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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. You can access information about our meetings, committees, and activities at <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/>. Contact information and a list of Senate leadership is available at the end of this document.

1. **COVID-19 updates**

OSU is staying the course for in-person learning, along with other Oregon institutions. Our mitigation efforts worked well through fall term and we have a very high level of vaccination on our campuses, with a rapidly increasing number of students and employees with boosters. Nevertheless, the high transmissibility of Omicron is leading to a high number of reported cases. Fortunately, the severity of illness is low, particularly for “breakthrough cases”. Nevertheless, it is an anxious time and many students, faculty and staff have needed to quarantine or isolate. Regular updates are posted on the COVID-19 Safety and Success Plan website <https://covid.oregonstate.edu/>, which includes a link to latest information: <https://covid.oregonstate.edu/latest-updates/covid-19-updates-boosters-isolation-and-other-important-information>.

Positive Test Notification:

<https://covid.oregonstate.edu/positive-case-notification>

Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines:

<https://oregonstate.app.box.com/s/bag6fngjy4duvthklyurwmx255umqmto>

Boosters are now required. Learn more about the university’s vaccination requirements here:

<https://covid.oregonstate.edu/vaccination-program-requirement>

Information for Teaching Faculty:

<https://covid.oregonstate.edu/safety-and-success-planning#sectionfour>

Testing (Winter Term):

Corvallis

Student Experience Center: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cascade Hall 120: Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bend

Ray Hall 302: Mon-Wed 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2. Faculty Senate to Meet on January 13, Welcome President McCalpine

The Faculty Senate will meet on January 13 from 3:00-5:00pm. This will be a hybrid meeting, with in-person at LaSells Stewart Center and online via Zoom. Incoming Senate President McCalpine and newly elected Senators and leadership will be installed. The agenda will include a listening session to gather faculty input on the qualities and characteristics of OSU's next president, and a curriculum proposal vote, as well as an update on COVID-19 response and policies. The agenda will be linked from <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/faculty-senate-meeting-agendas>.

Senators will receive log-in information via email and the Senate Canvas site. Non-Senators are welcome to participate and may join in person or via Zoom; see meeting information in #8, below.

3. Presidential Search Update: Faculty Listening Sessions: What Are the Qualities and Characteristics Desired in a New President?

The Presidential Search Firm, [Isaacson, Miller](#), will facilitate a listening session during the regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting on January 13. Additional sessions will be held via Zoom:

[Tuesday, January 11, 2:00 – 3:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, January 12, 9:00 – 10:00 am](#)

[Thursday, January 13, 10:00 – 11:00 am](#)

[Tuesday, January 18, 4:00 – 5:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, January 19, 6:00 – 7:00 pm](#)

[Thursday, January 20, 8:00 – 9:00 am](#)

If you are unable to attend a listening session, please share your input via [an online survey](#). The survey will close on January 20.

Input gathered from the listening sessions and survey will inform the presidential leadership profile which will serve as the basis by which the presidential search advisory committee and executive search firm recruits and identifies potential candidates.

You can view all updates and see the list of search committee members on the [Presidential Search website](#).

Timeline: <https://today.oregonstate.edu/news/oregon-state-university-approves-timeline-hiring-new-president>

4. New Senator Orientation

New Senators start their terms in January. Orientation will take place via Zoom from 12:30–2:45 on January 13, just before the Senate meeting. All new Senators should plan to attend, but we will record the session for those who are unable to attend. Senators who are continuing their service and would like a refresher are also welcome to attend. Meeting materials will be posted on the Canvas site.

5. Interim President Johnson to Meet with Faculty

Interim President Johnson and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are continuing the long-standing tradition of sponsoring small group faculty conversations with academic, research and professional faculty. Each conversation will be facilitated by a Faculty Senate Executive Committee member and will consist of up to 12 faculty. These conversations, via Zoom, provide Interim President Johnson with an opportunity to receive candid feedback from faculty and an occasion for idea and information exchange.

To register for winter term sessions, which are scheduled for February 18 from 1:00-2:30 and March 11 from 2:00-3:30, please access the registration form at https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8wbi3tzlsYtenge.

6. **Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee**

The Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee will be conducting roadshows to collect feedback on the proposed Baccalaureate Core Curriculum changes during the month of February. This is your opportunity to learn about the templates, engage in conversation with committee representatives and provide feedback which will ultimately inform the final version of the curricular model. Please complete this form:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Sqm8otpVIT5HAG

More can be learned by checking the [website](#) for additional information and updates.

7. **December Faculty Senate Action Items**

- Motion: Approval of Kate MacTavish as a President-Elect candidate; motion passed with 80 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 3 abstentions.
- Motion to approve proposed revisions to the [Academic Advising Council](#) Standing Rules, as amended; motion passed with 75 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
 - Amendments to the Non-Voting members section:
 - Added "of undergraduates" to: "whose work supports academic advising of undergraduates"
 - University Information and Technology replaces Enterprise Computing
 - Added Office of Academic Affairs
- Motion to approve proposed revisions to the [Curriculum Council](#) Standing Rules – passed with 80 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 2 abstentions.
 - Revisions included:
 - Increasing voting faculty members from 15 to 16.
 - Replacing one non-voting ex-officio member from both OSU-Cascades and Ecampus with voting members.
- [Motions to approve proposed Bylaws revisions](#):
 - Article III, Sec. 1. – passed with 64 votes in favor, 1 vote in opposition and 2 abstentions.
 - Article VI, Sec. 2. – passed with 73 votes in favor, 1 vote in opposition and 1 abstention.
 - Article VII, Sec. 1., Sec. 3. and Sec. 4. – passed with 60 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
 - Article IX, Sec. 2. – passed with 62 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 1 abstention.
- [Motion to include the proposed verbiage and link to the Student Bill of Rights on all syllabi](#) – passed with 50 votes in favor, 26 votes in opposition and 6 abstentions. These results have been sent to the Office of Academic Affairs and the Registrar to be added to the Minimum Syllabus Requirements, to be effective spring term. The information will also be added to Canvas sites.

8. **Beware of New Phishing Attempts Targeting Students Seeking Jobs**

Very sophisticated phishing efforts have been reported by faculty who have been impersonated as prospective employers providing jobs, internships or research experience. The emails include faculty contact information and ask the target student to provide personal information and, in some cases, application fees.

Please be on the lookout for these hacking attempts and report them immediately to phishing@oregonstate.edu for tracking.

9. **Faculty Senate Winter 2022 Meetings – Dates and Participation**

Winter 2022 Meeting Dates: January 13, February 10, March 10

Non-Senators are welcome to participate but, to avoid unexpected Zoom incidents, the login instructions are not being published. If you wish to remotely participate in this or future Faculty Senate meetings, please fill out 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.

10. **Vacancies**

Please notify the Faculty Senate Office if a sabbatical, leave or retirement will prevent completion of your term as either a Senator or Faculty Senate committee/council member. If you are away more than one term, exclusive of summer term, a replacement is required. This information will assist us in identifying a replacement.

If you are unsure when your Senator or committee/council term ends, you may check the [Senator membership list](#) or the [Committees & Councils site](#).

11. **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.

12. **2022 Faculty Senate Leadership**

- President – Erika McCalpine
- President-Elect – Kate MacTavish
- Immediate Past President – Selina Heppell
- Executive Committee – Vicki Ebbeck, Justin Fleming, Anne Gillies, McKenzie Huber, Margaret Mellinger, Marleigh Perez, Dorian Smith and Jordon Zardinejad
- Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senators – JoAnne Bunnage, John Edwards, McKenzie Huber
- Faculty Senators representing all apportionment units are online at <https://senate.oregonstate.edu/current-year-membership>. Names of newly elected Faculty Senators appear in red.

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 contact Vickie Nunnemaker at vickie.nunnemaker@oregonstate.edu, 541-737-6268 or send an email with a Subject line of FS Newsletter to faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu.