

University Senate Votes 2013-14

VOTES	STATUS
<i>September 27, 2013</i>	
-None-	
<i>October 25, 2013</i>	
<p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Vote 2014-01: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Medicine. Vote 2014-02: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Hariri School of Nursing. Vote 2014-03: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. Vote 2014-04: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Vote 2014-05: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Health Sciences. Vote 2014-06: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Olayan School of Business. Vote 2014-07: Motion approved (unanimous)</p>	Implemented
<p>Motion: to approve the amended USFC bylaws, with amendments agreed in the Senate meeting of October 25, 2013, for one year pending resolution of Article III on composition. Vote 2014-08: Motion approved (unanimous)</p>	Implemented
<i>November 29, 2013</i>	
<p>Motion: to move Commencement to May 29th Substitute motion: to postpone resolution of this issue to the second meeting. Vote 2014-09: Substitute motion approved (unanimous)</p>	Implemented
<p>Motion: to vote on the Senate recommendations to the BOT document in the Senate and to ask the President to forward the document to the Board of Trustees. Vote 2014-10: Motion approved</p>	Implemented (President forwarded to the BOT)

Motion: to accept the revised thesis release form from the Library Committee. Vote 2014-11: Motion approved	Implemented
Motion: to approve the revised policy on transfer of credits from the Academic Development Committee. Vote 2014-12: Motion approved.	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
December 20, 2013	
Motion: to make the following revisions in the draft privacy policy: a) Under the section Operational integrity, to replace the word “legitimate” on page one by “compelling and exceptional”; b) to omit the words on page one “when necessary to defend the interest of the University from allegations of misconduct”; c) Under the section on Access authorization on page 2, replace the words “without consent” with “with or without consent”; d) Under the section on Definition on page 2, to remove all of point 3 with reference to personally owned devices. Vote 2014-13: Motion approved (unanimous)	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to approve the revised University Calendar for 2014-15. Vote 2014-14: Motion approved (unanimous)	Implemented
January 31, 2014	
Motion: to approve the revised policy on minors from the Academic Development Committee. Vote 2014-15: Motion approved (with 2 abstentions)	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to add a “capstone course” to all undergraduate programs, proposed by the Academic Development Committee. Substitute motion: to have the ADC reconsider the proposal. Vote 2014-16: Substitute motion approved (unanimous)	Open: referred back to ADC
Motion: to accept the non-thesis option for the ME in Mechanical Engineering, major applied energy. Vote 2014-17: Motion approved (with 2 abstentions)	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to accept the non-thesis option for ME in Mechanical Engineering, major mechanical engineering. Vote 2014-18: Motion approved	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to increase the number of credits for the thesis for the ME in Mechanical Engineering, major applied energy, from 6 to 9 credits. Vote 2014-19: Motion approved	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to approve Masters Degree in Public Policy and	Approved by the

International Affairs, DUIP, from the Board of Graduate Studies Vote 2014-20: Motion approved (unanimous).	BOT (March 2014)
Motion: to form a task-force on faculty salaries and cost-of-living adjustments. Vote 2014-21: Motion approved (with one abstention).	Implemented (President formed a task force)
Motion: to request the University to remove from all documents pertaining to faculty employment and benefits all language which allows the University to unilaterally amend the terms and conditions of employment and benefits during the contract period. Amendments should come after consultation with faculty representative bodies, mainly the Senate. Vote 2014-22: Motion approved (unanimous).	Open (SCFA and SSC are working with administration on faculty contract template)
Motion: to request effective faculty representation on all committees linked to benefits. Vote 2014-23: Motion approved (unanimous).	Implemented (Employee Benefits Committee reactivated with expanded faculty membership)
February 28, 2014	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Vote 2014-24: Motion approved (unanimous)	Implemented
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Hariri School of Nursing. Vote 2014-25: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Medicine. Vote 2014-26: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. Vote 2014-27: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Vote 2014-28: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Health Sciences. Vote 2014-29: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Olayan School	

of Business. Vote 2014-30: Motion approved (unanimous)	
Motion: to establish a “Clinical Psychology” Faculty position within the Department of Psychology. A suggested amendment was made to reverse the order of the wording of department/faculties involved to FM, HSON and FAS-Psych. Vote 2014-31: The motion as amended was approved (unanimous)	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
Motion: to change the Bylaws of the Faculties for the FAS Advisory Committee to include two members each from humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences, and one member from Mathematics and Computer Science. Vote 2014-32: Motion approved (25 in favor, 1 against, 5 abstentions).	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
Motion: to add to the by-laws “To be elected, a candidate for a position must receive a simple majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, only the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in that ballot will face each other in a runoff election.” Vote 2014-33: Motion approved (unanimous)	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
Motion: to approve the academic titles as defined in the attachment. For postdoctoral fellows, it was suggested to remove “and the appointment terms do not include benefits unless they are covered in the grant award.” For Adjunct Faculty, it was suggested to remove the FM in the title, and to remove the words “health care”, “who” (and add “educators”) and replace “clinical services to FM” with “or service to the university.” For the last item, it was suggested to remove “clinical” line 4. Motion: to approve the amended document. Vote 2014-34: Motion approved (unanimous)	Approved by the BOT (March 2014)
Motion was made of no-confidence in DeBin’s role as COO. Vote 2014-35: Motion approved (25 in favor, 1 against and 2 abstentions).	No further action required.
March 6, 2014 (special meeting)	
Motion: to recommend not having tuition and other fees increase for the next year. Vote 2014-36: Motion approved (15 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions).	No further action required. A decision on tuition increase was approved by the BOT (May 2014)
March 28, 2014	

<p>Motion: to adopt a third window of admission for PhD program applicants but giving faculties leeway to have rolling applications and admissions as needed.</p> <p>Vote 2014-37: The motion passed with 26 in favor, none opposed and 4 abstentions.</p>	Implemented
<i>April 25, 2014</i>	
<p>Motion: to merge the AVSC and AGSC departments to a Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>Vote 2014-38: The motion was approved.</p>	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
<p>Motion: to approve the proposed curricular changes to the BSc in Nutrition and Dietetics and Coordinated Program in Nutrition and Dietetics.</p> <p>Vote 2014-39: The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.</p>	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
<p>Motion: to approve the proposal from the Board of Graduate Studies for new ME and PhD degrees in Biomedical Engineering.</p> <p>Vote 2014-40: The vote on the motion to approve the master's program was 25 in favor with 1 abstention.</p> <p>Vote 2014-41: The vote in favor of approving the doctoral program was 25 in favor and one abstention.</p>	Approved by the BOT (May 2014)
<p>Motion: to revise the policy on "graduation with distinction" for transfer students with the following text to be added: "For transfer students, if the number of credits completed at AUB is less than 60, then the completed credits are used in the measuring criteria."</p> <p>Vote 2014-42: A vote to table the motion passed with 17 voting in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention.</p>	Motion tabled.
<i>May 23, 2014 (special meeting)</i>	
<p>Motion: Instructors, Lecturers, and Senior lecturers who have been continuously employed by the university for two years shall be eligible to take maternity leave for one semester.</p> <p>Vote 2014-43: The motion was approved unanimously.</p>	Open: Recommendation under consideration by the administration
<i>May 28, 2014</i>	
<p>Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FAS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-44: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FM graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-45: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FM NURSING graduates and graduates with distinction</p>	Implemented

<p>Vote 2014-46: Motion approved (unanimous) Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FEA graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-47: Motion approved (unanimous) Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FAFS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-48: Motion approved (unanimous) Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to FHS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-49: Motion approved (unanimous) Motion: Recommend to Senate and President awarding degrees to OSB graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2014-50: Motion approved (unanimous)</p>	
<p>Motion: to change the name of the Civilization Sequence Program (CVSP) to Civilization Studies Program</p> <p>Vote 2014-51: The motion was approved unanimously.</p>	<p>Approved by the BOT (Nov. 2014)</p>
<p>Motion: The Senate requests the AUB administration to urgently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Reinvigorate the PPRC by updating and increasing its membership to include two elected faculty members; (ii) Ensure that all policies and procedures affecting faculty members have a clear mechanism for change that must be considered by the Senate; and (iii) Augment the online repository at http://pnp.aub.edu.lb with a system for time-stamped version and revision tracking, and an offline hard-copy repository for change documentation and archiving purposes to be placed in the Archives and Special Collections section of Jafet Library. <p>Vote 2014-52: The motion was approved with 23 in favor of the motion and 1 abstention.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

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