forum regarding the status of the OPM (online program manager). Reference checks have been completed but no decisions have been made regarding a vendor.

He attended an active shooter training hosted by STEM and discussed what the instructor had shared. The provost said he would be encouraging other colleges to have the training as well.

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SGA Report: Discussed meeting attendance policy and some students' availability in theatrical rehearsals have not been honored; also, conference attendance is not an excused absence from a meeting; discussed alternates and proxies

Academic Affairs: Updated graduation resolution and prepared the three-year academic calendar

Compensation: Have not met yet but will begin meeting in late January; will be very busy in Spring

Documents: Hope to have presentation from Floyd Davenport about digitizing the handbook

Governance: Divided handbook among teams of two to review material—making lists of material that should be linked and other tasks; also discussed the section in the handbook that discusses professional development funds—that departments might be using that information as a guide to distribute funds; discussion of faculty responsibility in reporting criminal behavior—the handbook needs to be updated with the current information or link regarding mandatory reporting; syllabi templates will be available on the Portal

Professional: Met last week and discussed and edited the chair evaluation, faculty merit, and graduate faculty bills

Membership: No report

Announcements: Chair Louie cancelled the meeting that was scheduled for December 7, 2022

Adjournment: Chair Louie called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Senator Schmidt and seconded by Senator Murphy. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The senate toured some buildings on campus—Art, Brandt, and Serena with Angela Meyer

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25 from 3-5 p.m. in the Redhawks Room of the University Center.