

FACULTY SENATE **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

FACULTY SENATE BILL 19-A-XX

Approved by the Faculty Senate
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**ADDING TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE FACULTY HANDBOOK A “POLICY” SECTION
REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF ONLINE COURSES AND ONLINE CONTENT**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: subject to the passage and approval of both this bill and its companion bill establishing a corresponding “procedures” section, Chapter 7 of the Faculty Handbook be amended by creating under “Other Policies” a new Section C regarding ownership of online courses and of online material used in face-to-face and blended courses, thereby establishing a “policy” section (with the companion “procedures” to follow it in the Handbook):

**C. Guidelines Regarding Ownership of Online Courses and of Online
Content Used in Other Courses
Policy**

It is the policy of the University that faculty members maintain ownership of and can share at their discretion the content of online courses that they have created, as well as online content that they have created to be used in non-online courses, such as those delivered in a face-to-face or blended fashion. In certain limited circumstances, however, the University may continue to utilize for a limited time, as defined in the Procedures portion of this section, the content of an online course that was created during a faculty member’s period of employment at the University. The University shall not have any claim to ownership or use of online content created to be used in non-online (such as face-to-face or blended) courses, unless such rights have been acquired by the University through contract. ~~In no case, however, shall the University have any claim to ownership or use of the content of an online course created by the faculty member before he or she began employment at the University, nor shall the University have any claim to ownership or use of online content created to be used in non-online (such as face-to-face or blended) courses, unless such rights have been acquired by the University through contract. Methods to enforce this policy and to verify compliance with it shall be established in the Procedures portion of this section.~~

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