

LIV No. 5
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 2, 2019

The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the Kem Statuary Hall. The following Senators were present: Larry Bohannon, Henry Clark, Eric Clements, Patricia Farrish, Erin Fluegge, Susan Fulton, Rubén Gerding, Dena Hale, Joni Hand, Laura Hatcher, Jonathan Hayes, Carl Hess, Roberta Humphrey, Ziping Liu, Kim Louie, David Mauk, Elizabeth McFarland, Belinda McMurry, David Powell, Christina Ragain, Desma Reno, Kristen Sobba, Nicolas Wilkins, and Diane Wood. Provost Godard; and Robert Phillippe and Regan Tibbs, Student Government Liaisons, were also present. Tamara Buck and Beverly Evans were not present nor were they represented by an alternate.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 18, 2019 (53.4) were approved.

New Business

Chair Wilkins stated that the university has added an American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter; and met yesterday. They have requested that they be added to the reports for Faculty Senate. Chair Wilkins moved to adopt this; Senator Hatcher seconded. Senator Ragain, Vice-President of AAUP for Southeast Missouri State University, reported that the chapter was reactivated following a reorganizational meeting on September 10, 2019. She said that the chapter would like to see faculty involved, and more information can be found at www.facebook.com/semooaup.

Reports

Chair Wilkins reported that Faculty Senate Bill 17-A-2 – Principles of Collegiality has been sent back to Senate. He, Provost Godard, and the President believe that this shouldn't be a bill added to the Faculty Handbook, but rather a Resolution presented by the Faculty Senate. There was discussion about how a resolution is only approved by Senate and not by administration and if it were a bill, it would hold more weight, especially with the Administration backing the Senate's decision.

Provost Godard reported that he, President Vargas, and Mrs. Pam Vargas hosted a dinner for new faculty members, and will be having a few throughout the fall semester. He stated that there was a good mix of new faculty and great conversations. The Provost also stated that, in an effort to include new faculty members, the Executive staff get about 18 tickets to the game and he plans on giving his to the new faculty to try to get them involved after hours.

The Provost also reported that he continues to visit with the departments and colleges on campus. He stated that faculty have mentioned workload and reassign time. The Senate then discussed these topics with the Provost.

Mr. Phillippe and Mr. Tibbs reported that the Student Government has only had two meetings. They stated that the Student Government has a Student Organization Account and it has a

balance of \$21,000 that wasn't used the prior year. They are getting ideas from students on what to do with the funds.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Gerding reported that the committee has been discussing compliance issues. They had a bill pass in December of 2008 by the Board of Regents, and they are wanting to keep compliance and evaluations separate.

Compensation – Senator Reno reported that the committee met the previous week. They reviewed the work that was completed the previous year. She stated that the committee will begin looking at next year's budget towards the end of the fall semester.

Documents – Senator Bohannon reported they met last week. They discussed the mission statement and how it doesn't match up with the current mission statement of the University. They will discuss on how to fix this. He also mentioned that a "passing time" should be added to students' schedules.

Governance – Senator Hess reported the committee met and they discussed their first Take-Away Friday on November 1. The committee will also be looking into RNTT and probational faculty.

Professional Affairs – Senator Hatcher reported that the committee wasn't able to meet but worked together through emails. They continue to discuss student evaluations and will meet with Dr. Kevin Dickson the matter further. She stated that they are also working on modifying the Chair evaluations and Grievance Policy and Procedures sections in the Faculty Handbook.

Membership – No report.

Adjournment

Senator Wood moved to adjourn; Senator Hale seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:06p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Glenn Convocation Center at the River Campus from 3-5 p.m.