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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE BILL 24-A-XX

Approved by the Faculty Senate XXXXXX

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 **Organization and Government** 2 **Mission and Vision Statements** 3 4 5 Southeast Missouri State University provides student-centered education and experiential learning with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences, embracing a tradition of access, 6 7 exceptional teaching, and commitment to student success that significantly contributes to 8 the development of the region and beyond. (semo.edu/about/mission-vision.html) 9 10 Southeast Missouri State University provides professional education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences and in practical experiences. 11 12 13 The University, through teaching and scholarships, challenges students to extend their intellectual capacities, interests, and creative abilities; develop their talents; and acquire a 14 lifelong enthusiasm for learning. Students benefit from a relevant, extensive, and thorough 15 general education; professional and liberal arts and sciences curricula; co-curricular 16 opportunities; and real-world experiences. By emphasizing student-centered and experiential 17 learning, the University prepares individuals to participate responsibly in a diverse and 18 19 technologically-advanced world and in this and other ways contributes to the development of the 20 social, cultural, and economic life of the region, state, and nation. 21

22 Institutional Priorities and Goals

23 Priority One:

24 Providing excellent academic programs with a liberal arts and sciences core. Central to the

25 University's mission are academic programs that prepare students to become active citizens of a

26 diverse, democratic society in a technologically advanced world. The General Education

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27 Program, required of all undergraduate students, provides a broad liberal arts and sciences

28 curriculum that develops students' intellectual skills, broadens their educational horizons, and

29 helps them function effectively as educated citizens. A wide range of high-quality undergraduate

and graduate programs enable students to achieve their career goals in the liberal arts and

sciences, visual and performing arts, and professional and technical fields.

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Goal 1: Excellent Teaching and Learning

The University will provide all students with knowledge and skills in their fields of inquiry, including the opportunity for meaningful experiential learning that links their programs of study to the practice in their chosen career.

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Goal 2: Highly Qualified Faculty and Staff

The University will recruit, develop, and retain diverse, well-prepared faculty who are skillful teachers and active scholars committed to serving the University and the community at large. The University also will recruit, develop, and retain diverse, high-quality staff members who use their talents, commitment, and professional knowledge and skills to support the work of the University community.

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Goal 3: Superb Programs and Service

All academic, support, technological, and administrative processes and programs will be regularly and systematically subjected to internal or external review and assessment in the interest of continuous improvement. All units will regularly assess students' achievement and the degree to which they are satisfied with their education and use the results to evaluate and improve the quality of programs and services.

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Priority Two:

Offering access to educational programs throughout our service region. Improving access includes identifying and successfully recruiting students, offering an appropriate variety of programs, delivery methods, and support activities, as well as programs at an affordable cost, to better support our students' potential for success.

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Goal 1: Enrollment Management

Recruit and retain diverse, qualified, and committed students and provide support services and activities that increase their academic success.

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Goal 2: Affordability

— Provide affordable high-quality undergraduate, graduate, and noncredit programs that serve the needs of the region.

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Goal 3: Accessibility

Provide the capability to deliver programs through traditional, face to face, web-based, ITV, and blended delivery methods.

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Priority Three:

— Serving the social, cultural, and economic life of the region, state, and nation. To be a good citizen of the local and global communities, the University is committed to engaging in activities that enrich not only our students but also our employees and neighbors. As a natural setting for interaction in small and large groups, physical and virtual campuses serve as a resource for people, places, and things in our immediate and distant surroundings. This include, but is not limited to, the cultivation of events and environments that encourage collaboration in the development, dissemination, and sharing of information and opportunities for the good of all.

Goal 1: Regional Social, Economic, Educational, and Professional Development

The University will develop networks of people, organizations, and funding sources to expand our scope and reach and enhance the economic development of the region. This includes the cultivation and development of intellectual property and nurturing of ideas, individuals, and institutions.

Goal 2: Regional Information Center

The University will continue to serve as a primary source of information and educational services as well as to provide opportunities for collaborative work in applied and basic scholarly research.

Goal 3: Regional Cultural Center

The University will maintain and expand existing venues as well as develop and construct new ones to showcase the contemporary trends, cultural heritage, and historical foundations or the region.

Priority Four:

Enhancing the University community. The University continues to promote an environment and community conducive to anticipating, understanding, and meeting the needs of our students. Additionally, the institution is committed to maintaining a diverse community that supports excellence in education and personal growth in the endeavors of students, faculty, and staff consistent with the Mission of the University.

Goal 1: Meeting the Needs of Student, Faculty, and Staff

— Provide a community in which all students have a positive learning/personal growth experience supported by caring faculty and staff, and in which faculty and staff enjoy a positive, fulfilling work environment.

Goal 2: Diversity and Leadership

The University will continue to promote a campus environment in which the richness of human difference is recognized and affirmed in our institutional standards, communication processes, and curriculum; will continue to demonstrate for our service region the best practices in the area of diversity; and will strive toward a leadership position as a diverse educational community in our state and nation.

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Goal 3: Community Building

The university will continue to cultivate an environment that encourages civility, mutual respect, open communication, inclusive decision-making, difference of opinion, and appreciation for a broad definition of human diversity.

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Priority Five:

Practicing wise stewardship of the University's human and financial resources and providing high-quality facilities and infrastructure that support the educational mission. To attract and retain students and to serve the region, the University must foster and maintain a human, financial, physical, and technological infrastructure that supports high quality academic programs, campus life, and regional service. Given that the resources of the University are infinite, the internal and external development and management of resources are central to the ability of the University to fulfill its mission. Wise stewardship of resources involves a constant effort to allocate limited resources effectively among competing goals.

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Goal 1: Information Technology in Support of University Community and Productivity

The University will develop and maintain information systems and provide high-quality training and support that result in optimal use of technology to enhance teaching and learning, community, and productivity of students, faculty, and staff.

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Goal 2: Resource Management

The University will demonstrate appropriate stewardship in developing and maintaining academic and non-academic programs through the proper balancing of financial revenues and expenditures to effectively enable the accomplishments of the University's mission, strategic priorities, and goals.

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Goal 3: Effective Management of University Facilities and Physical Assets

The University will develop and maintain high-quality facilities through a balanced program of preventive maintenance, construction, and repair.

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The current strategic action plan of the University is provided by the Office of the President (semo.edu/about/president/strategic-action-plan.html).

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Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education was authorized by an amendment to the Missouri Constitution in 1972 and established by statute in the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974. The Coordinating Board oversees the Department of Higher

Education. Board members are appointed from each congressional district by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. The board members serve six-year terms; no more than five of the nine

members can be affiliated with the same political party.

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

The board's functions include statewide planning for higher education; policy analysis and data reporting; approval of new degree programs; student financial assistance; appropriations recommendations to the governor and Missouri General Assembly for public two- and four-year colleges' and universities' operating and capital funding; state aid for public libraries; and proprietary school certification. The board has administrative responsibility for the Missouri Student Grant Program, the Missouri Student Loan Program, the Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program, the Marguerite Ross Barnett Scholarship program, and additional financial aid programs that have yet to be funded. The Board is also responsible for several federal programs. The CBHE published an "Integrated Strategic Plan," which is available on the CBHE website.

Board of Governors

All legal power and authority are vested by statute in a bipartisan six-member Board of Governors (three members from each major political party), who are appointed by the Governor of the State and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education serves as an ex officio member. The appointed members serve six-year staggered terms and are eligible for reappointment. More information regarding the Board of Governors and its current membership can be found at: http://www.semo.edu/board/

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

Administrative Organization of the University

At the time of academic reorganization in 1976, the Board of Governors approved the Governance Document (Part A of Faculty Senate bill 76-A-01), which called for a collegial system of governance based on the principles of shared authority and responsibility whereby all

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members of the University community - **board**, administration, faculty, staff, and student - have an opportunity to participate directly in the decision-making process.

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By endorsing the collegial system of governance, the Board of Governors recognized that the day-to-day internal administration of the University can best be achieved by delegating formal authority to the President who delegates appropriate authority to the various administrative officers.

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Executive Officers

The executive officers of the University are the President; Provost; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success; Vice President for Finance and Administration; Vice President for University Advancement; and Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health. As officers, each has the responsibility to represent the University and provide leadership in the specific areas of responsibility.

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Administrative Organization Charts

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

Organizational chart (semo.edu/about/president/_pdfs/administrative-org-chart.pdf)
Academic Affairs chart (semo.edu/about/president/_pdfs/president-academicorgchart-

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The President: Role, Responsibility, Review and Selection

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

Role and Responsibilities

The President of the University is responsible to the Board of Governors for the entire management of the University as specified by state statutes. The President of the University delegates to various divisions primary responsibility for academic services, student services, financial services, and administrative services. The President of the University expects the faculty through the Provost to share the responsibility of determining admission requirements, curriculum, teaching appointments, graduation requirements, textbooks, and other appropriate academic policies.

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

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

- 1. Identify and prioritize University stakeholder needs;
 - 2. Create, maintain, and adhere to the University Mission Statement;

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3. Align University systems, structures, and processes with broadly-developed strategies;

4. Evaluate the extent to which the results of University initiatives meet stakeholder needs.

The Review of the President

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

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

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

The Selection Process

One of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Governors is the selection and appointment of the University President. Realizing the need for input from the various constituencies both in and outside the University, the Board of Governors set an important precedent in 1975 by authorizing the formation of a Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee. This committee allowed faculty, administrators, students, staff, and alumni to establish procedures, screen applicants, interview semi-finalists, and recommend finalists to the Board of Governors to be interviewed. The same process, with slight modification, was utilized again in 1977, 1990, 1996, and 2015.

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The Provost: Role, Responsibility, Review and Selection

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Role and Responsibilities

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

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

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

In conjunction with the activities of the deans and the Faculty Senate, the Provost recommends academic policies to the President of the University for consideration by the Board of Governors and is responsible for the implementation of these policies. The deans of the various colleges, Dean of the Graduate Studies, and the Dean of Academic Information Services and Director of Kent Library report directly to the Provost. The Office of the Provost serves as the primary liaison for deans and department chairpersons in coordinating activities with other administrative units. The Provost shares responsibility with the President of the University and other Vice Presidents for building the University budget.

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

- 1. Cooperates with the Graduate Council and the Dean of the Graduate Studies in the development of guidelines for graduate programs.
- 2. Serves as an ex officio member of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee.
- 3. Serves as administrative liaison to the Faculty Senate.

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4. Coordinates the implementation of University policies regarding faculty recruitment, employment, promotions, tenure, evaluation, and dismissal.

- 5. Chairs the University Academic Council.
- 6. Chairs the University Planning Committee.
- 7. Coordinates the functions of all academically-oriented University committee.
- 8. Works with the Vice President for Financial and Administration to coordinate the preparation of the academic portion of the University budget and the allocation of funds to the colleges.
- 9. Coordinates short- and long-range plans for the acquisition and utilization of needed academic facilities.
- 10. Provides leadership and support in the areas of student development, career services, judicial affairs, and health/counseling activities.

The Review of the Provost

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

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

Review Process

- 1. At the initiation of the review, the President shall send a letter to all Vice Presidents, the deans of the various colleges, the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Academic Information Services and Director of Kent Library, the Registrar, and the active faculty members outlining the process to be used. All eligible individuals are encouraged to participate in the review.
- 2. Concurrent with the solicitation of input from parties listed in step 1, the President may collect information from additional campus groups or from sources outside the University (e.g., members of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, chief academic officers at other regional institutions, business and community leaders) via the review instrument or through other appropriate means.
- 3. The President shall request that all responses be returned within two weeks.
- 4. Within two months after the time specified for the return of the evaluations, the President will summarize the input and draft a preliminary report to the Provost.
- 5. Following the submission of the preliminary report to the Provost, the President will meet with the Provost to discuss the report. At this meeting, the President will provide the Provost with an opportunity to respond to all parts of the report.
- 6. After due deliberation, the President will share the outcome of the review with the University Academic Council, the Faculty Senate, and, as warranted, with other members of the University community.

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7. The President will submit to the President of the Board of Governors a summary document including the information describer in steps 4, 5, and 6. The Provost will receive a copy of the summary document and have an opportunity to send a written response to the President of the Board of Governors.

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The Selection Process

The Provost is selected by an open search process.

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Qualifications

The Provost shall substantially meet the following criteria:

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

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Search Committee

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

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Election Process

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

- 1. Disclaimer forms are sent to all full-time faculty members. Persons wishing to remove their names from the ballot may do so.
- 2. A primary election is held in which each eligible voter in the college votes for one of the candidates on the primary ballot.
- 3. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary election, the names of the two candidates with the highest number of primary votes are placed on the ballot for a run-off election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected as the college search committee representative.

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Search Process

- 1. The Provost Search Committee takes appropriate steps to invite applications from all available candidates. The committee receives, reviews, and evaluates all applications. The committee is provided secretarial and other support assistance as needed.
- 2. All finalists are invited to spend two full days on campus so that they and the appropriate segments of the University community have adequate time to assess each other. The

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search committee sets the interview schedule, which should include extensive meetings with the search committees, a group of department chairpersons, representatives of the Faculty Senate, the deans, the Vice Presidents, and the President of the University. The chairperson of the search committee is responsible for preparing a written summary of each finalist's campus visit, listing specific strengths and weaknesses as emerge in the interview. This summary should accompany the dossier of any recommended candidate.

- 3. After conducting finalists' interviews, the search committee recommends at least three qualified candidates to the President of the University. Recommendations are made without rank ordering. The President may ask the committee for further recommendations.
- 4. The President negotiates an appointment with a recommended candidate and recommends the appointee to the Board of Governors for confirmation.

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Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success

The Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success is responsible for the general administration of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Success. The Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success reports directly to the President and is a member of the President's executive cabinet. This division encompasses several administrative support and auxiliary operations, enrollment management functions, and student life departments. The Vice President, working closely with the executive staff, is responsible for providing vision, strategic leadership, and overall management of the University's major recruitment and retention efforts. Major functional units which report directly or indirectly to the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success include the Enrollment Management (Admissions, Recreation Services, Registrar, and Residence Life), Campus Life and Event Services, Information Technology, Institutional Research, and Student Development (Academic Support Centers, Student Conduct, University Counseling Services, and Pre-Collegiate Programs) Departments.

- 1. Serves as the chief advisor of the Student Success Council.
- 2. Provides leadership and support for recruitment and retention of students.
- 3. Responsible for student housing, dining services, student recreational activities, and other genera; student life activities (e.g., Student Government, student organizations, leadership programs).
- 4. Coordinates the functions of all enrollment management and student life-oriented University committees.

Review Process

The assessment of the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success's performance is made possible through informal mechanisms and periodic reviews. Each of these is designed to provide input for assessing the performance of the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success and for suggesting areas that might be strengthened.

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 Vice President for Finance and Administration

The Vice President for Finance and Administration is the Chief Financial Officer of the University, reports directly to the President, and is a member of the President's executive cabinet. The Vice President for Finance and Administration is the official treasurer of both the Board of Governors and the Southeast Missouri University Foundation.

The Vice President for Finance and Administration is responsible for the general administration of the Division of Finance. This division encompasses all major financial and business functions of the University, as well as some auxiliary operations. Major functional units which report directly or indirectly to the Vice President for Finance and Administration include the Budget Office, Business Operations, Controller, Human Resources, Public Safety and Transit, Show Me Center, Student Financial Services, Research & Grant Development, and Facilities Management. The Vice President for Finance and Administration also has responsibility for external auditing, funds acquisition, funds management, and property management.

Additionally, the Vice President for Finance and Administration interacts extensively with various State of Missouri offices, primarily in obtaining support for the University's operating and capital budgetary needs. These contacts include the Governor and their staff, state legislators, and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The Vice President for Finance and Administration also interacts extensively in the normal course of conducting University business and related affairs.

Administration

1. Coordinates all financial affairs of and provides financial leadership and advice to the Board of Governors, the University, and the University Foundation.

Provides leadership and vision in support of the University's human resources.
 Chairs the University Budget Review Committee.

 4. In conjunction with the Provost's Office, is responsible for maintaining the technological integrity of the University.

 5. Coordinates the functions of all financial and business-oriented University committees.

Review Process

The assessment of the Vice President for Finance and Administration's performance is made possible through informal mechanisms and periodic reviews. Each of these is designed to provide input for assessing performance of the Vice President for Finance and Administration and suggesting areas that might strengthened.

Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the University Foundation

— The Vice President for University Advancement is responsible for all officially sanctioned alumni events and all fund raising activities. Working closely with the President and the Board of Directors of the Southeast Missouri University Foundation, the Vice President is responsible

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for providing vision, strategic leadership and overall management of the University's advancement effort and for fostering and maintain a cooperative relationship between the development and alumni programs. The Vice President is responsible for researching, designing, eultivating, coordinating, and executing all development programs, including major gifts, corporate/foundation gifts, annual telefund campaign, athletic booster club giving, alumni gifts, and planned giving.

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The assessment of the Vice President for University Advancement's performance is made possible through informal mechanisms and periodic reviews as determined by the President. Each of these is designed to provide input for the assessing performance of the Vice President for University Advancement and for suggesting areas that might be strengthened.

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