

3335-9-21 Updates to the rule governing individual course absences

Synopsis: Updating rules governing individual student absences from courses following new legislation and to eliminate guidelines that are no longer in line with current practice.

WHEREAS the passage in April 2023 of Ohio HB 353 requires a university policy for religious holiday attendance accommodations, and

WHEREAS this policy is now in effect, as spelled out in the *OAA Policies and Procedures Handbook*, Volume 1, Chapter 2, and

WHEREAS the existence of state and federal laws and university policy governing attendance policies in classrooms is not articulated in the current language, and

WHEREAS the current language does not clarify that university rules and state and federal law governing attendance supersede college, department, or faculty policies, and

WHEREAS the current rule calls for reporting of absences issues to deans, which has not been the practice at the university in many years, and

WHEREAS the proposed language provides clarity to these areas of ambiguity, and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved this resolution and proposed language via email vote following its meeting on October 6, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this revision to Rule **3335-9-21** be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.