

OSU Faculty Senate News

October 29, 2019

The OSU Faculty Senate represents academic and research faculty (tenure, tenure-track and fixed-term), as well as professional faculty. There is no minimum FTE for Faculty Senate inclusion. The defined faculty ranks appear in Article III of the Bylaws at <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/bylaws>.

The purpose of the newsletter is to update faculty on upcoming opportunities and events, as well as information items related to the Faculty Senate.

1. **Faculty Conversations with President Ray**

In an ongoing effort to improve communication lines between the faculty and administration, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is sponsoring Fall term small group conversations with President Ray and faculty (academic, research and professional). Each conversation will be facilitated by a Faculty Senate Executive Committee member and will consist of up to 12 faculty. This is an opportunity for the President to hear what faculty are thinking and experiencing; faculty are encouraged to speak freely.

If you wish to participate, please access the registration form at https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d1dZY5kYTYv4iDb to register for the remaining session: November 4 from 10:00-11:30. Session requests will be honored on a first come, first serve basis.

2. **Baccalaureate Core Listening Sessions**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) has teamed up with the Office of Undergraduate Education to undertake a broad reconsideration of the Baccalaureate Core. To begin this process, we are holding a series of listening sessions for Bacc Core stakeholders: faculty, students, unit supervisors, advisers and other personnel involved with developing, administering and teaching Baccalaureate Core courses. Representatives from the EC, Vice Provost Alix Gitelman's office and the Faculty Senate Baccalaureate Core Committee will attend each meeting to hear your ideas. Please consider attending at least one of the below sessions to discuss with us your experiences and ideas about the current Bacc Core and its future shape and content. From this feedback, as well as research on other current models of general education in higher education, we expect to develop two or three alternative models to bring back to listening sessions before the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

- November 5 – 3:00-5:00 – 4001 ALS
- November 8 – 9:30-11:30 – FURM 102
- November 21 – 4:30-6:30 – MU 109
- December 5 – 1:00-3:00 – LINC 128

For those who cannot attend any listening session, or who have additional comments, there is an opportunity to offer extended commentary and feedback via a Qualtrics survey at

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6tHtjtEmUjF7R8p.

3. **Faculty Senate Elections – Candidate Nominations for Faculty Senate President-Elect and Executive Committee and Interinstitutional Faculty Senate**

Faculty are encouraged to suggest colleagues whom they believe are passionate about the university and would well represent OSU Faculty. Faculty may also nominate themselves. Please forward candidate suggestions for any of the below positions by Noon on November 6 to Vickie Nunnemaker (vickie.nunnemaker@oregonstate.edu), who will determine their eligibility. When responding, please insert 'Candidate' in the Subject line so your nomination may be easily searched.

- President-Elect – Candidates must have been an OSU Faculty Senator; 3-year term
- Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator – Candidates need not have been an OSU Faculty Senator; 3-year term
- Executive Committee – Candidates must now be an OSU Faculty Senate Senator, or have been an OSU Faculty Senator; 2-year term

4. **Faculty Senate Elections – Split Appointments**

According to the Faculty Senate Bylaws, non-tenured faculty who have split appointments between two apportionment units may choose with which unit they wish to be apportioned for Faculty Senate purposes. For example, if a faculty member has a split appointment between Agricultural Sciences and Science, they may choose one or the other (FTE will not be split between apportionment units). This choice will determine Faculty Senate representation. Faculty not indicating where they wish to be apportioned will be placed in an apportionment unit at the discretion of the Faculty Senate Office.

No later than Noon on November 6, please complete and submit the survey at http://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Uwv4rKAOEAe5Pn to indicate with which apportionment unit you wish to be affiliated.

Tenured faculty will be apportioned in their tenure unit, with the exception of the following apportionment units: off-campus Extension, OSU-Cascades and Hatfield Marine Science Center.

5. **Faculty Senate Elections – Declining Senator Election**

All currently employed academic, research and professional faculty, regardless of FTE, are eligible to be elected to a Senator position and represent faculty in their respective Faculty Senate apportionment unit. However, Executive Levels 1, 2 and 3 (dean or above) are excluded from being elected, as are Senators who are completing two consecutive three-year terms or faculty on LWOP.

If you wish to decline to have your name placed on the Senator Nomination Ballot, **no later than Noon on November 6** please complete and submit the survey at http://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8iT2qvutDWDvRat. Those declining are still eligible to vote in Senator Nomination and Election ballots.

Faculty must decline each year.

6. **Communicating with the Faculty Senate President**

To ensure that messages related to Faculty Senate issues are routed directly to the Faculty Senate President, a new email address has been created specifically to communicate with the President. Please address your messages to FS.President@oregonstate.edu.

7. **2019 Faculty Senate Meetings**

Faculty Senate meetings for the remainder of 2019 are November 14 and December 12. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM; check the monthly agenda (<https://senate.oregonstate.edu/faculty-senate-meeting-agendas>) to determine the location. The Faculty Senate meets on the second Thursday of the month from October-June. *Faculty Senate meetings are open to the public.*

8. **2019 Faculty Senate Officers**

- President – Mina Carson
- President-Elect – Dwaine Plaza
- Immediate Past President – Jon Dorbolo
- Executive Committee – Bill Bogley, Vrushali Bokil, John Edwards, Selina Heppell, Jeff Sherman and Jane Waite. Additionally, Christine Pollard is an ex-officio member representing OSU-Cascades.
- Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senators – Goran Jovanovich, Jay Noller and Devon Quick
- Senators representing all apportionment units are online at <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/current-year-membership>.

Information about the Faculty Senate is available online at <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/>. If you have questions about any of the items listed above or need additional information, you may call 541-737-4344 or email faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu.