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Faculty Senate Minutes
September 4, 2019

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Glenn Auditorium. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Tamara Buck, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Beverly Evans, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Rubén Gerding, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, David Mauk, Belinda McMurry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Desma Reno, Kristen Sobba, Nicolas Wilkins, and Diane Wood. Provost Godard was also present, and Charles McAllister was present as an alternate. Elizabeth McFarland was not present nor was her alternate. Vice Provost Doug Koch was present as a guest.

New Business

Chair Wilkins reported that the Faculty Senate will have two Take-Away Fridays this fall semester. One will be held by Senator Carl Hess and Senator Erin Fluegge and will discuss the flow of governance; if there's a problem on campus, who should you go to? They will also discuss the new structure of campus. The second will be held by the Professional Affairs Committee and they will discuss academic freedom and the ability to speak freely at different levels of employment.

Reports

Chair Wilkins reported that he spoke to Deans Council about the pending bills regarding student evaluations. He stated that the Deans are firm on wanting to see the student evaluations for all faculty and that the evaluations should be required in tenure and promotion.

Provost Godard announced that he is pleased to have Doug Koch as the new Vice Provost. He stated that Vice Provost Koch will be handling the curricular, assessment and accreditation sides of things; he will also be working with a lot of groups across campus.

The Provost also mentioned the email he sent out to faculty regarding the current job searches on campus. He said there are four positions that will be direct reports to him, two are academic college specific, and they are also looking for deans. There is also a position open that he will be changing the title so that it will umbrella over extended studies and would include regional campuses and online courses and dual crediting. The last position is a newer position: Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. He explained that this is important for embracing the teacher scholar model and they will also look to see where we have pockets of research and where they're reporting to across the board.

Lastly, Provost Godard stated that he is making his way around to academic departments and close to meeting with colleges as a whole. He will be doing these meetings every semester.

Chair-Elect Diane Wood reported that the first Social Hour of the year was a success with about 80 faculty and professional staff showing up. She stated that there will be another Social Hour towards the end of the semester. She is wanting to build bridges across different working groups at the University and in doing so, will invite these different work group to each mixer.

Chair-Elect Wood also reported that the Johnson Faculty Center has some issues with it like the musty smell because of the old carpeting and also the interior dating back to the 1970's. She stated that she has contacted the Chair of Interior Design to see about the students redesigning the JFC and making a friendly competition with it. Along with this, she has also talked to Provost Godard about maybe having a small scholarship for the first, second, and third place winners of the new design; and then sending the three designs to the Johnson family to pick out the one they like best. Another way of bringing community and the University together.

Executive Session

Chair Wilkins made a motion to move to executive session. Senator Hess seconded. The Faculty Senate went into Executive Session at 3:43 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Fluegge moved to adjourn and Senator Mauk seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Wednesday, September 18 in the Kem Statuary Hall from 3-5 p.m.