

OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE

2022-2023

April 14, 2023 Minutes

(Approved: 6/9/23)

In person and zoom meeting: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Invitees: Drs. Nedra Wilson, Lora Cotton, Heather Rector, Laura Bode, Julie Dionne, Mark Thai, Yakiji Bailey, Ratnakar Deole, and Aric Warren

Dr. Jeff Stroup

All OSU-CHS Faculty

Attendance:

Senate members present for all or part of the meeting: Drs. Wilson, Dionne, Deole, Bailey, Bode, Thai, Rector, Cotton, and Warren.

Administrator Present: Dr. Polak

Guests: Kinsey Wyatt, Amy Newton, John Frucci, Sheri Core, Carrie Gilstrap, Crystal Johnson, Gavin Gardner

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:01 with quorum. Dr. Warren and Rector will not be present at this meeting.

Action Items

1. *Motion to approved minutes March 2023*

Action: Approved

2. *Motion to approve revisions to Academic Standards Handbook*

Action: Approved

3. *Motion to approve Student Accessibility*

Action: approved

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Wilson confirmed the agenda was approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Administrative Reports: Dr. Polak gave updates on the following:

- Academic Medical District Masterplan (Veterans Affairs Hospital, OSU Medical Center, Psychiatric Hospital, and Parking Garage) – Team includes Dr. Stephens, Polak, and Shrum. From the Zarrow Foundation: Bill Major, Courtney Knoblock, Steve Cochran, Reed Woods, and Judy Kishner.
 - Total Planned Expansion \$498 million; property donation \$39M, VA hospital \$171M in 2025, OK Psychiatric Care Center \$80M in 2024, Parking \$18M in 2024, OSUMC Expansion \$190M in 2026
 - Critical Need for Oklahoma Veterans to be served. More than two thirds out of 50,000 veterans come from the Tulsa Metro area. Tulsa hospital could reach up to 30% more veterans annually.

Approval of the March 2023 Minutes: motion by Dr. Cotton, seconded by Dr. Dionne, unanimously approved.

Faculty Senate President's Report: Dr. Wilson had no report.

Discussion Items: no new discussion items

Senate Review of Committee Reports: the Senate reviewed the report.

OSU-Faculty Council Representative by Dr. Aric Warren: there were a couple of announcements: from the graduate council report-changed language from outside member to graduate college representative. Graduate defenses could be virtual or in person. Members were not in favor of publication requirements to graduation.

Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative by Dr. Heather Rector: new mental health line. A free presentation to the program will be sent out.

Old Business: no old business

New Business:

- A. Revisions to Academic Standards Handbook: Ms. Wyatt and Newton proposed the changes with the committee.

Motion by Dr. Deole, seconded by Dr. Bailey. Unanimously approved.

- B. Review proposed changes to the Student Accessibility policy: submitted to the Faculty Senate by Dr. Hackler proposed revisions to the Policy on Student Accessibility in coordination with legal counsel. (details attached).

Motion by Dr. Bode, seconded by Dr. Bailey. Unanimously approved

- C. Badge access policy: Barrett Hunter began by stating they sent a campus wide email notifying everyone of the new policy. Mr. Hunter is meeting with different faculty, student and staff groups to create awareness. This new policy was introduced due to the shootings at St. Francis last year. It is implemented that all faculty, students and staff display their badge at all times while on campus. Barrett and Dr. Polak will get together to arrange lanyards and more awareness.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Senate

From: Jeff Hackler

Date: April 5, 2023

Re: Summary of Updates to the OSU-CHS Policy on Student Accessibility

The Student Accessibility Committee proposed many revisions to the Policy on Student Accessibility in coordination with legal counsel. This Memo summarizes the substantive changes to this policy to make review more efficient. If you have any questions, I'm more than happy to answer. Thank you.

Substantive Revisions:

- Section I
 - Removed the requirement for submission of significant documentation of a disability to approve a student accommodation and replaced with the requirement for submission of a letter from a provider with appropriate credentials. This was a change recommended by legal counsel and makes our policy consistent with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding documentation a postsecondary institution may request.
 - Reduced the time the committee has to determine if a student has substantiated a disability from 30 business days to 10 working days.
 - Reduced the time the chair of the committee has to notify the student of the committee's decision from 10 business days to 5 working days.
 - Added a requirement that student request to continue accommodations for the upcoming academic year at least one month prior to its start.
- Section II
 - Clarified that committee decisions will be implemented during the appeal process.
 - Removed the requirement that appeals must first be heard by the committee before being appealed to the Provost. Appeals may now go directly to the Provost.
 - Provided an Accommodations Appeal Form to clarify what students and faculty must submit when appealing a committee decision.
 - Reduced the number of days the Provost has to render a decision on the appeal from 30 business to 10 working days.

- Added the opportunity for students and faculty who disagree with a committee decision to reach an agreement that the Provost must approve.
- Section III
 - Simplified section on confidentiality to state that OSU-CHS will comply to the extent required by applicable law (and removed references to a number of hypothetical circumstances).
- Section IV
 - Removed internal procedures from the policy document.

Approved