

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING
3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Council Room, 250 Student Union

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the January 13, 2009, Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Special Report: Rick Krysiak, Director, Physical Plant Services –Energy Education Update (10 minutes)
5. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations:
President Hargis, Provost Strathe, and/or Vice Presidents
6. The President – Remarks and Comments
7. Reports of Standing Committees:
 - a. Rules and Procedures: Stephen Perkins – Vice Chair Nominations
 - b. Academic Standards and Policies: Mindy McCann – Update
Recommendation: OSU Attendance Policy*
 - c. Athletics: Pat Jordan – No Report
 - d. Budget: Ron Miller – Update
 - e. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tom Jordan – Update
 - f. Faculty: Udaya DeSilva – No Report
 - g. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Khaled Gasem – No Report
 - h. Research: Leon Spicer – No Report
 - i. Retirement and Fringe Benefits: J. D. Brown – No Report
 - j. Student Affairs and Learning Resources: Glenn Brown – No Report
8. Reports of Liaison Representatives
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

Refreshments will be served at 2:45 p.m.

**Attached*

| | Amended By | Passed | Failed |
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| Recommendation No. <u>09-02-01-ASP/SALR</u> | 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Moved By: <u>Academic Standards & Policies and Student Affairs & Learning Resources Committees</u> | | | |
| | 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Seconded By: _____ | 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ Passed _____ Tabled _____ Failed | 4. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Title: <u>OSU Attendance Policy</u> | | | |

The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that: the administration adopt the following attendance policy:

“Faculty shall make reasonable accommodation for students who are involved in sponsored activities of the University. Students that will be absent from class shall provide reasonable notification of their planned absence to the classroom instructor, with written documentation from the designated University Sponsor for that activity. It shall be permitted for the instructor to require homework, reports, papers, compositions and projects to be turned in ahead of the missed classes; and for examinations to be taken before the planned absence.”

Rationale:

While most faculty members approach student absences from class for sponsored activities of the University in a reasonable manner, there are certain individuals who do not. Adopting this policy gives students who feel they have been treated unfairly in this regard an opportunity for appeal. We do not want to adopt a policy that restricts faculty from making reasonable requests regarding student absences, nor one that disallows faculty the ability to determine what is reasonable for their own particular course. Additionally, we do not want to, nor could we, write a policy that covers every contingency. The above policy provides for faculty flexibility while still providing grounds for student appeals in extreme cases.