

**Meeting Summary**  
**University Senate Meeting**  
March 9, 2017, 3:30 PM  
Saxbe Auditorium, located in Drinko Hall.

**1. Secretary's Report #356**

Tim Gerber, University Senate Secretary

The motion carries.

**2. Proposals to Approve Changes to the University Faculty Rules**

Stefan Niewiesk, Chair, Rules Committee

**3335-5-48.6 Council on enrollment and student progress.**

The committee feels it will benefit from the perspective of a non-tenure-track faculty member. Permitting the appointment of a non-tenure-track faculty member does not alter the balance of CESP. This change also reflects a more widespread interest in including the voice of non-tenure-track faculty on senate committees. Other changes to the language of the rule, such as the removal of the word "regular" faculty, are clerical. The language now specifies that one administrative member will be from OAA, and the other from Enrollment Services.

The motion carried.

**3. Undergraduate Student Government Textbook Affordability Proposal**

Jenna Gravalis, Deputy Chief of Staff, USG

Sam Whipple, Senior Delegate to University Senate, USG

The cost of attending Ohio State is a top USG priority. One way to reduce the cost of OSU, without affecting revenue, is textbooks. Any marginal reduction will benefit a large number of students. USG President and Vice President, Gerard Basalla and Danielle Di Scala have been meeting with University Leadership to look at this issue. Timely textbook ordering can save students a substantial amount of money. The resolution supports registering textbooks in a timelier manner. The goal of the Senate Resolution is to raise faculty awareness.

The resolution passed, with the amendment that added the whereas statement below:

WHEREAS the largest reductions in textbook costs can be accomplished by targeting large-enrollment courses with high-priced textbooks; and

- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Announcements**
- 7. Adjourn**

**Note that Provost Bruce McPheron's annual "State of Academic Affairs" address commenced immediately following the adjournment of Senate business for this meeting.**