

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
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3 The Dean of Students & Title IX Coordinator, reporting to the Provost, is the primary advocate
4 for all Southeast Missouri State University students. The dean works collaboratively with
5 faculty, staff, and other administrators to enhance student learning and personal development.
6 Specifically, the dean works to ensure that students understand their responsibilities and rights as
7 members of the academic community. They are responsible for coordinating the University's
8 response to psychological and behavioral crises occurring in the student population. In addition,
9 the dean is responsible for the development, supervision and evaluation of units assigned to the
10 area of Student Professional Development. Currently, these units include, the Center for
11 Behavioral Health and Accessibility and the Office of Student Conduct. The dean also
12 administers the Title IX grievance process for employees and students and coordinates the
13 response to other student-related civil rights complaints, assisting Human Resources as needed
14 with employee civil rights concerns. For purposes of university governance and faculty status,
15 the Dean of Students & Title IX Coordinator is an administrative position and is not an academic
16 appointment.

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