

Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

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FROM THE SENATE MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2023

This meeting was dominated by two topics of discussion. First, the **Faculty Senate (FS)** welcomed a discussion of the **Course Review Proposal** developed in tandem by the **Distance Education Council (DEC)** and **CIDT**. What was presented was not policy but rather a request for the FS to vote to proceed with a pilot program for 100% online courses designed by the DEC beginning in January of Spring 2025. The goal is to ensure that all courses offered online are "Southeastern Certified" according to the eight essential Quality Matters standards. The intention is to have everyone teach at least one class in **CANVAS** before starting this. A year from now DEC/CIDT will be coming back to collect feedback after that first group of reviews.

Senators enquired about review process. It depends on how many unique online courses an instructor has, but it is likely that this process would be every four-years for each course. The review proposal will include discussions between faculty and mentors (individuals both in departments and in CIDT). Several questions remain. The FS voted to approve the Course Review Proposal, with some senators abstaining from the vote.

Second, the FS discussed the following updates passed along by President Newsom to the FS Chair: (1) there will be a meeting on April 17th to discuss the **revised Salary Card proposal** developed by the **Budget Committee (BC)** and the **Personnel Policies Committee (PPC)**; (2) projected implementation of the proposal would cost about \$1.7 million; (3) announced the hire of an interim and associate dean for the John Massey School of Business (David Whitlock and Courtney Kernek, respectively); (4) announced the promotion of Shelli Key to Vice President of Enrollment Management.

Members of the FS learned shortly before the meeting that, due to a surge in undergraduate on-campus housing requests for Fall 2023, all faculty and staff who currently reside in on-campus housing will need to secure different living arrangements.

The FS was not able to address every topic on its agenda. Several items, including a discussion on how to improve the **Organized Research Grant** disbursement policy, were tabled until next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Please send nominations for the **Faculty Senate Chair Elect** directly to FS Chair, Kate Shannon (kshannon@se.edu). Nominations will close at 5 p.m. Friday, April 21st. If you are nominating an individual for this position, please secure expressed written consent from them before submitting the nomination to Chair Shannon.

The **Faculty & Staff Recognition Banquet** will be held on **April 19th at 3:30 p.m. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC)**. The FS extends its congratulations to all award winners for their contributions and service to Southeastern Oklahoma State.

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The Faculty Senate will meet for the last time this spring at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26th in Russell 100 and on Zoom** before dismissing for the summer. Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning *your* representative body!

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