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# **FACULTY SENATE**

# SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

### **FACULTY SENATE BILL 25-A-9**

Approved by the Faculty Senate XXXXXX

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This bill proposes the removal of the "Eight-Week Midterm Grades" Policy and Procedure from Chapter 3 of the Faculty Handbook (Chapter 3, Faculty Professional Responsibilities).

# **ACTION OF BILL: (REMOVING "EIGHT-WEEK MIDTERM GRADES")**

**BE IT RESOLVED**: Subject to the passage and approval of this bill and its companion bill 25-A-10 "Assessment and Grades" (Chapter 3), Chapter 3 of the Faculty Handbook shall be amended by removing this content.

#### **EIGHT-WEEK MIDTERM GRADES**

- 1 **Policy** Faculty Senate bill 12-A-22 begins here.
- 2 During the eighth week of each spring and fall semester, midterm grades will be reported to the
- 3 Registrar's Office in an approved fashion for each undergraduate student in each class, as an
- 4 indication of that student's academic performance as of that time. Internships, independent study
- 5 classes, eight-week classes, and graduate classes are exempt from these reporting requirements.
- 6 Interim grades will be reported in the same format (letter grade, credit/no credit) as the final
- 7 course grade for that class. For studio, clinical, field classes, etc., in which progress may be
- 8 difficult to assess by conventional means, a department may develop guidelines by which the
- 9 instructor can gauge student progress for reporting purposes.
- 10 Amendment Approved by Faculty Senate 4/4/12, President Review 4/23/12, Board of Regents

11 *Approval 5/12/12* 

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- Procedures Faculty Senate bill 12-A-23 begins here.
- 14 A student's reported midterm grades shall be made available by the Registrar's Office to: 1) that
- 15 student through an online mechanism, 2) that student's faculty advisor, 3) the college advising
- center to which that student is assigned, and 4) other units/entities authorized by the student to
- 17 receive them, such as Athletic Advising, International Programs, Learning Assistance Programs,
- 18 fraternities, sororities, etc. These units/entities shall receive the student progress information
- 19 which they require solely through this reporting mechanism and shall not request faculty
- 20 assessment of student progress through other means. Faculty who receive such requests are
- 21 entitled to refuse or disregard them. A student who receives a midterm grade below a C, or one
- 22 indicating unsatisfactory progress, shall receive a follow-up e-mail from the Dean of Students. In
- 23 this e-mail, the student will be provided with suggestions for improving performance, be notified
- 24 of available university resources, and be encouraged to take responsibility for their own

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academic successes. The midterm grade will be replaced by the final grade, and no permanent
record of the midterm grade will be kept.

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