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FACULTY SENATE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 23-5

Approved by the Faculty Senate March 8, 2023

ADDITION TO FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS SECTION 7.612

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- 3 **WHEREAS:** Bylaw 7.611 specifies the selection of alternates for the Grants and Research Funding
- 4 Committee, but bylaw 7.612 does not specify the selection of alternates for the Grievance Committee;
- 5 WHEREAS: Both the Grants and Research Funding Committee and the Grievance Committee are
- 6 reporting committees with similar structures, and the Membership Committee has, in practice, been
- 7 selecting alternates for both committees;
- 8 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Subject to the passage and approval of this resolution, Section 7 of
- 9 the Faculty Senate Bylaws be revised with the following change to 7.612:
- 10 7.612 Grievance Committee the membership of the Grievance Committee shall consist of one faculty
- member from each of the colleges and Kent Library, and one alternate faculty member from each of the
- 12 colleges and Kent Library. (Serving as an alternate on this committee does not preclude membership on
- 13 another committee.) The Grievance Committee is charged: to hear and make appropriate
- 14 recommendations regarding complaints of individuals or of groups of faculty members concerning
- specific application of University policies, practices, standards, and decisions (e.g., academic freedom,
- tenure, and due process); to report issues to the Faculty Senate when it believes a grievance has made the
- 17 issue of broader relevance to the faculty; to hear and make appropriate recommendations regarding
- complaints or charges of actions implying malfeasance, moral turpitude, or incompetence that are
- 19 believed to be damaging to the personal and professional reputation of a faculty member or administrative
- 20 official; to prepare a written report to be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, which
- 21 within 20 business days shall frame the recommendation of the Grievance Committee to be
- communicated to the appropriate decision maker(s) or decision-making body(ies) for timely action.

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