

University Senate Votes 2014-15

VOTES	STATUS
<i>September 26, 2014</i>	
-None-	
<i>October 31, 2014</i>	
<p>Motion: To repeat the decision of the Senate last year that for one year only the Dean of Student Affairs will be allowed to organize the election rules.</p> <p>Substitute Motion: To give the students till November 7 2014 to come up with a USFC-approved change of by-laws (requiring a 2/3 vote) -- otherwise the by-laws posted on the policies and procedures website would apply as of that date.</p> <p>Vote 2015-01: The substitute motion was defeated (13 in favor, 15 opposed, and 5 abstentions).</p> <p>Vote 2015-02: The original motion was approved (19 in favor, 8 opposed, and 4 abstentions).</p>	Implemented
<p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.</p> <p>Vote 2015-03: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Hariri School of Nursing.</p> <p>Vote 2015-04: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Medicine.</p> <p>Vote 2015-05: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.</p> <p>Vote 2015-06: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Food and Agricultural Sciences.</p> <p>Vote 2015-07: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Faculty of Health Sciences.</p> <p>Vote 2015-08: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: to grant degrees to all those listed for the Olayan School of Business.</p> <p>Vote 2015-09: Motion approved (unanimous)</p>	Implemented
<p>Motion: To approve the Faculty Workload Policy with an amendment on page 2 to read: “Annual evaluation of workload policy exceptions shall be conducted by the Dean and the Provost</p>	Approved by the BOT, Nov. 2014

<p>to minimize the need for such exceptions.”</p> <p>Motion: To change the title of the policy to faculty teaching workload policy.</p> <p>Vote 2015-10: The motion to change the title was approved (9 in favor, 7 opposed, and 7 abstentions).</p> <p>Vote 2015-11: The motion on the policy was also approved, with the suggested amendment (9 in favor, 8 opposed).</p>	
<p>Motion: To form a task force to review the current travel expense policy as it applies to faculty members, and recommend changes that reflect best practices. The task force includes faculty members, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts.</p> <p>The President said there was no need for a vote, but that the task-force should be considered formed.</p>	Implemented
<p>Motion: “In confirming its role as the representative body of the faculty, the Senate expects to be an involved and active participant in the decision of selecting a new president. Accordingly, the Senate requests to meet with, and provide formal feedback on all short-listed candidates for the position.”</p> <p>The motion was withdrawn.</p>	Motion withdrawn
November 28, 2014	
<p>Motion: to approve the proposal of the University Committee on Student Affairs proposal to expand its functions per the attachment. Additionally it was suggested that the new functions be added to the old.</p> <p>Vote 2015-12: The motion was approved with the 6 functions (2 old and 4 new)</p>	
<p>A motion was made to approve the proposed University calendar 2015-16.</p> <p>Vote 2015-13: The motion was approved unanimously.</p>	
<p>Motion: to approve the version of the contract proposed by the SCFA with the three proposed changes in it.</p> <p>Vote 2015-14: The motion passed by a vote of 20 for, 0 against, and 6 abstentions.</p>	
December 19, 2014	
<p>Motion: to approve the calendar and proposed framework for the winter session 2015.</p> <p>Revised motion: to accept the framework proposed by the Registrar to initiate 3-week winter session courses with specified</p>	

<p>deadlines and a maximum of 3 credits for students in 2015 on an experimental basis.</p> <p>Vote 2015-15: The revised motion was approved with 22 votes in favor, 6 against, and 3 abstentions.</p>	
<p>Motion: to establish a new department of Industrial Engineering and Management</p> <p>Vote 2015-16: The motion was approved unanimously.</p>	
<p>Motion: to establish a new department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering</p> <p>Vote 2015-17: The motion was approved unanimously.</p>	
<p>Motion: to allow the President to reinstate the faculty contract which was the latest version approved by the BoT and establish a task-force to investigate further revisions focused on the issues of HIP and retirement. It was pointed out that this motion is effectively rescinding a previous motion that passed in the November 28, 2014 senate meeting and requires a 2/3 vote.</p> <p>The motion was not voted on due to lack of quorum.</p>	
<i>January 23, 2015 (special meeting on tenure)</i>	
<p>Motion: that the principles that are laid out in the projected slide (slide 22 of powerpoint in appendix) be adopted on the understanding that they will be elaborated in due time.</p> <p>Slide 22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstated a formal system of tenure at AUB • Tenure conferred upon promotion to associate professor • Evaluation process to follow current procedure for promotion in rank with rigorous implementation of criteria • Effective post-tenure reviews conducted every five years • Conferral of tenure to in-post associate professors and full professors contingent on formal review • Existing non-tenure system maintained for in-post full professors who decide not to apply or are denied tenure • Tenure system accompanied by phased retirement incentive plan <p>Vote 2015-18: 22 voted in favor, 1 against, and there were no abstentions.</p>	
<i>January 30, 2015</i>	
<p>Motion: to approve the recommendation from the SSC that starting 2015-2016, two faculty representatives to the PPRC will be elected by the Senate. Nominations can come from the faculty at large (i.e., they do not have to be Senate members), after a call</p>	

<p>for nominations is sent by the Chairman of the Senate to all faculty members at the start of the academic year. Further, for this academic year (2014-2015), the Senate confirms the membership of the two faculty members currently serving on the PPRC, namely Dr. Eveline Hitti and Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abdel-Rahman.</p> <p>Vote 2015-19: the motion was approved.</p>	
<i>February 27, 2015</i>	
<p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FAS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2015-20: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FM NURSING graduates</p> <p>Vote 2015-21: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FM graduates</p> <p>Vote 2015-22: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FEA graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2015-23: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FAFS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2015-24: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to FHS graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2015-25: Motion approved (unanimous)</p> <p>Motion: Recommend to senate and president awarding degrees to OSB graduates and graduates with distinction</p> <p>Vote 2015-26: Motion approved (unanimous)</p>	
<i>March 27, 2015</i>	
<p>Motion: to approve the MS Food Security program.</p> <p>Vote 2015-27: motion approved unanimously.</p>	
<p>Motion: to approve the non-thesis option for MS Energy Studies program</p> <p>Vote 2015-28: The motion was approved by a majority with one opposed and one abstention.</p>	
<i>May 12, 2015 (April meeting rescheduled)</i>	
<p>Motion: to approve the B.E. program in Petroleum Engineering</p> <p>Vote 2015-29: Motion approved, with the majority in favor and one abstention.</p>	

May 27, 2015

Motion: to approve the graduation of all recommended candidates of May 2015.

Vote 2015-30: the motion was passed unanimously.

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