

FACULTY SENATE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 26-5

Approved by the Faculty Senate
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1 **CONTINUITY OF FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATION**

2 **WHEREAS**, Southeast Missouri State University has initiated an academic restructuring process
3 in which department mergers, program relocations, and the creation of new academic units are
4 under consideration; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the representational structure of the Faculty Senate reflects the University's
6 academic organizational framework; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the final academic structure resulting from the restructuring process has not yet
8 been completed or approved; and

9 **WHEREAS**, modifying Faculty Senate representation prior to completion of the restructuring
10 process could result in misalignment with the final academic structure and create uncertainty
11 regarding faculty representation; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate is the duly constituted body responsible for determining its
13 internal membership, representation, and procedures as part of shared faculty governance.

14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate affirms its authority over its
15 internal representation, membership, and procedural rules; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during the period of extraordinary academic
17 restructuring, the Faculty Senate shall continue to operate under its current membership,
18 representation, and procedures to ensure continuity and effective faculty governance; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 61st session of the Faculty Senate, operating under
20 the finalized academic organizational structure, shall review and make necessary adjustments to
21 Faculty Senate representation to reflect the completed restructuring.

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Faculty Senate Vote	