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**FACULTY SENATE**

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY SENATE BILL 24-A-13**

Approved by the Faculty Senate  
February 14, 2024

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** This bill revises text of Chapter 1 of the *Faculty Handbook* such that appropriate hyperlinks are provided to appropriate sources.

**REVISING “ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT”**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Subject to the passage and approval of this bill, a portion of the section titled “Organization and Government” in Chapter 1 of the *Faculty Handbook* will be changed as indicated below.

1 **Chapter 1**

2 **Organization and Government**

3 *Mission and Vision Statements*

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5 Southeast Missouri State University provides student-centered education and experiential  
6 learning with a foundation of liberal arts and sciences, embracing a tradition of access,  
7 exceptional teaching, and commitment to student success that significantly contributes to the  
8 development of the region and beyond ([semo.edu/about/mission-vision.html](https://semo.edu/about/mission-vision.html)).

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10 The current strategic action plan of the University is provided by the Office of the President  
11 ([semo.edu/about/president/strategic-action-plan.html](https://semo.edu/about/president/strategic-action-plan.html)).

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13 *Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education*

14 The Missouri Coordination Board for Higher Education’s major statewide planning and  
15 coordination goals are to promote academic quality, to ensure the efficient use of resources, and  
16 to provide financial access to the system of higher education. The board includes the state’s  
17 independent institutions, as well as the public institutions, in its planning activities. More  
18 information regarding the role and responsibilities of the CBHE can be found online  
19 ([dhewd.mo.gov/cbhe/](https://dhewd.mo.gov/cbhe/)).

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21 *Board of Governors*

22 All legal power and authority are vested by statute in a bipartisan six-member Board of  
23 Governors (three members from each major political party), who are appointed by the Governor  
24 of the State and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary  
25 Education serves as an ex officio member. The appointed members serve six-year staggered  
26 terms and are eligible for reappointment.

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28 The Board has the authority to govern and set policy for the University. The Board may  
29 adopt regulations, rules, and policies consistent with the University mission, with law, and the  
30 regulations and rules of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education of the State of Missouri.  
31 The Board has the authority, among other things, to determine and periodically review and adopt  
32 the purposes and mission of the University; establish, review, and approve new academic  
33 programs or changes to existing ones; authorize the granting of diplomas and conferring of  
34 degrees based upon the recommendation of the President; and approve the grant of tenure based  
35 on the recommendation of the President. The Board's role in the various policies and procedures  
36 set forth in this Handbook are set forth in the relevant policies and procedures. More information  
37 regarding the Board of Governors and its current membership can be found online  
38 ([semo.edu/board/](http://semo.edu/board/)).

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40 *Administrative Organization of the University*

41 At the time of academic reorganization in 1976, the Board of Regents approved the  
42 Governance Document (Part A of Faculty Senate bill 76-A-01), which called for a collegial  
43 system of governance based on the principles of shared authority and responsibility whereby all  
44 members of the University community - Board, administration, faculty, staff, and students - have  
45 an opportunity to participate directly in the decision-making process.

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47 By endorsing the collegial system of governance, the Board of Trustees recognized that the  
48 day-to-day internal administration of the University can best be achieved by delegating formal  
49 authority to the President who delegates appropriate authority to the various administrative  
50 officers.

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52 *Administrative Organization Charts*

53 The Office of the President releases annually updates including the organizational charts as  
54 well as the committees and councils that steer the University's initiatives  
55 ([semo.edu/about/president/university-info/](http://semo.edu/about/president/university-info/)).

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