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Faculty Senate Minutes
October 14, 2020

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via Zoom. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Indi Braden, Vera Campbell Jones, Eric Clements, Jenny Cropp, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Rubén 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. Sophia Scott and Arika Wiggins were present as alternates.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Ragain moved to approve the minutes from September 30, 2020 (55.5). Senator Gerding seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes passed unanimously.

Old Business

Senator Fluegge moved to un-table Faculty Senate bill *20-A-X – Student Evaluations Procedures*, Senator Gerding seconded. Senator Fluegge explained how the Academic Affairs committee took into account the feedback about establishing a threshold of dissatisfactory performance with the student evaluations and made a change to line 48 stating that if a faculty member has “dissatisfactory performance on 50% or more of cases during one calendar year (spring and fall semester)” then all evaluations will be forwarded to the dean of the college. Senator Evans moved to make a friendly amendment to line 47 by removing “a university-wide instrument is required and the”; Senator McMurry seconded. With a vote of 21 for and 2 abstentions, the amendment passed.

Senator McMurry moved to make a friendly amendment to line 67-68 by changing 25% to 50%; Senator Farrish seconded. A vote was taken, and the amendment passed unanimously.

Senator Hatcher moved to make a friendly amendment to line 37 by removing “in class will be provided” and replacing it with “must be provided in class when possible.” Senator Ragain seconded. With a vote of 21 for and 1 abstention, the amendment passed.

Senator Ragain moved to make a friendly amendment to line 73 by removing “Vice Provost” and replacing it with “The Office of the Provost.” A vote was taken, and the amendment passed unanimously.

Senator Evans moved to approve the bill with all approved amendments; Senator Hatcher seconded. With a vote of 23 for and one abstention, bill *20-A-7 – Student Evaluations Procedures* passed.

New Business

Senator McFarland reintroduced bill *20-A-3 – University Standing Committees and Councils Policy* and *20-A-4 – University Standing Committees and Councils Procedures*. She stated that the bills were sent back to the Governance Committee with language recommendations from the Provost. She went through each bill and explained where changes were made. Senator Powell moved to approve the bills with the changes recommended by the Provost. Senator Hatcher seconded. A vote was taken, and with 22 votes for approval, the bills were approved.

Senator Hatcher stated that students are coming into the classrooms eating and there is a big concern on whether this should be allowed because of the pandemic. She asked for feedback from the Senate. Provost Godard read proposed language by Emergency Preparedness Committee that states there will be no eating in classrooms, drinks are allowed if masks are worn properly when not drinking. He stated that this language could be added to syllabi, so students are aware, but this is temporary during the pandemic.

Chair Wood asked for a volunteer to be a Senate Liaison for Student Government. She stated that the meetings can be attended via Zoom. Senator Ragain volunteered, along with Chair Wood, to be the liaisons.

Reports

Provost Godard thanked, in advance, to the Senate for their help on the prioritization program review.

Xander Goffinet, Student Government Liaison, thanked the Senate for all the help they do behind the scenes. He stated that Student Government met on Monday and approved funding.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Fluegge reported that the committee met, and they worked on the bills that were presented today; and will be working on the 5-Year Academic Calendar at their next meeting.

Compensation – Senator Parry reported that the committee met the previous week and discussed procedures and the prioritization review. She stated that when they meet next week, they are going to discuss a rubric they may use for the prioritization.

Documents – Senator Farrish reported that the committee looked through the workflow document to see how they will proceed with the prioritization review. They also discussed the Johnson Faculty Center, how the center gets and uses its revenue.

Governance – No report.

Professional Affairs – Senator Fulton reported that the committee met and discussed the academic prioritization review.

Membership – Senator Louie reported that there are still two seats open for the AQUIP Committee and need to be filled.

Non-Legislative Committee Reports

Johnson Faculty Center – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee discussed the academic prioritization review.

RNTT AdHoc – Senator Hatcher reported that the start date is October 20th. She is gathering availability from the members so they can set up a meeting for the next week.

Adjournment

Senator Hatcher moved to adjourn; Senator Farrish seconded. The faculty Senate adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.