



Southeastern Oklahoma
State University

Faculty Senate NEWS BRIEF

The purpose of the Faculty Senate **News Brief** is to keep faculty informed about Faculty Senate meetings. Agendas and minutes of meetings can be accessed by clicking on the [Faculty Senate Homepage](#).

From the Senate Meeting on September 18, 2019

Special Guest: Teresa Golden, Associate Vice-President for Assessment and Accreditation/Professor discussed the responsibilities and job description of this new position. A partial listing of the position's numerous responsibilities can be found in the meeting's minutes.

Special Guests: Alicia Ridenour and Christala Smith from the CIDT spoke to the Senate about suggested content and formatting of syllabi for online courses. The suggested syllabus template is on the [CIDT website](#) with the updated links.

Committee on Committees: University Committee appointments were approved and will be sent to faculty via email. Minor changes to the membership statements of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) were also approved.

Executive Committee: Letters from the Senate and from the SE AAUP chapter were sent to the Executive Director of RUSO, asking for faculty representation in the process of selecting the next University President. The Director responded quickly, noting that it is customary to include faculty in the process. The Senate encourages faculty to attend the general session of the October 10th RUSO meeting on our campus. The RUSO agenda has not yet been made available. The Senate will update information as it becomes available.

Senator Moretti reported on the Annual Faculty Survey results. In general, responses improved over the previous year and the general morale of the faculty also seems high.

Members of the Senate Executive Committee will meet with Dr. Kyle Stafford, Vice President of University Advancement, to resolve concerns with page structure, functionality, and the restoration of archival material on the Faculty Senate website. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25.

Discussion item: Senator Moretti brought to the floor a faculty member's concern about a course grade being changed as the result of an informal "appeal process" through the Registrar's Office, that did not involve the Academic Appeals committee or the instructor of record. The Senate will be following up on this with the Registrar's Office to gather more information on this process and to address faculty concerns.

Faculty members are always invited and welcome to attend meetings of the Faculty Senate. **The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2019, Russell 100.** Please visit the [Faculty Senate website](#) for detailed information concerning your representative body!

This Faculty Senate News Brief was produced by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate: Randy Clark, chair; Kay Daigle, chair-elect; Dan Althoff, past chair; Kate Shannon, treasurer; William Fridley, archivist; Rhonda Richards, recorder; Chris Moretti, parliamentarian.