

**FACULTY SENATE**

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY SENATE BILL 26-A-11**

Approved by the Faculty Senate  
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**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This bill amends the *Organization and Government* section on *Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health & Dean of Students*.

**ACTION OF BILL:** Revising the title and description of Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health & Dean of Students to match current titles and responsibilities.

**WHEREAS:** The position listed as Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health & Dean of Students has been rewritten as Dean of Students & Title IX Coordinator, and the duties of the former position have been distributed accordingly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The section formerly written as Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health & Dean of Students within Chapter 1 of the Faculty Handbook is replaced with Dean of Students & Title IX Coordinator and job responsibilities are updated to reflect this change.

**Dean of Students & Title IX Coordinator Position Definition**

1 ~~Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health &~~ Dean of Students & Title IX  
2 Coordinator  
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4 The ~~Vice President for Equity, Access, and Behavioral Health &~~ Dean of Students & Title IX  
5 Coordinator, reporting to the Provost, is the primary advocate for all Southeast Missouri State  
6 University students. The dean works collaboratively with faculty, staff, and other administrators  
7 to enhance student learning and personal development. Specifically, the dean works to ensure  
8 that students understand their responsibilities and rights as members of the academic community.  
9 They are responsible for coordinating the University's response to psychological and behavioral  
10 crises occurring in the student population. In addition, the dean is responsible for the  
11 development, supervision and evaluation of units assigned to the area of Student Professional  
12 Development. Currently, these units include ~~the Learning Assistance Programs, the Center for~~  
13 Behavioral Health and Accessibility, ~~Educational Access Programs, Student Support Services,~~  
14 ~~and Student Life Studies and the Office of Student Conduct. The dean also administers the Title~~  
15 ~~IX grievance process for employees and students and coordinates the response to other student-~~  
16 ~~related civil rights complaints, assisting Human Resources as needed with employee civil rights~~  
17 ~~concerns. These units provide personal counseling and health services, career counseling and~~  
18 ~~development, academic success skills training and tutoring, accommodations for students with~~

1 ~~disabilities, and advocacy related to general student concerns. This area also includes programs~~  
2 ~~that provide access to higher education to underserved populations and to integrate student~~  
3 ~~populations historically underrepresented in higher education into the community of scholars at~~  
4 ~~Southeast.~~ Furthermore, the dean is a faculty member in the College of Education and a member  
5 of the Council of Deans. They serve on a variety of University and city committees. They also  
6 participate as a full member of the Provost's planning team.  
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