



# OSU Faculty Senate News

May 11, 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. You can access information about 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. **April Faculty Senate Action Items**

- Motion to approve renaming the Geography Graduate Major (MS, PhD) to Geography and Geospatial Science – Key #397; motion passed with 82 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 1 abstention.

## 2. **Faculty Senate Meeting Venue Changes for May and June**

Please note that the in-person component of the May 12 and June 9 Faculty Senate meetings will be in **Kidder Hall 202**. The meetings will also continue to be offered via Zoom.

*If you are not a Faculty Senator but would like to participate in these meetings via Zoom, please see #13 below to request Zoom access.*

## 3. **Faculty Senate Special Session – May 20 – Baccalaureate Core Reform**

Join the Faculty Senate Special Session on May 20 from 3-5PM in **LINC 100** to ask questions and learn more about the Baccalaureate Core Reform process.

The final model will be presented to the Faculty Senate for a vote on June 9.

In preparation for the upcoming Faculty Senate meetings, faculty are encouraged to read the [Bacc Core Reform Committee Report](#) that details the historical reviews of our current model, the reform process, the proposed model, the description of the categories, frequently asked questions and workgroup reports.

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## 4. **May 12 Faculty Senate Meeting – Agenda Topics**

The May 12 Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled from 3-5PM via both Zoom and in **Kidder Hall 202**. Agenda items include:

- OSU Presidential Search Update – Julie Manning
- Action Items –
  - Curricular Proposals – Amy Koehlinger
    - [Earth Sciences Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #524
      - Inactivate Undergraduate Major – CEOAS
    - [Renewable Materials Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #49
      - Rename Undergraduate Major – COF

- [Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #178
  - Rename Undergraduate Major – CAS
- [Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #587
  - Extends BS degree to OSU-Cascades
- Open and Sustainable Scholarly Communication Resolution – Anne-Marie Deitering
- Special Reports
  - Oregon Transfer Council – Alix Gitelman
  - Faculty Handbook Revisions – Rick Settersten
  - Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee Update – John Edwards, Lori Kayes

*Current Faculty Senators may be found [online](#) by apportionment unit.*

## **5. OSU Presidential Search Update**

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee, chaired by Trustee Julie Manning – and assisted by executive search firm Isaacson, Miller – continues to make progress in the search, and review of candidates is well underway, guided by a criteria matrix developed by the committee, using the qualities and qualifications adopted by the Board of Trustees as part of the [presidential profile](#). In early May, the search advisory committee conducted confidential screening interviews with a diverse slate of candidates. Following these interviews, the committee submitted a list of recommended semifinalists to Kirk Schueler, chair of the board of trustees. In executive session, Chair Schueler shared with the Trustees his list of recommended semifinalists for consideration by the board. Board interviews with the selected semifinalists were then held via Zoom in executive session, May 7-9. Following completion of the interviews, the board will determine finalists to invite to the Corvallis campus for public forums during the week of May 23 with OSU community members and stakeholders, and finalist interviews with the board. Finalists will be announced publicly no later than May 20. The Board of Trustees will collect and consider evaluative feedback from community members and stakeholders. A search update will be presented at the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting. Visit the [presidential search website](#) for updates, resources and to submit questions

## **6. Baccalaureate Core Reform**

Following monthly updates on the Baccalaureate Core Reform process to the Faculty Senate, John Edwards and Lori Kayes, Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee Co-Chairs, will be presenting the proposed general education model during the May 12 Faculty Senate meeting in Kidder Hall 202. Join the Faculty Senate Special Session on May 20 from 3-5PM in LINC 100 to ask questions and learn more. The final model will be presented to the Faculty Senate for a vote on June 9 – the Senate will meet from 3-5PM in Kidder Hall 202.

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## 7. **2022 Oregon State University Faculty and Staff Community Climate Survey**

Started in 2014, the Faculty and Staff Community Climate Survey is administered every two years to gauge the opinions and perceptions of faculty and staff regarding their experience at OSU. The survey is one part of OSU's broader efforts to create and sustain an inclusive and equitable university climate.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is anonymous – there is no unique code linking responses to individuals. The Office of Institutional Diversity will securely store survey responses.

An invitation to complete the survey was sent to faculty and staff on May 10, 2022.

To ensure we have a robust survey response, we request that you please encourage faculty and staff in your units to complete the survey.

The survey will be accessible from May 20-June 3, 2022. A report on themes will be shared broadly in the fall, and unit-specific interactive dashboards will be made available to leaders and managers.

More information about university community climate surveys is available at: <https://diversity.oregonstate.edu/community-climate>

Please direct questions about the survey to OID at [diversity@oregonstate.edu](mailto:diversity@oregonstate.edu).

## 8. **Textbook Orders Required Prior to Registration**

To comply with [House Bill 2919](#), enacted by the 2021 Oregon Legislature, OSU and all other public colleges and universities are required to display a complete listing of required course materials and supplies and their associated costs on a campus bookstore's website *at the time of student registration*. Fall 2022 registration opens May 15, 2022. All faculty are now required to fully indicate their course adoptions (or lack thereof) to the OSU Beaver Store by May 1, 2022, two weeks prior to student registration for the term. Faculty can begin making these indications on April 10, 2022.

The Office of Academic Affairs has more information related to [Course Materials Adoption](#).

## 9. **Faculty Handbook Revisions**

The Faculty Senate is working with the Office of Faculty Affairs to update the Promotion and Tenure guidelines and criteria as well as other materials in the Faculty Handbook. Documents and opportunity for feedback on the proposed changes are available via a [Qualtrics survey](#).

## 10. **COVID-19 Updates**

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>.

## 11. **Vacancies**

Please notify the Faculty Senate Office if a sabbatical, leave, retirement, etc., 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](#).

## 12. **Faculty Senate 2022 Meetings – Dates and Participation**

*May 12, June 9, October 13, November 10, December 8*

*NOTE: the May and June Faculty Senate meetings will be in Kidder Hall 202.*

Non-Senators are welcome to participate in Faculty Senate meetings 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 complete the linked Qualtrics [survey](#) requesting to participate – you'll need to provide your OSU email, name and unit (please, no abbreviations). This request must be made no later than the day prior to the Faculty Senate meeting – requests made the day of the meeting will be effective for the Faculty Senate meeting in the next month. Your OSU email will be subscribed to a listserv to receive Zoom instructions as well as the agenda for future Faculty Senate meetings.

Those wishing to attend Faculty Senate meetings are encouraged to participate in person – please check the agenda for the meeting location.

*Faculty Senate meetings are open to the public.*

## 13. **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).

## 14. **2022 Faculty Senate Leadership**

- President – [Erika McCalpine](#)
- President-Elect – [Kate MacTavish](#)
- Immediate Past President – [Selina Heppell](#)
- Executive Committee – [Justin Fleming](#), [Anne Gillies](#), [Jake Hamblin](#), [McKenzie Huber](#), [Margaret Mellinger](#), [Todd Palmer](#), [Marleigh Perez](#), 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 Faculty Senators who began their term in 2022 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](mailto:vickie.nunnemaker@oregonstate.edu), 541-737-6268 or send an email with a Subject line of FS Newsletter to [faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu](mailto:faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu).*