

FACULTY SENATE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 21-X

Approved by the Faculty Senate
XX-XX-XXXX

BRIEF SUMMARY: This resolution makes changes to the bill approval process Chapter 8 of the *Faculty Handbook (Faculty Senate Bylaws)* in light of changes to the Board of Regents Bylaws and to improve the workflow of said process.

REVISION OF FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS SECTION 6

“MEETINGS AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS”

BE IT RESOLVED: subject to the passage and approval of this resolution, Chapter 8 Section 6.551 of the *Faculty Handbook (Faculty Senate Bylaws)* be amended in the following manner:

1 6.551 A "bill" is an item which requires the approval of the university President or Board of Regents in
2 order to go into effect. A bill is typically used to change university policy or procedure, such as those
3 policies and procedures contained in the Faculty Handbook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: subject to the passage and approval of this resolution, Chapter 8 Section 6 of the *Faculty Handbook (Faculty Senate Bylaws)* be revised with the addition of the following language:

4 6.56 In accordance with Article VII, Section C (3) of the Constitution, the University President may
5 grant the Administrative Liaison the power to make suggestions for modification to Faculty Senate
6 recommendations on the University President’s behalf.

7 6.57 Submissions of recommendations to the University President. In accordance with Article VII,
8 Section C (2) of the Constitution, the University President has 30 days after receipt of recommendations
9 from the Faculty Senate to return a signed Recommendation Form. The University President can also
10 suggest modifications to recommendations in accordance with Article VII, Section C (3) of the
11 Constitution.

12 6.571 If after 30 days the Faculty Senate Chairperson has not received a signed Recommendation Form
13 or a suggestion for modification from the University President, the Faculty Senate Chairperson shall
14 compose a formal inquiry on the status of the recommendation. Copies shall be sent to the University
15 President, the Administrative Liaison, and each member of the Board of Regents. The Chairperson shall
16 inform the Senate of the status of the recommendation at the next Faculty Senate meeting. It is
17 recommended that the Chairperson should make informal inquiries before 30 days.

18 6.572 If after 30 days after the inquiry into the status of the recommendation the Faculty Senate
19 Chairperson has not received a signed Recommendation Form or a suggestion for modification from the

20 University President, the Faculty Senate Chairperson shall bring a resolution to the next Faculty Senate
21 meeting asking if the Senate wishes to submit the recommendation directly to the Board of Regents, as
22 allowed under Article VII, Section C (4) of the Constitution.

23 6.573 If the University President rejects a recommendation from the Faculty Senate without suggested
24 modifications, or the University President and the Faculty Senate cannot come to an agreement, the
25 Faculty Senate Chairperson shall bring a resolution to the next Faculty Senate meeting asking if the
26 Senate wishes to submit the recommendation directly to the Board of Regents, as allowed under Article
27 VII, Section C (4) of the Constitution.

28 6.58 15-day Review. After the consultation with the University President, the Faculty Senate will submit
29 a written response to the proposed bill. The proposed bill or revisions, with recommendations by the
30 Faculty Senate and the University President, will be submitted for campus review via Newswire, email,
31 or other appropriate means. Comments from the campus community should be submitted to the Faculty
32 Senate and the University President within a minimum of 15 working days. Barring substantive
33 concerns raised during the comment period, the bill will take effect as outlined in the proposal.
34 Substantive concerns will be discussed within 15 working days by the Faculty Senate and the University
35 President.

Action	Date
Introduced to Senate	2/24/21
Second Senate Meeting	
Faculty Senate Vote	
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