

## 3335-5-47.1 and 3335-5-37 Steering Committee and Senate Membership

**Synopsis:** The President becomes a voting member of the Steering Committee, replacing the Senior VP for Finance. Clarifies membership and terms of service for Steering, and membership on senate. Removes references to Steering being an organizing committee of the senate.

**WHEREAS** the Ohio State University President is the presiding officer of the university senate;  
and

**WHEREAS** the academic year 2021 Ad Hoc committee appointed by Steering to review standing committee function recommends presidential membership replacing the Senior Vice President for Business and Finance: and

**WHEREAS** the existing charge to Steering is 3335-5-47.1(B)(3) *Serve as a channel of communication between the senate and the president and the board of trustees. Members shall be an advisory group available to both the president and the trustees for advice and counsel on any matter relating to the operation and development of the university. After consulting with the president, the members of the steering committee may request and obtain a meeting with the trustees; and*

**WHEREAS** excellent trust relationships between the trustees and the students, faculty, and staff of this university is in our mutual best interest; and

**WHEREAS** the University Senate Steering Committee sets the agenda for every meeting of the university senate; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the interest of the university to recruit experienced senators to serve on Steering; and

**WHEREAS** the current rule requires that all Steering committee members be sitting senators, this rule change keeps the work of Steering anchored in senate while also enabling former senators to continue participating and contributing to the work of Steering; and

**WHEREAS** the university rules no longer contain references to organizing committees; and

**WHEREAS** the Steering committee voted unanimously in favor of this revision in January 2022;  
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**WHEREAS** the Rules Committee voted in favor of this revision in February 2022; and

**WHEREAS** the 16<sup>th</sup> and current Ohio State President Kristina Johnson agrees to serve as a voting member of Steering;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a revision to rules 3335-5-47.1 and 3335-5-37 be approved by vote of the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

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