

# MISSOURI SOUTHERN

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## STATE UNIVERSITY

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### FACULTY SENATE

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Another Fall semester has begun, and the vibrant air suggests the coolness of autumn to come. I do not currently have much to report on behalf of the faculty or Faculty Senate. We had an excellent slate of welcome back meetings, and we're now settling into the semester engaging on campus, and online, with cohorts of new and established students. The first meeting of the senate will take place between this writing and the Board of Governors meeting.

Since my last report, we filled vacant positions on Faculty Senate as well as the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. We now have a full senate and for the first time in a few years we have a full FSEC, which is now comprised of the following members:

President: Michael Beilfuss, Language and Literature

Past President: Jean Coltharp, Mathematics

President Elect: Nicole Shoaf, Political Science

Secretary: Amber Carr, Library

Parliamentarian: Zackary Rice, Teacher Ed

At Large: Jill Greer, Sociology and Anthropology

We have also been busy filling various campus-wide committee positions. I haven't heard of any major issues or obstacles to delivering quality instruction this semester. Some combination of relatively cooperative weather, careful maintenance, and a certain degree of alchemy has forestalled any major issues with the HVAC units in these waning weeks of summer.

FSEC has had an opportunity to review the Great Colleges to Work For survey results, and while we recognize that the numbers didn't come back as agreeable as many would have hoped, we are looking forward to working with the administration to facilitate increased confidence and communication between the various stakeholders on campus. We're viewing the baseline afforded by the survey as an opportunity for growth and further understanding, especially as we really begin to implement the strategic plan across campus.

I'm looking forward to keeping an open dialogue and working with administration and staff over the next year. Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions, concerns, or comments regarding faculty!

Thank you,  
Michael Beilfuss  
Faculty Senate President  
Assistant Professor, Language and Literature