

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

**AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the February 10, 2009, Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Special Report: Michal Shaw, Caroline Diedrich and Jolie Britt — OSU Student Foundation – Cowboy Spirit: Battle of the Bands 2009 (10 minutes)  
Special Report: Lowell Caneday – Vice Chair of the Graduate Council — Issues Related to the Graduate Council (10 minutes)
5. Report of Status of Faculty Council Recommendations: President Hargis, Provost Strathe, and/or Vice Presidents
6. Reports of Standing Committees:
  - a. Academic Standards and Policies: Mindy McCann – Update  
Recommendation: Attendance Policy\*
  - b. Athletics: Pat Jordan – Update  
Recommendation: Appointment of an Emeriti Association Member to Serve on the University Athletic Council\*
  - c. Budget: Ron Miller – Update  
Recommendation: Collegiate Academic Service Fees \*
  - d. Campus Facilities, Safety, and Security: Tom Jordan – Update
  - e. Faculty: Udaya DeSilva – No Report
  - f. Long-Range Planning and Information Technology: Khaled Gasem – Update
  - g. Research: Leon Spicer – No Report
  - h. Retirement and Fringe Benefits: J. D. Brown – No Report
  - i. Rules and Procedures: Stephen Perkins – Update
  - 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*

	<b>Amended By</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>
<b>Recommendation No.</b> <u>09-03-01-ASP/SALR</u>	1. _____	_____	_____
<b>Moved By:</b> <u>Academic Standards &amp; Policies and Student Affairs &amp; Learning Resources Committees</u>			
	2. _____	_____	_____
<b>Seconded By:</b> _____	3. _____	_____	_____
_____ <b>Passed</b> _____ <b>Tabled</b> _____ <b>Failed</b>	4. _____	_____	_____
<b>Title:</b> <u>Attendance Policy</u>			

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

Class attendance is a critical component of learning. Students are expected to attend and participate fully in all scheduled class meetings. A written attendance policy should be provided to students within the first three lectures of a semester. Faculty may choose to set a maximum total number of excused, sick, and unexcused absences. Faculty may also specify when absences will not be excused under any circumstance. If no policy is provided, no penalty may be assessed for class absences.

Faculty are encouraged to provide reasonable accommodation for students who are involved in sponsored activities of the University. For the purposes of this policy, a sponsored activity of the University includes any activity sponsored by an academic college or department, by an organization recognized by Campus Life, or by interscholastic athletics. Faculty may choose to define specific activities that do not qualify for accommodation, and/or require that the organization demonstrate that it has no reasonable option in scheduling the activity except during regular class periods. Instructors may require written documentation from the designated University sponsor for a sponsored activity.

Students that will be absent from class for sponsored activities shall provide prior notification of their planned absence to their course instructors as early as possible. Instructors at their discretion may require homework, reports, papers, compositions, and projects to be turned in ahead of the missed classes and examinations to be taken before the planned absence.

**Rationale:**

OSU currently has no official attendance policy. This policy will provide a framework for faculty to individually set their classes' attendance policy. In particular, it addresses student absences resulting from University sponsored events.

Extracurricular activities are an important aspect of the educational process, particularly when they are associated with a University sponsored event. Most faculty members believe that a student's chances of successfully completing their degree are greatly increased by participation in any of the sponsored groups on campus. Many of these activities also have direct educational benefits and build leadership skills. Their importance is demonstrated clearly by the fact that

students are encouraged to list them on their resumes since employers are attracted to students with those experiences.

While most faculty members approach student absences from class in a reasonable manner, there are concerns that in some cases strict attendance policies are punishing students who participate in University sponsored activities. Adopting this policy will provide a formal declaration of the value that we the faculty place on student participation in University sponsored events.

This policy will not restrict faculty from making reasonable policies on student absences, nor will it restrict the faculty's ability to determine what is reasonable for their own particular course. The instructor must continue to be given considerable latitude in the formulation of the class attendance policy. Additionally, we do not want to, nor could we, write a policy that covers every contingency. The policy should provide faculty with the flexibility they need while sending the message to faculty, students and the outside community that we value and encourage extracurricular activities.

	<b>Amended By</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>
<b>Recommendation No.</b> <u>09-03-02-ATH</u>	1. _____	_____	_____
<b>Moved By:</b> <u>Athletics Committee</u>	2. _____	_____	_____
<b>Seconded By:</b> _____	3. _____	_____	_____
_____ <b>Passed</b> _____ <b>Tabled</b> _____ <b>Failed</b>	4. _____	_____	_____

**Title:** Appointment of an Emeriti Association Member to Serve on the University Athletic Council

**The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that:** the University Athletic Council be expanded to include one member from the OSU Emeriti Association to serve a two-year term as a voting member. The Chair of the Faculty Council will put forward two names of OSU Emeriti Association members and the President of the University will select one of the two candidates to serve on the Athletic Council.

**Rationale:**

1. There are currently over 560 dues paying members of the OSU Emeriti Association and they should have representation on the Athletic Council.
2. As retired faculty/staff, many of the Emeriti members have several decades of experience at OSU and knowledge of the athletic issues facing the University and this expertise would serve the Council well.
3. Emeriti members support the Athletic Department and its programs in many ways such as tutoring athletes, buying season tickets, making donations, etc., and should have an active voice on the Council.
4. Emeriti members have membership in many committees and councils of the University and this should include the Athletic Council.

	<b>Amended By</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Failed</b>
<b>Recommendation No.</b> <u>09-03-03-BUDG</u>	1. _____	_____	_____
<b>Moved By:</b> <u>Budget Committee</u>	2. _____	_____	_____
<b>Seconded By:</b> _____	3. _____	_____	_____
_____ <b>Passed</b> _____ <b>Tabled</b> _____ <b>Failed</b>	4. _____	_____	_____
<b>Title:</b> <u>Collegiate Academic Service Fees</u>			

**The Faculty Council Recommends to President Hargis that:** that all portions of the collegiate academic service fees created for a stated purpose be separately budgeted and accounted for by the University. It is further recommended that these revenues shall not be commingled with the general allocations for the colleges.

**Rationale:**

Under the current system, the level of specificity on how the funds for the various service fees are used varies from fee to fee and college to college. The tech fees are already separately budgeted and monitored. A similar budgetary separation of the other fees would make tracking the use of the funds much more transparent for internal and external constituents.

	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>College Portion</u>	<u>GU Portion</u>
A&S Collegiate Excellence Fee	\$3,307,549	\$957,730	\$2,349,819
HES Collegiate Excellence Fee	\$543,271	\$208,050	\$335,221
SSB Collegiate Excellence Fee	\$979,233		\$979,233
COE Collegiate Excellence Fee	\$489,084	\$88,344	\$400,740
SSB Instruction Infrastructure	\$489,616	\$489,616	
CEAT Facilities & Equipment	\$452,458	\$280,000	\$172,458
ASNR Facilities & Equipment	<u>\$417,282</u>	<u>\$129,980</u>	<u>\$287,302</u>
		\$2,153,720	\$4,524,773
ASNR Tech Fee	\$284,510		
A&S Tech Fee	\$2,157,097		
SSB Tech Fee	\$816,027		
COE Tech Fee	\$516,256		
HES Tech Fee	\$368,649		
CEAT Tech Fee	\$972,786		
CVHS Tech Fee	<u>\$156,069</u>		
Total	\$11,949,887		