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**FACULTY SENATE**

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY SENATE BILL 26-A-10**

Approved by the Faculty Senate  
11/19/2025

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** List of faculty retiring on or before December 31, 2025 and recommended for emeritus/emerita status.

**ACTION OF BILL** Recommendation to the Board of Governors for granting emeritus/emerita status to retiring faculty.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University recommends that emeritus/emerita status, as appropriate, be conferred upon the following faculty members whose retirement is effective on or before December 31, 2025 Together, they represent 159 years of service to the University.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERITUS/EMERITA STATUS**

**College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

**Engineering & Technology**

Sophia Scott, Professor

Retirement Effective: May 31, 2025

Period of Service: August 1, 2001- May 31, 2025

**Engineering & Technology**

Yumin Zhang, Professor

Retirement Effective: December 31, 2025

Period of Service: August 1, 2007 - December 31, 2025

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

**History & Anthropology**

Joel Rhodes, Professor

Retirement Effective: June 30, 2025

Period of Service: July 1, 2001-June 30, 2025

**College of Education, Health, and Human Studies**

**Leadership, Middle & Secondary Education**

David Powell, Professor

Retirement Effective: May 31, 2025

Period of Service: August 1, 2008 – May 31, 2025

**Allied Health, Kinesiology & Sports Medicine**

Thomas Pujol, Professor

Retirement Effective: June 30, 2025

Period of Service: August 1, 1996- June 30, 2025

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<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Introduced to Senate	11-19-25
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Faculty Senate Vote	11-19-25
President's Review	12-10-25
Board of Governors Approval	