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Faculty Senate Minutes
September 2, 2020

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 2, 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, Dena Hale, Stephanie Hallam, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Lesly Krome, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, Pam Parry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Haohao Wang, Diane Wood, and David Yaskewich. Provost Mike Godard was also present. R.W. McAlister, Sophia Scott, and Arika Wiggins were present as alternates.

Old Business

Faculty Senate discussed the following pending bills: *20-A-3 – University Standing Committees and Councils Policy*, *20-A-4 – University Standing Committees and Councils Procedures*, and *20-A-5 – 5-Year Academic Calendar*. Provost Godard stated that he is going to work with the President to get

New Business

Senator Hatcher, the previous parliamentarian of Faculty Senate, explained the role of a parliamentarian. Chair Wood then asked for volunteers for this role. Senator Evans and Senator Gerding both volunteered. A vote was taken, and Senator Ruben Gerding won the vote of parliamentarian.

The Senate also discussed the pros and cons of the first week of classes with COVID-19.

Reports

Chair Wood reported that Senator Hatcher is working hard to form an adhoc committee to look at the RNTT position and the language in the Faculty Handbook regarding this position. The Chair also discussed Program Prioritization. The Senate will receive the recommendations and will be responsible for reviewing them. She stated that when the Senate receives the reports, all other business will be suspended to give full attention to this matter. Information, forms, and a timeline can be found at <https://semo.edu/provost/academic-prioritization.html>.

Provost Godard reported that he is meeting with academic departments to answer questions and get feedback on how to approach things. He also stated that he's working with IT on how to better streamline things moving forward.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Fluegge reported that the committee hasn't met yet, but they did receive their charges. They have given feedback for EOC.

Compensation – Senator Parry reported that they haven't met yet, but they are meeting with Kathy Mangels and Brad Sheriff via Zoon on September 11. They will discuss what the committee will be working on with them throughout the year.

Documents – Senator Farrish reported that the committee hasn't met yet but hopes to meet on September 9.

Governance – Senator McFarland reported their first meeting will be on September 9. She and Senator Cropp have been working to compile the committee charges so they can hit the ground running when they meet.

Professional Affairs – Senator Fulton reported that they met last Wednesday and discussed the charges presented to them. They are also working on an emeritus bill.

Membership – Senator Louie reported that all positions have been filled, except for the AQUIP Committee. There are still two positions for that committee that need to be filled by Senators.

Adjournment

Senator McMurry moved to adjourn; Senator Hatcher seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.