



OSU Faculty Senate News

June 8, 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. **May Faculty Senate Action Items**

- Motion to approve inactivation of [Earth Sciences Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #524; motion passed with 97 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
- Motion to approve renaming the [Renewable Materials Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #49; motion passed with 96 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 0 abstentions.
- Motion to approve renaming the [Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #178; motion passed with 93 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 2 abstentions.
- Motion to approve extending to OSU-Cascades the [Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Major](#) (BS, HBS) – Key #587; motion passed with 91 votes in favor, 1 vote in opposition and 2 abstentions.
- Motion to approve a [Resolution](#) endorsing the [Principles Guiding Negotiations with Journal Vendors at Oregon State University](#) on behalf of the Open and Sustainable Scholarly Communication Committee; motion passed with 85 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition and 4 abstentions.

2. **Celebrate OSU Interim President Rebecca Johnson**

Provost Edward Feser invites the Oregon State University community to a celebration in honor of Interim President Rebecca Johnson, who has served as colleague, mentor, and friend to many during her more than thirty-year career at the university. Please join us on June 9 from 1:30-2:45 PM in the Student Experience Center Plaza as we thank and honor Becky for her extraordinary leadership and service; the program begins at 2:15 PM.

3. **Faculty Senate Meeting Venue Change – June 9**

Please note that the in-person component of the June 9 Faculty Senate meetings will be in **Kidder Hall 202**. The meeting 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 #11 below to request Zoom access.

4. **June 9 Faculty Senate Meeting – Agenda Topics**

The June 9 Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled from 3-5PM via both Zoom and in **Kidder Hall 202**. Agenda items include:

- Recognition of OSU Interim President Rebecca Johnson
- OSU Presidential Transition – Maria Chávez-Haroldson
- Provost’s Quarterly Report – Ed Feser
- Action Items –
 - Curricular Proposal – Amy Koehlinger
 - [Design for Social Impact Certificate](#) – Key #751 – New Certificate – Honors College
 - Consideration of Degree Candidates – Rebecca Mathern
 - Faculty Handbook Revisions – Bob Mason
 - [Proposed Research Associate Promotion Criteria](#)
 - Baccalaureate Core Reform – John Edwards, Lori Kayes
- Special Reports
 - Board of Trustees Recap – Inara Scott
 - Recent Cyber Security Plans – Andrea Ballinger, Marjorie McLagan

Current Faculty Senators may be found [online](#) by apportionment unit. If you would like to attend Thursday’s meeting, please see instructions, below in #11.

5. **Proposed Research Associate Promotion Criteria**

Bob Mason, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Office of Faculty Affairs, will present for approval [Proposed Research Associate Promotion Criteria](#) during the June 9 Faculty Senate meeting. He will also provide an update on the ongoing work of the Faculty Handbook Review Committee.

The Faculty Handbook Review Committee will continue to take feedback for Faculty Research Assistant, Instructor ranks and Lecturer promotion criteria, as well as language on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, through September 30 via the Qualtrics link at:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6M6nR4LMelbeQlw.

Work on Faculty Handbook updates will continue through the next academic year, with input from many stakeholders and Senate review and approval.

6. **Baccalaureate Core Reform**

Following a four-year Faculty Senate process of reviewing our Baccalaureate Core, researching best and high impact practices and literature on general education reform, the Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee (BCRC) is pleased to present a final model to the Faculty Senate. During the 2021-22 academic year alone, the BCRC met weekly and contributed cumulatively over 2000 hours of work to this process. The co-chairs provided monthly Faculty Senate updates on the BCRC process and engaged with over 700 faculty, students, staff, and university leaders.

John Edwards and Lori Kayes, Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee Co-Chairs, will be presenting the proposed final general education model during the June 9 Faculty Senate meeting.

- [Report](#)
- [Summary and Motion](#)

Faculty Senators will be asked to ratify the revised Baccalaureate Core structure as presented in the Baccalaureate Core Reform Committee Report and Proposal (Revised Version June 2022).

If the vote is in favor of moving forward with the proposed structure for a new Bacc Core, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will request nominations for faculty to serve on implementation teams.

7. **Committee Interest Form**

The Committee Interest Form, which provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to indicate their interest in serving on Faculty Senate and University committees, councils and boards during 2022-2023, is available online at https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5BEOJYYtPfoW4F8 and due June 15 at Noon (deadline extended one week).

8. **Faculty Senate Leadership Changes**

Following Erika McCalpine's departure from OSU, Kate MacTavish is now Faculty Senate President. Her term will continue through December 2023.

According to the Faculty Senate Bylaws, in the event of a President-Elect vacancy, the most immediate and available past president fills the vacancy. Selina Heppell is now President-Elect.

Because of the timing of this change, we are not able to conduct a special election for a new President-Elect. The Executive Committee is discussing options for the leadership team next year; regular elections for President-Elect, Executive Committee, and Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator will take place as scheduled in October-November. We encourage all faculty to consider serving in these important leadership roles.

9. **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>.

Free COVID tests: [Free iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests](#) are available around the Corvallis campus. Each box contains two tests. While supplies last, OSU community members can pick up these self-test kits at the following locations: Residence Hall Service Centers (Arnold, McNary and West); Lab tent outside Plageman Hall; Memorial Union Info Desk and Student Experience Center Info Desk. For questions or accommodations related to disabilities, contact coronavirus.health@oregonstate.edu.

COVID-19 testing: Oregon State University, in collaboration with Willamette Valley Toxicology (WVT), is providing on-site [COVID-19 testing](#) for people without symptoms. OSU employees and students, regardless of vaccination status, are welcome to test at one of these locations: *Corvallis*: Lab tent outside Plageman Hall Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Cascade Hall 120, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. *Bend*: Outside Obsidian Hall Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Note: All employees will need a WVT Labdash account prior to testing

10. **Vacancies**

Please notify the Faculty Senate Office if a sabbatical, leave, retirement, etc., will prevent completion of your term as either a Faculty 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. **Faculty Senate 2022 Meetings – Dates and Participation**

June 9, October 13, November 10, December 8

NOTE: the June Faculty Senate meeting will be in Kidder Hall 202.

Non-Senators are welcome to participate in Faculty Senate meetings. 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.

12. **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.

13. **2022 Faculty Senate Leadership**

- President – [Kate MacTavish](#)
- President-Elect – [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, 541-737-6268 or send an email with a Subject line of FS Newsletter to faculty.senate@oregonstate.edu.