

**Meeting Minutes**  
**University Senate Rules Committee**  
September 27, 2016, 4:00 PM  
119 Independence Hall (SCR)

**Present:** Tom Wells, Prosper Boyaka, Kari Hoyt, Jose Diaz, Tim Gerber, Brian Winer, Stefan Niewiesk, Jenna Gravalis, Maria Salvador, Masallay Kanu, Tim Gerber

**Ex officio:** Kay Wolf, Brandon Lester

**1. Minutes**

The minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

**2. Rules 17-04 and 17-01 (from Tim Gerber)**

Tim Gerber has suggested editorial changes to bring the titles of administrators and colleges up-to-date. Both rules are approved with editorial changes.

**3. Points of Discussion**

*a. Rule 3335-7-02*

Clinical faculty can only be given titles which are distinct from those given to tenure track faculty, and examples are suggested in the rule. However, new titles may be generated and some colleges have done so, for example, some clinical track professors in medicine are using the title "Education Professor". Kay Wolf will inquire how peer institutions handle titles for clinical track faculty.

*b. Rule 3335-7-36*

A denial of promotion can be appealed by tenure track faculty up to the University/provost level, by clinical track faculty to the college/dean level. To make the process more similar, Dr. Wolf's office will develop a proposal for a rule change.

*c. Rule 3335-19 (C)*

Emeritus faculty. Faculty must work 10 consecutive years to before retirement at OSU to qualify for emeritus status. Some departments require active participation in departmental tasks to obtain emeritus status, other departments require a vote from the promotion and tenure committee. In other colleges, only the dean decides. The discussion centered on the question whether the title should be honorific or tied to certain evaluations/expectations, and whether this procedure should be unified across colleges. Dr. Wolf's office will obtain information about the procedure used to obtain emeritus status from peer institutions.