

Meeting Summary
University Senate Meeting
April 13, 2017, 3:30 PM
Saxbe Auditorium, located in Drinko Hall.

1. Secretary's Report #357

Tim Gerber, University Senate Secretary

The motion carries.

2. Proposals to Approve Changes to the University Faculty Rules

Stefan Niewiesk, Chair, Rules Committee

335-13-02 Smoking – Tobacco.

The Rules Committee suggested rescinding the rule, as it is anachronistic. The Ohio State University has had a tobacco free policy since 2014. The rule, which outlines specific non-smoking buildings, is no longer relevant. The policy already reinforces Ohio State's commitment to enhancing the general health and wellbeing of its faculty, staff, students, and visitors through smoking cessation programs, and other efforts.

The motion carried.

3. Proposal to Award the Doctorate of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa

José Diaz, Chair, Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Committee on Honorary Degrees presents the recommendation to award the Doctorate of Humane Letters to Marian Wright Edelman, the President of the Children's Defense Fund. She is a graduate of Spellman College and Yale Law. She is the author of many books and scholarship. The nomination is supported by some of the premiere scholars in the field of early childhood education.

The motion carried.

4. Proposal to Establish the Translational Data Analytics Institute

John Buford, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

The Institute will become the University's official hub for innovative research, workforce development, and high impact partnerships in data analytics; and help establish Ohio as a global hub for development, application and study of translational data analytics solutions. Data analytics was identified as one of the first of the eight Discovery Theme focus areas, and has among its goals to: enable excellent innovation in translational data analytics by providing physical and virtual collaboration hubs.

The motion carried.

5. Update on the Revision of the General Education Curriculum

Cathy Montalto, Faculty Fellow and Co-lead, General Education Review Coordinating Committee

Lawrence Krissek, Faculty Fellow and Co-lead, General Education Review Coordinating Committee

Cathy Montalto and Lawrence Krissek presented a review of the status of the General Education Curriculum Revision. The current GE was established 30 years ago and needs to now align with the new mission. There are many new faculty and we need their input. Incoming students' needs have also changed due to selective admissions, different high school experience, and increasing number of credits brought to OSU. The GE Review Coordinating Committee established; "listening sessions" for input from constituencies across and beyond OSU in spring 2017. Responses indicated that the GE should be coherent and be an integrated program with clear learning outcomes. It should provide breadth, pushing students beyond their "comfort zone," and create "transformative experiences." Some potential goals and topics are Education for citizenship, Strong communication skills, Literacy in a variety of forms, and personal Resilience; self-care; mindful living & stress management.

6. End of Year Reports

The University Senate heard end of year reports from the following shared governance leaders, outlining their group's accomplishments of the past year, and acknowledging the good work done by others.

- a. David Gorenz, President, Interprofessional Council (IPC)
- b. David Bowers, President, Council of Graduate Students (CGS)
- c. Gerard Basalla, President, Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
- d. Ben Givens, Chair, Faculty Council
- e. Introduction of New Senate Leadership

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Announcements

10. Adjourn