

OSU Faculty Senate News

December 5, 2022

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. **November Faculty Senate Action Items**

- Motion to approve: Accept the Program Inactivation Proposal (Applied Ethics Certificate, Key #128) as presented by the Curriculum Council co-chair Ping-Hung Hsieh. The motion passed with 80 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 1 abstention.
- Motion to approve: Accept the New Program Proposal (Humanitarian Engineering Certificate, Key #781) as presented by the Curriculum Council co-chair Ping-Hung Hsieh. The motion passed with 78 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
- Motion to approve: The 2023 Apportionment Table. The motion passed with 77 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 2 abstentions.

2. **December 8 Faculty Senate Meeting**

The December 8 Faculty Senate meeting will be held in person in the LaSells Stewart Center Construction and Engineering Hall with a Zoom Webinar option for individuals outside of OSU Corvallis and those unable to attend in person.

Agenda items include:

- Announcement of newly elected: Faculty Senators, Interinstitutional Faculty Senator, Executive Committee members and President-Elect
- Provost's Quarterly Report – Provost Ed Feser
- Special Reports:
 - OSU Board of Trustees Meeting Recap – Inara Scott
 - ASOSU Updates – ASOSU President Matteo
 - Community Spotlight: University Information and Technology (UIT) – Academic Technologies – Kristina Case, Director of Academic Technologies
 - General Education Update – McKenzie Huber, Baccalaureate Core Director

When the agenda is finalized, it will be posted online at

<https://senate.oregonstate.edu/faculty-senate-meeting-agendas>.

3. **Elsevier Negotiations Suspended – Library Plans and Alternative Ways to Access Articles**

The [linked message](#) from Anne-Marie Deitering, Delpha and Donald Campbell Dean of Libraries, contains information related to suspending negotiations with Elsevier and next steps.

4. General Education Implementation

Implementation for General Education is underway. The Learning Outcome, Criteria, and Rationale Committee is in the process of selecting volunteers from a very large pool to serve on various development committees. Communications will soon go out to selected participants. Please keep checking the [General Education Implementation website](#) for updates. Don't forget, the Baccalaureate Core Director is available to come and meet with your group, reach out to McKenzie Huber anytime!

5. Fall Term Library Workshops

Check out the OSU Libraries' free workshops on various topics. Because many of the workshops will be held via 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>

6. 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.

7. 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 Webinar.

Non-Senators are welcome to participate – if you wish to remotely participate in this or future Faculty Senate meetings, please complete the very brief 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 Webinar 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 send an email to faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu with a Subject line of December FS Newsletter.