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# OSU Faculty Senate News

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*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. **October Faculty Senate Action Items**

- Motion to approve: The Faculty Senate of Oregon State University ratifies the revised Baccalaureate Core structure as presented in the Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee Report and Proposal. The motion passed with 101 votes in favor, 11 votes in opposition and 8 abstentions.
- Motion to approve: Faculty Senate will institute a Baccalaureate Core Implementation Budget Committee to operate concurrently with the Baccalaureate Core Implementation Committee. Working with the Baccalaureate Core Director, the committee will review the series of budget investment scenarios discussed with university administration developed during Phase II. Moving forward, the committee will review the adequacy of resources needed for implementation of the curricular changes, course development, and additional capacity needed to develop and lead new categories within the proposed program as recommended by the Faculty Senate. Additionally, the committee will examine anticipated workshops, mentoring opportunities, and trainings to develop new courses or revise existing ones. The committee will consist of ten faculty members, up to two undergraduate student members, and the Associate Vice President of Budget and Resource Planning and the Baccalaureate Core Director serving ex-officio, non-voting. Motion passed with 65 votes in favor, 34 votes in opposition and 11 abstentions.

## 2. **General Education Implementation**

The General Education Implementation work is underway. We are seeking 40-50 faculty volunteers (academic and professional faculty) to create learning outcomes and criteria for each of the new categories in the curriculum. We need the expertise of faculty from diverse disciplines with enthusiasm for undergraduate education and improving student outcomes to join in this effort. You can learn more about the roles we seek to fill, time commitment, community engagement, and feedback opportunities on our [Learning Outcome, Criteria, and Rationale \(LOCR\) Implementation website](#).

Applications are open until November 16, don't delay, [APPLY TODAY!](#)

## 3. **Oregon State's New Baccalaureate Core Reflects Transfer Students' Needs**

Read the *Gazette-Times* [interview](#) with Baccalaureate Core Director McKenzie Huber as reported in the November 7, 2022 edition.

#### 4. **Indicating Interest in Serving as a Faculty Senator OR Declining Faculty Senator Election**

To ensure inclusivity, all currently employed academic, research, extension and professional faculty, regardless of FTE, are eligible to be elected to a Faculty Senator position and represent faculty in their respective Faculty Senate apportionment unit.

If you wish to either **decline** to have your name placed on the Senator Nomination Ballot, or you wish to indicate a **strong interest** in serving if elected, please complete and submit the survey at [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9sNh5HbNJyr0BuK](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9sNh5HbNJyr0BuK) **no later than Noon on November 14**. *Faculty must decline each year.*

If one wishes to indicate to their colleagues that they have a strong interest in serving as a Faculty Senator, if elected, a designator will be placed next to their name on the ballot to indicate their interest.

Executive Levels 1, 2 and 3 (typically, dean or above) are excluded from being elected, as are Senators who are completing two consecutive three-year terms, a current Senator whose term extends beyond December 31, 2021 or faculty who are on LWOP.

#### 5. **Ally Accessibility Platform**

University Information and Technology Academic Technologies is planning the next-phase adoption and communication strategy for the Ally accessibility platform, which was integrated with Canvas in March 2022.

The vendor partner is offering a series of planning and feedback sessions. Faculty are invited and encouraged to attend the second session, which focuses on faculty support needs to create and improve accessible content. Your ideas and feedback will help inform the plan for support resources.

Faculty are welcome at any and all of the three sessions, which will be conducted via web conference.

If you'd like to attend or if you have any questions, please email [lynn.greenough@oregonstate.edu](mailto:lynn.greenough@oregonstate.edu).

- Day 1 – Wednesday, November 16, noon-2PM  
Ally Overview and Demo; Institutional Initiatives; Reporting
- **Day 2 – Tuesday, November 22, noon-2PM**  
**Content Remediation; Faculty Development & Support**
- Day 3 – Thursday, December 1, noon-2PM  
Deployment Method/Timeline; Communication Campaign

As information, here is a link to the current collection of online resources about Ally and accessibility (see all pages via the "Accessibility" menu header): <https://learn.oregonstate.edu/canvas/canvas-faculty-tools/accessibility-and-canvas>

#### 6. **Center for Teaching and Learning Fall 2022 Programming**

The Center for Teaching and Learning is embarking on a year-long program called "We Care About Quality Teaching Campaign." See the Fall 2022 program offerings at <https://oregonstate.app.box.com/s/f32xzlj9zlx4ljt8jhqilt8pfigxddwj0>.

#### 7. **Fall Term Library Workshops**

Check out the OSU Libraries' free Graduate Student & Faculty Because many of the workshops will be held over Zoom, registration is required for the links. For

complete session descriptions, visit the [workshop calendar page](#). Can't make it to a session? Some of the sessions have handouts or online tutorials: <http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/WorkshopHandouts>

#### 8. **Beaver Healthy**

A new website, [Beaver Healthy](#), has been launched that includes information on COVID-19, MPV and influenza, as well as more general health and wellness guidance. All university-level COVID-19 information provided by [University Human Resources](#) (for employees) and [Student Health Services](#) (for students) is provided on this site. Guidance and information that is campus or location specific is noted and linked.

#### 9. **Communicating with the Faculty Senate President**

To ensure that messages related to Faculty Senate issues are routed directly to the Faculty Senate President, please address your messages to [FS.President@oregonstate.edu](mailto:FS.President@oregonstate.edu).

#### 10. **Faculty Senate Winter 2023 Meetings – Dates and Participation**

Faculty Senate meetings for Winter 2023 are scheduled for January 12, February 9, and March 9 from 3-5PM. Although Faculty Senators who reside locally are encouraged to attend in-person, all meetings will be broadcast via Zoom.

Non-Senators are welcome to participate but the login instructions are not being published. If you wish to remotely participate in this or future Faculty Senate meetings, please complete the linked Qualtrics [survey](#) requesting to participate – you'll need to provide your OSU email, name and unit (please, no abbreviations). Your OSU email will be subscribed to a listserv to receive Zoom instructions as well as the agenda for future Faculty Senate meetings. If it's the day of the Faculty Senate meeting, please send a request to [Caitlin Calascibetta](#) no later than Noon.

*Faculty Senate meetings are open to the public.*

#### 11. **2022 Faculty Senate Leadership**

- President – Kate MacTavish
- President-Elect – Selina Heppell
- Past President – Mike Bailey
- Executive Committee – Mike Bailey, Justin Fleming, Anne Gillies, Jake Hamblin, Selina Heppell, McKenzie Huber (IFS), Kate MacTavish, Margaret Mellinger, Todd Palmer, Marleigh Perez, and Jordon Zardinejad
- Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senators – JoAnne Bunnage, John Edwards and McKenzie Huber
- Faculty 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 541-737-6268 or send an email with a Subject line of Spring FS Newsletter to [faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu](mailto:faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu).*