

**OSU-CHS FACULTY SENATE**

2023-2024

June 9, 2023 Minutes

(Approved: 9/15/23)

*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. Rector, Wilson, Sanroman, Croff, Dionne and Core

Administrator Present: Dr. Stroup

Guests: Dr. Gujar

**Call to Order:** The Chair, Dr. Rector called the meeting to order at 12:00 with quorum.

**Action Items**

1. *Motion to approved April minutes 2023*

***Action: Approved***

2. *Motion to approve Spring 2023 General Faculty Meeting notes*

***Action: Approved***

**Approval of Agenda:** stated the Executive Committee met and approved the agenda.

**Administrative Reports:** Dr. Stroup gave updates on the following:

- Legislative session is almost over. There are some outstanding bills that have until June 10<sup>th</sup> to be signed by the governor or they'll be vetoed. A special session is still active and will meet next week to override some of the vetoes. Once everything is closed, the finalization of the bills and budget. The budget will be presented at the Regents meeting next Friday as well as the promotion and tenure recommendations.
- Dr. Rector clarified with Dr. Stroup regarding the RPT subcommittee document and when it will get reviewed (same members agreed to serve another term). Dr. Stroup will speak with Amy Newton in Legal to confirm. The next Regents meeting will be in September which will give plenty of time to clean up the document. Dr. Stroup gave a brief update for new members regarding the document changes which includes the Title 9 process being held on campus

**Approval of the April 2023 Minutes:** motion by Dr. Dionne, seconded by Dr. Wilson, unanimously approved.

**Faculty Senate President's Report:** Dr. Rector confirmed that Dr. Cotton, Wilson and Deole will continue to serve on the RPT subcommittee. Drs. Dionne and Bode will continue as the Secretary and Sergeant-at-arms of the Faculty Senate

**Discussion Items:**

- Faculty reviewed and approved the proposed meeting dates for Fall of 2023 and Spring of 2024.
- Faculty reviewed new committee list 2023-2024. The document is still being revised.
- Faculty reviewed the Spring 2023 General Faculty meeting notes. With minor edits the notes have been approved. Motion by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Croff. Unanimously approved

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

*OSU-Faculty Council Representative by Dr. Aric Warren:* not present

*Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Representative by Dr. Heather Rector:* discussed undergraduate courses

**Old Business:** no old business

**New Business:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:11 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

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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