



## **Student Representative to the Board of Regents**

### **Primary Responsibilities: Information, Preparation and Representation**

The *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* represents the student body as a member of the University's Board of Regent. The Student Representative to the Board of Regents must be well informed and have a clear understanding of Southeast Missouri State University, which includes its mission, structure (encompassing the role of the governing board, the role of administration, the roles of faculty, academic staff, and students), programs, financial framework, strengths, challenges, and current issues, the state and national higher education environment.

The *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* must adequately prepare for board work through participation in orientation, adequate review of agenda materials pertinent to issues before the board with careful consideration for student opinions needed to address these issues, and participation in pre-Board meeting briefings. Also, expected is participation in campus and regional visits to view facilities and meet with constituents, budget briefing sessions, and participation in special ad hoc committees as requested by the Board of Regents or Board President.

The *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* will also be required to regularly attend meetings of the Board (typically no more than 7 meetings per year), speak with community leaders and other stake holders to receive input and explain board actions, attend University functions, give a fair and objective hearing to differing opinions, discuss issues fully, but accept and support the Board's decision once made, and represent the student interest in general and not the interest of any particular constituency.

To further formulate lines of communications with constituents-especially current students-the Student Representative to the Board of Regents should maintain regular formal and informal contact with student advisory groups and organizations. Special efforts must be made to participate in Student Government, residence hall groups including the Residence Hall Association, Student Activity Council, Greek Life governing councils, and other representative groups as need warrants. Efforts need also be made to individually facilitate input and outreach to students not involved in the above groups and students at regional campuses.

The *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* must adhere to high standards of ethical conduct which includes but is not limited to the avoidance of conflict of interest, compliance with the "Open Meetings and Open Records Policy," and maintenance of confidentiality when appropriate.

The responsibilities of the *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* requires an individual that is able to communicate with the campus community, in particular the study body. Through active participation in a diverse series of campus meetings, programs, and events the *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* has the responsibility to represent the student body as a member of the University Board of Regents. As defined in Missouri Statue, the *Student Representative to the Board of Regents* is an independent appointee of the Governor of the State of Missouri and is entrusted with the responsibility to represent the public interest through a student perspective, as well as a great opportunity in combining life experiences, community background and social action into effective educational leadership.

## Missouri Revised Statutes - Chapter 174.055

*Student representative to board of regents or governors--appointment, powers, duties, limitation, qualifications, term--vacancy--removal from office--reimbursement of expenses.*

- 1. The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint a student representative to the board of regents or governors of each educational institution referred to in section 174.020 who shall attend all meetings and participate in all deliberations of the board. Such student representative shall not have the right to vote on any matter before the board.*
- 2. Such student representative shall be a full-time student at the institution as defined by the board, selected from a panel of three names submitted to the governor by the student government president, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the state of Missouri. No person may be appointed who is not actually enrolled during the term of such person's appointment as a student at the institution.*
- 3. The term of the student representative shall be two years, except that the person first appointed shall serve until January 1, 1986.*
- 4. If a vacancy occurs for any reason in the position of student representative, the governor shall appoint a replacement who meets the qualifications set forth in subsection 2 of this section and who shall serve until such representative's successor is appointed and qualified.*
- 5. If the student representative ceases to be a student at the institution, or a resident of the state of Missouri, or fails to follow the board's attendance policy, the student representative's position shall at once become vacant, unless the student representative's absence is caused by sickness or some accident preventing the student representative's arrival at the time and place appointed for the meeting.*
- 6. The student representative shall receive the same reimbursement for expenses as other members of the board of regents receive pursuant to section 174.100.*
- 7. Unless alternative arrangements for payment have been made and agreed to by the student and the educational institution, the student representative shall have paid all student and tuition fees due prior to such appointment and shall pay all future student and tuition fees during the term of office when such fees are due.*

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