

FACULTY SENATE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE BILL 24-A-XX

Approved by the Faculty Senate
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BRIEF SUMMARY: This bill revises text of Chapter 1 of the *Faculty Handbook* such that appropriate hyperlinks are provided to appropriate sources.

REVISING “ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT”

BE IT RESOLVED: Subject to the passage and approval of this bill, the section titled “Organization and Government” in Chapter 1 of the *Faculty Handbook* will be changed as indicated below.

1 **Chapter 1**

2 **Organization and Government**

3 *Mission and Vision Statements*

4 Southeast Missouri State University provides student-centered education and experiential
5 learning with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences, embracing a tradition of access,
6 exceptional teaching, and commitment to student success that significantly contributes to the
7 development of the region and beyond. (semo.edu/about/mission-vision.html)

8 The current strategic action plan of the University is provided by the Office of the President
9 (semo.edu/about/president/strategic-action-plan.html).
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11 *Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education*

12 The Missouri Coordination Board for Higher Education’s major statewide planning and
13 coordination goals are to promote academic quality, to ensure the efficient use of resources, and
14 to provide financial access to the system of higher education. The board includes the state’s
15 independent institutions, as well as the public institutions, in its planning activities. More
16 information regarding the role and responsibilities of the CBHE can be found online
17 (dhewd.mo.gov/cbhe/).
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19 *Board of Governors*

20 All legal power and authority are vested by statute in a bipartisan six-member Board of
21 Governors (three members from each major political party), who are appointed by the Governor
22 of the State and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary
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26 Education serves as an ex officio member. The appointed members serve six-year staggered
27 terms and are eligible for reappointment.

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29 The Board has the authority to govern and set policy for the University. The Board may
30 adopt regulations, rules and policies consistent with the University mission, with law, and the
31 regulations and rules of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education of the State of Missouri.
32 The Board has the authority, among other things, to determine and periodically review and adopt
33 the purposes and mission of the University; establish, review and approve new academic
34 programs or changes to existing ones; authorize the granting of diplomas and conferring of
35 degrees based upon the recommendation of the President, and approve the grant of tenure based
36 on the recommendation of the President. The Board's role in the various policies and procedures
37 set forth in this Handbook are set forth in the relevant policies and procedures. More information
38 regarding the Board of Governors and its current membership can be found online
39 (semo.edu/board/).
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41 *Administrative Organization of the University*

42 At the time of academic reorganization in 1976, the Board of Governors approved the
43 Governance Document (Part A of Faculty Senate bill 76-A-01), which called for a collegial
44 system of governance based on the principles of shared authority and responsibility whereby all
45 members of the University community - board, administration, faculty, staff, and student - have
46 an opportunity to participate directly in the decision-making process.
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48 By endorsing the collegial system of governance, the Board of Governors recognized that the
49 day-to-day internal administration of the University can best be achieved by delegating formal
50 authority to the President who delegates appropriate authority to the various administrative
51 officers.
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53 *Administrative Organization Charts*

54 The Office of the President releases annually updates including the organizational charts as
55 well as the committees and councils that steer the University's initiatives
56 (semo.edu/about/president/university-info/).

57 Organizational chart (semo.edu/about/president/_pdfs/administrative-org-chart.pdf)

58 Academic Affairs chart (semo.edu/about/president/_pdfs/president-academicorgchart-1.pdf)
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61 **The President: Role, Responsibility, Review and Selection**

62 Policy Faculty Senate bill 15-A-11 begins here.

63 *Role and Responsibilities*

64 The President of the University is responsible to the Board of Governors for the entire
65 management of the University as specified by state statutes. The President of the University
66 delegates to various divisions primary responsibility for academic services, student services,
67 financial services, and administrative services. The President of the University expects the
68 faculty through the Provost to share the responsibility of determining admission requirements,

69 curriculum, teaching appointments, graduation requirements, textbooks, and other appropriate
70 academic policies.

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72 The President of the University, with the assistance of the Vice Presidents, is charged with
73 obtaining and managing necessary financial resources, obtaining personnel capable of
74 maintaining programs of support to the regional services areas, and serving the needs of students
75 in the University's service area.

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77 In addition to these general responsibilities, the President of the University has strategic
78 management responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following:

- 79 1. Identify and prioritize University stakeholder needs;
- 80 2. Create, maintain, and adhere to the University Mission Statement;
- 81 3. Align University systems, structures, and processes with broadly-developed
82 strategies;
- 83 4. Evaluate the extent to which the results of University initiatives meet stakeholder
84 needs.

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86 *The Review of the President*

87 The review of the President is an extension of the collegial process which encourages
88 participation in the governance of the University by persons at every level, including faculty and
89 staff, the administrators of each division, students, and the Board of Governors. The assessment
90 of the President's performance is made possible through informal mechanisms and periodic
91 reviews. Each of these is designed to provide input for assessing the performance of the
92 President of the University and for suggesting areas that might be strengthened.

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94 Periodic Review of the President: The Board of Governors will initiate a review of the President
95 at least every three years after the President of the University assumes office, unless otherwise
96 specified by the President's contract. This review will be led by a consultant who is selected by
97 the Board of Governors to facilitate a comprehensive, 360-degree (or similar style) assessment
98 that incorporates feedback from (a) multiple levels of university governance and (b) external
99 stakeholders selected by the Board of Governors. As a result of the 360-degree review, the Board
100 of Governors will communicate the outcome to the campus community as deemed appropriate.

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102 Extraordinary Review of the President of the University: An extraordinary review of the
103 President of the University may be initiated at any time by the Board of Governors. Normally,
104 the Faculty Senate serves as the channel of communication between the faculty and the Board of
105 Governors through the President. Should the Faculty Senate conclude that an extraordinary
106 review is warranted, a request for same shall be made directly to the Board of Governors.

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108 *The Selection Process*

109 One of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Governors is the selection and
110 appointment of the University President. Realizing the need for input from the various
111 constituencies both in and outside the University, the Board of Governors set an important

112 precedent in 1975 by authorizing the formation of a Presidential Search and Screening Advisory
113 Committee. This committee allowed faculty, administrators, students, staff, and alumni to
114 establish procedures, screen applicants, interview semi-finalists, and recommend finalists to the
115 Board of Governors to be interviewed. The same process, with slight modification, was utilized
116 again in 1977, 1990, 1996, and 2015.

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123 **The Provost: Role, Responsibility, Review and Selection**

124 *Role and Responsibilities*

125 The Provost is the chief academic officer of the University. As the President's first delegate,
126 the Provost has primary responsibility for the overall administration of the academic programs of
127 the University. The Provost is charged with promoting academic excellence in the faculty and
128 academic programs of the University, as well as continuing to strive for efficiency in
129 instructional operations. The Provost provides leadership in the academic division and serves as
130 a primary interface between the academic and other divisions of the University. Major
131 responsibilities of the Provost include developing and coordinating University planning;
132 coordinating faculty recruitment, development, and employment activities; providing leadership
133 in program review and development; enhancing the academic/cultural environment; coordinating
134 academic public services and academic records; and stimulating research, scholarly activity, and
135 creative endeavor. The Provost also provides overall leadership and coordination for the
136 academic departments, colleges and the library

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138 The Provost provides leadership in academic administration. More specific responsibilities
139 include coordinating and reviewing academic programs, encouraging academic innovations,
140 reviewing program evaluations, coordinating faculty employment and promotion policies,
141 promoting scholarly and research activities, providing frameworks for academic planning,
142 administering over one hundred academic budget areas, and supporting the needs of academic
143 affairs within the total context of the University.

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145 The Provost is assisted in these tasks by academic associates to the Provost. They are
146 responsible for assisting the Provost in the general review of academic procedures, leadership in
147 the refinement of administrative approaches in academic affairs, coordinating the academic
148 planning process, and providing leadership in curriculum and faculty development activities.

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150 In conjunction with the activities of the deans and the Faculty Senate, the Provost
151 recommends academic policies to the President of the University for consideration by the Board
152 of Governors and is responsible for the implementation of these policies. The deans of the
153 various colleges, Dean of the Graduate Studies, and the Dean of Academic Information Services
154 and Director of Kent Library report directly to the Provost. The Office of the Provost serves as

155 the primary liaison for deans and department chairpersons in coordinating activities with other
156 administrative units. The Provost shares responsibility with the President of the University and
157 other Vice Presidents for building the University budget.

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159 In addition to these general responsibilities, the Provost assumes, but is not limited to, specific
160 functions and responsibilities related to instructional programs, personnel affairs, and
161 administration.

- 162 1. Cooperates with the Graduate Council and the Dean of the Graduate Studies in the
163 development of guidelines for graduate programs.
- 164 2. Serves as an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee.
- 165 3. Serves as administrative liaison to the Faculty Senate.
- 166 4. Coordinates the implementation of University policies regarding faculty recruitment,
167 employment, promotions, tenure, evaluation, and dismissal.
- 168 5. Chairs the University Academic Council.
- 169 6. Chairs the University Planning Committee.
- 170 7. Coordinates the functions of all academically-oriented University committee.
- 171 8. Works with the Vice President for Financial and Administration to coordinate the
172 preparation of the academic portion of the University budget and the allocation of
173 funds to the colleges.
- 174 9. Coordinates short- and long-range plans for the acquisition and utilization of needed
175 academic facilities.
- 176 10. Provides leadership and support in the areas of student development, career services,
177 judicial affairs, and health/counseling activities.

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179 *The Review of the Provost*

180 The review of the Provost is an extension of the collegial process that encourages
181 participation in the governance of the University by faculty, chairpersons, and deans. The
182 assessment of the Provost's performance is made possible through informal mechanisms and
183 periodic review. Each of these is designed to provide input for assessing the performance of the
184 Provost and for suggesting areas that might be strengthened.

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186 Periodic Review of the Provost: The President will initiate the Provost review process outlines
187 below every four years after the appointment of the Provost.

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189 *Review Process*

- 190 1. At the initiation of the review, the President shall send a letter to all Vice Presidents, the
191 deans of the various colleges, the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Academic
192 Information Services and Director of Kent Library, the Registrar, and the active faculty
193 members outlining the process to be used. All eligible individuals are encouraged to
194 participate in the review.
- 195 2. Concurrent with the solicitation of input from parties listed in step 1, the President may
196 collect information from additional campus groups or from sources outside the University
197 (e.g., members of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, chief academic officers

- 198 at other regional institutions, business and community leaders) via the review instrument
199 or through other appropriate means.
- 200 3. The President shall request that all responses be returned within two weeks.
- 201 4. Within two months after the time specified for the return of the evaluations, the President
202 will summarize the input and draft a preliminary report to the Provost.
- 203 5. Following the submission of the preliminary report to the Provost, the President will meet
204 with the Provost to discuss the report. At this meeting, the President will provide the
205 Provost with an opportunity to respond to all parts of the report.
- 206 6. After due deliberation, the President will share the outcome of the review with the
207 University Academic Council, the Faculty Senate, and, as warranted, with other members
208 of the University community.
- 209 7. The President will submit to the President of the Board of Governors a summary
210 document including the information described in steps 4, 5, and 6. The Provost will
211 receive a copy of the summary document and have an opportunity to send a written
212 response to the President of the Board of Governors.

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The Selection Process

214 The Provost is selected by an open search process.

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Qualifications

216 The Provost shall substantially meet the following criteria:

- 217 1. An earned doctorate from an accredited university;
218 2. Evidence of scholarly and/or research achievements;
219 3. Distinguished teaching experience at the college/university level;
220 4. Appropriate administrative experience;
221 5. Commitment to the principles of collegiality in governance;
222 6. Commitment to academic excellence.

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Search Committee

224 When a vacancy occurs, the President calls for the organization of a search committee. The
225 President selects two members, each college (including Kent Library) selects one faculty
226 member, and the Student Government selects one student member. The committee elects the
227 chairperson from its own membership.

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Election Process

230 The Faculty Senate conducts the college elections. All full-time faculty members of a college
231 are eligible for election and are entitled to vote.

- 232 1. Disclaimer forms are sent to all full-time faculty members. Persons wishing to remove
233 their names from the ballot may do so.
- 234 2. A primary election is held in which each eligible voter in the college votes for one of the
235 candidates on the primary ballot.

241 3. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary election, the names of
242 the two candidates with the highest number of primary votes are placed on the ballot for a
243 run-off election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected as the
244 college search committee representative.

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246 *Search Process*

- 247 1. The Provost Search Committee takes appropriate steps to invite applications from all
248 available candidates. The committee receives, reviews, and evaluates all applications.
249 The committee is provided secretarial and other support assistance as needed.
- 250 2. All finalists are invited to spend two full days on campus so that they and the appropriate
251 segments of the University community have adequate time to assess each other. The
252 search committee sets the interview schedule, which should include extensive meetings
253 with the search committees, a group of department chairpersons, representatives of the
254 Faculty Senate, the deans, the Vice Presidents, and the President of the University. The
255 chairperson of the search committee is responsible for preparing a written summary of
256 each finalist's campus visit, listing specific strengths and weaknesses as emerge in the
257 interview. This summary should accompany the dossier of any recommended candidate.
- 258 3. After conducting finalists' interviews, the search committee recommends at least three
259 qualified candidates to the President of the University. Recommendations are made
260 without rank ordering. The President may ask the committee for further
261 recommendations.
- 262 4. The President negotiates an appointment with a recommended candidate and
263 recommends the appointee to the Board of Governors for confirmation.

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