

University Senate Votes 2007-08

Vote No:	Meeting Date:	Brief Description:	Status:	Action:
26-Oct-07				
	26-Oct-07	<i>Procedural:</i> agreed that elections to the Senate would in future be held in conformity with the Senate Bylaws (Article I, Section 4): "Election of members shall be made prior to October 1."	no action required	
2008-001	26-Oct-07	That the motion passed in the meeting of 27-Apr-07 stating that "all chairpersons of Senate Committees or Boards will be elected, or appointed, from among serving Senators..." is a change of the Bylaws	closed	Motion was tabled and not raised again
	30-Nov-07	<i>Procedural:</i> to begin implementing the motion passed on 27-Apr-07, "motions from now on would be carried by a majority of voting members attending and not by a majority of votes cast."	no action required	
30-Nov-07				
no vote number	30-Nov-07	Granting of degrees, October 2007 graduates.	implemented	
2008-002	30-Nov-07	Congratulating trustee emeritus David Dodge and recommending that a copy of the senate's discussion be forwarded to him.	implemented	
2008-003	30-Nov-07	Change the academic calendar to begin the summer 2009 semester on 22 June instead of 29 June and end a week earlier than proposed.	implemented	
2008-004	30-Nov-07	Adopt the proposed 2008-09 Academic Calendar as amended.	implemented	
2008-005	30-Nov-07	Adopt the recommendations of the Board of Graduate Studies regarding admission to the MA/MSc program in FAS and regarding the comprehensive exam in FAS.	implemented	
4-Jan-08				
2008-006	4-Jan-08	The Senate asks that AUB changes its benefits package to include a short-term disability program, a long-term disability program and a life insurance program for benefits-eligible faculty and staff.	implemented	Implemented: life insurance and disability due to injury provided; Administration is also pursuing long-term disability insurance due to sickness
2008-007	4-Jan-08	defeated: The Senate asks that the Employee Benefits Committee (EBC) include one additional consultant who is expert in financial investment issues.	no action required	
2008-008	4-Jan-08	defeated: The Senate asks that AUB includes two additional qualified faculty members, appointed by vote of the Senate, to serve on the EBC for a 3-year fixed term.	no action required	

25-Jan-08				
2008-009	25-Jan-08	defeated: motion to elect a committee from senate members to study the report of the taskforce on tenure and report back to the senate in two weeks.	no action required	
2008-010	25-Jan-08	The Senate approves the OSB proposal to grant non-professorial full-time faculty members, visiting professorial and non-professorial faculty members, and a select number of part-timers chosen according to announced criteria the right to attend, participate in, and vote in selected committees (according to restrictions and selection criteria).	implemented	BOT approved, March 2008
1-Feb-08				
2008-011	1-Feb-08	defeated: the substitute motion on the tenure taskforce report: The senate urges the university to integrate the recommendations made on page 3 of the circulated statement into the taskforce report.	no action required	
2008-012	1-Feb-08	defeated: the substitute motion on the tenure report: that the senate discuss and vote on the four points of the motion sequentially.	no action required	
2008-013	1-Feb-08	defeated: the original motion on the tenure taskforce report: endorsing the taskforce recommendation that the university reinstate the tenure system; endorsing the taskforce recommendations pertaining to transition for assistant and associate professors; recommending that, upon unfreezing of tenure, full professors in post automatically gain the tenure status; and recommending that the university take concrete steps towards developing and offering adequate, if not attractive, retirement packages to tenured faculty who opt for voluntary retirement, as thoughtfully recommended by the taskforce.	no action required	
2008-014	1-Feb-08	Establish a committee to write a senate statement concerning tenure to present to the Board of Trustees.	open	Report never presented by Senate cmte.
29-Feb-08				
2008-015	29-Feb-08	defeated: the motion to adopt proposed revisions to the Master of Public Health program	no action required	
2008-016	29-Feb-08	To adopt the proposed revisions to the URB guidelines.	implemented	
2008-017	29-Feb-08	That the proposed undergraduate program in FEA, B.Sc. in Construction Engineering, be approved within the constraints of present student admissions.	implemented	
2008-018	29-Feb-08	Approve the proposed undergraduate program in FEA: B.Sc. in Construction Engineering.	implemented	BOT approved, March 2008
2008-019	29-Feb-08	Approve the proposed undergraduate programs in FEA: B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, B.Engg. in Chemical	implemented	BOT approved, March 2008

		Engineering, and Minor in Petroleum Engineering, subject to the enrollment policy of the university.		
2008-020	29-Feb-08	Elect A. Abdul-Malak to the Employee Benefits Committee for the rest of 2007-08.	implemented	
2008-021	29-Feb-08	Elect A. Abdelnoor to the Employee Benefits Committee for the rest of 2007-08.	implemented	
no vote number	29-Feb-08	Elect A. Abdel-Rahman as representative of the senate to the Board of Trustees for 2007-08.	implemented	
28-Mar-08				
no vote number	28-Mar-08	Granting of degrees, February 2008 graduates.	implemented	
18-Apr-08				
2008-022	18-Apr-08	“The senate urges the administration to adjust faculty employees’ salaries to compensate for the cumulative inflation of the past ten years.”	closed	VP Radulski responded, see mtg. of 31-Oct-09
2008-023	18-Apr-08	defeated: the motion to table the original and substitute motions on faculty salary increases [see 2008-024 and 2008-025].	no action required	
2008-024	18-Apr-08	defeated: the substitute motion adding a clause to the original motion [see 2008-025]: “...not using the initial salary but rather using the average salary within each rank as a baseline.”	no action required	
2008-025	18-Apr-08	defeated: the original motion recommending that the amount of adjustment to each faculty salary should be determined by the extent to which that salary has lagged behind the cumulative increases in the Consumer Price Index, during years of employment.	no action required	
2008-026	18-Apr-08	defeated: the substitute motion to recommend that AUB provide equal compensation across all faculties for chairs/conveners/directors of programs for their administrative work over the summer period.	no action required	
2008-027	18-Apr-08	defeated: the original motion to recommend that AUB provide equal compensation equivalent to one-ninth of the annual salary for chairs/conveners/directors of programs on 9- month contracts for their administrative work over the summer period.	no action required	
30-May-08				
2008-028	30-May-08	Granting MD degrees to two students (per N. Cortas memo of 15-May-08).	implemented	
2008-029	30-May-08	Granting a Masters degree under a modified title (per I. Hajj memo of 5-May-08).	implemented	
2008-030	30-May-08	To establish a new senate standing committee on General Education to supervise general education implementation across all university undergraduate curricula.	implemented	Provost Ofc.
2008-031	30-May-08	Rename the Animal Science department in FAFS as the Department of Animal and Veterinary Science.	implemented	
2008-032	30-May-08	Approve possibility of students to work for a	implemented	

		second degree (according to restrictions).		
6-Jun-08				
2008-033	6-Jun-08	Granting MDs to the 71 candidates listed.	implemented	
2008-034	6-Jun-08	Granting MDs with distinction to the 10 candidates listed.	implemented	
2008-035	6-Jun-08	Granting MDs with distinction to the 2 candidates approved on 30 May 2008.	implemented	
2008-036	6-Jun-08	Approve the revised statement of the Senate Representative to the Annual BOT	No action required	
26-Jun-08				
no vote number	26-Jun-08	Granting of degrees, June 2008 graduates	implemented	
2008-037	26-Jun-08	Approve a new undergraduate BSc program in Agribusiness within FAFS.	implemented	BOT approved, November 2008
2008-038	26-Jun-08	Approve the proposed rules of procedure of the Senate Committee on General Education.	implemented	
2008-039	26-Jun-08	That the EMBA be self governed, i.e. placed outside the purview of the Board of Graduate Studies (recommendation of BGS)	implemented	