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February 26th, 2021 Minutes

SWOSU Faculty Senate

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SWOSU Faculty Senate

Friday, February 26, 2021, 2:30 p.m.
Approved Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** Faculty Senate President Karen Sweeney called the February 2021 meeting of the Faculty Senate to Order at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- II. **Establishment of a Quorum:** Jimena Aracena, Landry Brewer, Sherri Brogdon, Stephen Burgess, Brett Chase, Melanie Claborn, Glenna Davis, Jerry Dunn, Trevor Ellis, Amanda Evert, Daniel Farris, Phillip Fitzsimmons, Angela Gore, Swarup Ghosh, Meri Hix, Sunu Kodumthara, Denise Landrum-Geyer, Sharon Lawrence, Alex Lee, Dana Lloyd, Scott Long, Evette Meliza, Vanesa Nix, Kathy O’Neal, Eric Pritchard, Hank Ramsey, Jessica Salmans, Hardeep Saluja, Tugba Sevin, Tony Stein, Karen Sweeney, Muatasem Ubeidat, Bo Pagliasotti, Natalie Kinder.
- III. **Certification of Substitutes:** None
- IV. **Presentation of Visitors:** None
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** January 2021—Approved with changes.
- VI. **Announcements**
 - A. President Karen Sweeney
 1. *New Faculty Senate Officers:* It is time to start thinking about holding a position in the Faculty Senate for the 2021-2022 academic year! Needed are President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.
 2. *New Faculty Reception:* Perhaps a come-and-go. Grab cookies and coffee on your way out.
 3. Executive Council and Administrative Council – Monday, February 8, 2021
 - a) *President:*
 - (1) The legislative session is starting, we’ll be working it through the next several months. The governor and his budget basically said for State Regents a flat budget. We hope that doesn’t hold, we hope we get a little bit to help pay for possible increases in health insurance and other things similar to that.
 - (2) We are all watching enrollment closely especially for the fall.
 - (3) There are a lot of bills out there that we are watching. Luke Martin, who helps us on that, is helping us track those bills (see Appendix C).
 - (4) Sorry about the last-minute SWOSU cancellation, but the ice that just hit suddenly. He walked outside at about 7:30 and all was fine and then conditions deteriorated rapidly, and it was decided quickly to try to get out as soon as possible or least not have classes in person.
 - b) *Provost:*
 - (1) SWOSU is planning for a traditional commencement ceremony April 30-31, but with very limited spectators. A final decision will be made in mid-March and will depend on COVID infection and hospitalization rates.
 - a) *Associate Provost for Academic Affairs:*

- (1) Higher Learning Commission
 - (a) On January 29, The Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission continued the accreditation until 2030-2031. To view the information, click on the accreditation badge at the bottom of SWOSU's main page, it will take you to the action letter and show that we will have an Assurance Review in 2024 and a Comprehensive Evaluation in 2030. This is normal and a new aspect of every university's accreditation timeline. Once again thanks to everyone who contributed to this process.
 - (b) Dr. Kendell is working on an accreditation guide that will hopefully provide direction based on the peer team's suggestions and also provide guidelines on how to prepare the assurance argument for the four-year review.
- (2) Advisor Trainer
 - (a) Training will be provided for advisors over the next three days. The focus of the training is to prepare advisors for Fall 2021 enrollment. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the training but has not yet got an email with the links to the trainings, please let Dr. Kendell know.
- b) *CETL:*
 - (1) Working on helping to host the Diversity and Inclusion via Zoom.
 - (2) Sending out requests for Significant Change Reviews for online courses.
- c) *Dean of Students:*
 - (1) Bulldog Blitz is scheduled for March 18th. This event will be live-streamed. Auditions will be hosted Feb. 22-26th.
 - (2) Diversity & Inclusion Professional Development training has been coordinated. The first training for this semester will be scheduled for Feb. 23rd and will continue through Spring semester.
 - (3) SWOSU's first Dance Marathon will be hosted on Feb. 26th from 6-9 pm in the parking lot of the PCEC. This will be a drive-in event to reduce risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- d) *Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing:*
 - (1) SWOSU employees are encouraged to help with social media messages by liking, sharing and retweeting various posts, especially ones dealing with New Student Orientation and students.
 - (2) SWOSU Palooza is scheduled for Thursday, March 25. Flatland Cavalry, Mike Ryan and Triston Marez will be featured at the 8 p.m. concert (music event is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Panorama Series), which will be held in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.
 - (a) Changes have been made to concert plans due to COVID-19. The university is limiting the number of tickets. Ticket sales will be based on first-come, first serve. Students have first chance at tickets until February 19. After February 19, any remaining tickets will be opened to the public. A student can purchase up to \$15 tickets with their student. I.D. on stubwire.com at: <http://share.swosu.edu/palooza2021>.

- (b) In addition, seats will be spread out throughout the arena to allow social distancing. Masks will be required. Finally, there will be no concessions available inside the Pioneer Cellular Event Center during the event, but plans are to have a couple of food trucks outside of the arena that night.
 - e) *SWOSU Staff Council:*
 - (1) Are planning to change formats for the council's typical spring activities, which are usually in person. For example, "Coffee with the President" may be cancelled or may be held virtually.
 - f) *Bookstore/Almamater Merc*
 - (1) The Merc should open on March 1.
 - (2) Graduation regalia has been ordered for upcoming ceremonies and getting ready for move into new space.
- 4. Faculty Senate Executive officers meeting with Dr. South and Dr. Kendell, February 24, 2021.
 - a) *COVID Vaccinations:* Currently SWOSU is helping to administer COVID vaccinations and will continue to do so until the County Health Department does not need us anymore. You can register for your shot on the Health Department website.
 - b) *Spring 2021 Graduation:* Commencement will happen!! Many restrictions will be implemented such as two tickets per student. Faculty will not be required to attend if they do not wish to do so. Fewer distinguish alum's. No shaking of hands. Mandate social distancing and masks. Live stream will be available as always.
 - c) *Spring 2020 Graduation:* Are also discussing holding a small commencement for those that graduated in Spring of 2020, possibly on the following day. Pharmacy may add their 2020 graduates to their 2021 graduates so only one ceremony is necessary.
 - d) *Enrollment (after the 10th day of class):* Down 4.95% in credit hours. Head count down 2%. Still very pleased with the numbers for so many other universities much higher percentages.
 - e) *Stimulus:* SWOSU will receive \$5.4M with \$1.7M going to students. The rest of the monies must be spent in COVID-19 related expenses such as loss of business in Auxiliary Services.
 - f) *Budget:* No state short fall yet. They have estimated more budget than last year, official numbers do not come out until February. Medicare, Insurance, and utilities costs are an issue. Spending more from our reserve than was anticipated which is a concern. In previous years less was spent that was planned on due to great budgeting of schools and departments. Now this is has caught up and we cannot continue to spend from the reserve, the state will not give us a decrease by they won't give an increase as well. Dr. Kendell add that we did receive the next Stimulus monies, of which half goes to our students. The rest is used to make up for the monies not received for events that are held on campus that make us money such as dinners provided by the student union and so on. The Governor's budget did not include a cut for higher education, which is more a symbolic gesture but could help higher education with further

cuts. Students are waiting longer to fill out a FASFA form and are waiting longer to make a decision to continue in higher education. So please keep working hard on recruiting and retention.

- g) *Faculty Handbook*: Dr. South is working on revisions for the Faculty Handbook to include items that have been brought to his attention through questions that are not answered in the handbook. He will send revisions to the FS for us to review and approve or modify.
- h) *President Search*: Could hear an announcement the first week of March.
- i) *Provost Search*: Screening of applicants will begin March 15. New Provost will start on July 1, 2021.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Hardeep Saluja

- 1. Will fill out Roll Sheet – Please check the minutes carefully from each meeting to be assured you were not missed. Also, please be sure to add your name in the chat for attendance.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a) BancFirst
 - (1) January Balance: \$2,203.88
 - (2) Withdrawal: \$0
 - (3) Deposit: \$0
 - (4) Current Balance: \$\$2,203.88
 - b) University Account
 - (1) Balance: \$105.01
 - (2) Current Balance: \$105.01

C. President - Elect Amanda Evert:

D. Past President - Stephen Burgess:

E. Faculty Athletic Representative - Bo Pagliasotti: Sports teams may have spectators with the appropriate precautions. Volleyball is allowing two spectators for every athlete and full-time coach, approximately 50-60 each match. Basketball was/is like volleyball. Baseball and Softball do not have any limits but there are spaces marked on the stands to provide social distancing or fans can bring chairs and sit around the fence lines. The Rodeo will happen, we are able to seat 400.

F. Student Government Representative - Natalie Kinder: Nothing to Report

II. Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

III. Unfinished Business:

IV. New Business:

A. Appendix A: Committee to help faculty with advising student. Perhaps a standing committee for the University? Administration would like to have the Faculty Senates input on the best way to make this work. They would like faculty to know that they have ownership and input for this committee for ultimately it is the faculty that will make this work.

- 1. *University Academic Advising Committee* proposal was sent to the University Policies Committee and the Student Affairs Committee for review and recommendation.

B. *Letter to RUSO*: It has been requested that perhaps Faculty Senate (and Staff Council) create a letter like that attached stating that: SWOSU Faculty Senate would like to have more input in the Presidential Search. Since face-to-face interviews are being held on SWOSU Campus it makes sense that Faculty Senate can be present to ask valuable questions pertinent to SWOSU.

2. Faculty Senate President will speak with other RUSO Schools to create letter to present to RUSO. President will report back following these discussions.

C. *Appendix B*: Publication in the Journal Article, 02/25/21

VI. Adjournment: 3:50 p.m.

VII. Next Meeting: Friday, March 26, 2021, 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Spring 2021 Meetings, 2:30 p.m.

Friday January 29, 2021

Friday February 26, 2021

Friday March 26, 2021

Friday April 30, 2021

Wednesday May 5, 2021

Appendix A

University Academic Advising Committee

I move that the Faculty Senate recommends the formation of a **standing** University Academic Advising Committee.

How the committee composition is determined: This committee shall be composed of faculty and staff representatives who actively serve as advisors as well as one student representative. The committee should be composed as follows:

- 2 Arts and Science representatives;
- 2 College of Professional and Graduate Studies representatives;
- 1 College of Pharmacy representative;
- 1 Sayre campus representative;
- 1 professional staff advisor representative;
- 1 student representative;
- The Concurrent Advisor; and
- The Academic Support Center Director will serve as a standing *ex officio* member.

Faculty representatives from Arts and Science, Professional and Graduate Studies, Pharmacy, and Sayre will be nominated through the Faculty Senate. The professional staff advisor representative will be nominated through the Staff Council. The committee will elicit suggestions for an appropriate student representative from the Academic Support Center, Student Government Association, and committee members.

Purpose:

- To support academic advising and help coordinate academic advising with relevant academic services in alignment with SWOSU's mission, vision, values, and goals.
- To provide a forum for discussion of academic advising and student success-related topics and policies, procedures and processes for faculty, advising administrators, enrollment management administrators, and student life administrators.
- To advocate for the recognition of advising activities via inclusion in discussions of continuance, tenure and promotion, and other evaluative discussions of faculty and staff work.

Duties:

- Serve as the resource on academic advising for all members of the community.
- Recommend strategies on matters pertaining to academic advising and areas related to academic advising.
- Create a university academic advising mission statement.
- Develop and recommend guidelines for academic advising.
- Work in conjunction with assessment and accreditation efforts on campus to ensure that the academic advising mission and values statements align with the University's Mission, Vision, and Values.
- Support a university-wide academic advising program based on the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) guidelines.
- Work to promote an effective advising system on campus.
- Develop and oversee programs and workshops for the ongoing development of advisers and advisees, including
 - Registration workshops
 - New advisor development
 - Continuing advisor development

- Work to ensure that students are educated on appropriate advising expectations and their role and responsibility in the adviser-advisee relationship.
- Review student learning outcomes related to academic advising
- Advise on a campus-wide advising assessment program.
- Provide faculty interface with appropriate student services groups.
- Provide guidance concerning the academic components in NSOs, SWOSU Connect, College Success, Academic Support Center (including Student Success Center, Retention Management, and Career Exploration Services).
- Revise and circulate the advising sections of faculty and student handbooks as needed.
- Review and suggest updates to advising sections of the SWOSU website.
- Coordinate an Advisor Recognition Award similar to the Brandy Awards.
- Oversee student focus groups in order to glean data/information from students at different points in their academic career across campus.

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Policy Matters: State must recommit to higher education funding

By Ahniwake Rose, Guest Columnist

The Journal Record

2/25/2021

When I was in college, I could use my summer job at Dillard's to pay my school expenses for the following year.

If I share that experience now, I might as well start with, "Once upon a time..." These days, that story would seem like a fable for Oklahoma students facing rising college tuition costs resulting from the state's ongoing disinvestment in higher education.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities last week published a report showing Oklahoma was among the top three states for cutting higher education funding. During the past decade, our state slashed higher education budgets by 35.3%, which has especially harmed Oklahomans who already face the greatest barriers – students of color and those with low incomes.

Education is lauded as a game-changer to lift people out of poverty, but rising tuition costs have made college both less affordable and less accessible. In the face of shrinking state support, Oklahoma's public colleges increased tuition by nearly 32% for four-year colleges and 47% for two-year schools. This means Oklahoma college tuition in 2018 cost the average Black household 41% of their incomes, compared to 26% of the average white family's income.

Oklahoma's higher education cuts have been ongoing for the past few decades. In 1988, state appropriations accounted for about 74% of the total higher education budget. Today, state appropriations are a little more than a quarter of the total higher education budget. This sends a clear signal that Oklahoma's elected officials are not investing in our state's future.

As a result, Oklahoma students and their families are forced to carry the ever-growing burden for paying for college. This is especially disadvantageous for our friends and neighbors who have been hardest hit by the health and economic crisis stemming from the pandemic. Students who are low-income, Black or Latinx, unemployed, or single parents have been more likely to cancel their college plans in the face of rising costs. Students with low incomes are also more likely to take on and struggle to repay college loans, a situation that the ongoing recession could worsen.

Without new and substantial investments in higher education, our students and their families will face growing student debt, and our state will be ill-positioned to attract employers seeking states that value education. For a state with Top 10 aspirations, cutting its investment in education is both shortsighted and counterintuitive.

Ahniwake Rose is executive director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute.

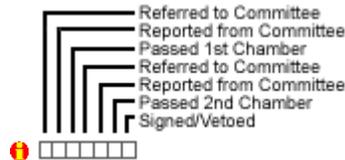


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[HB 1589](#)

[Provenzano, Melissa\(D\)](#)



Creates the Oklahoma Student Borrower's Bill of Rights Act, which provides for transparency on student loan processes and protections on persons taking out such loans.

Bill History:

01-19-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary - Civil

[HB 1707](#)

[Talley, John\(R\)](#)



Creates the Master Lease Program Policy Act of 2021.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 1796](#)

[Miller, Nicole\(R\)](#)



Permits the Board of Education to grant teacher candidates an exception to complete a subject area exam for certification in a field which doesn't require an advanced degree if the candidate has a comparable degree; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Common Education
02-09-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 206 - House Common Education

[HB 1801](#)

[Miller, Nicole\(R\)](#)



Requires Higher Education institutions to grant priority enrollment and course registration to students who are active duty military and to students who are eligible to receive educational financial assistance from the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

Bill History: 01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech
02-08-21 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206 - House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 1821](#)



[McBride, Mark\(R\)](#)

Modifies the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act to remove certain limits on award amounts and permits the Regents for Higher Education to use enrollment status, financial need and other factors to determine priorities.

Bill History: 01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech
02-08-21 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206 - House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 1842](#)



[Waldron, John\(D\)](#)

Permits sale tax exemptions for non-profit organizations that own or operate museums whose purpose is to provide certain educational information related to air and space; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Appropriations & Budget
02-04-21 H Sent to subcommittee House A&B Sub: Finance - Revenue & Taxation
02-08-21 H Meeting set for 4:30 p.m., Room 450 - House A&B Sub: Finance - Revenue & Taxation

[HB 1962](#)



[Nollan, Jadine\(R\)](#)

Adjusts the definition of higher education expenses under the College Savings Plan Act to match federal IRS standards.

Bill History: 01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech
02-08-21 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206 - House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 1971](#)



[Nollan, Jadine\(R\)](#)

Creates the Higher Education Advancement Act.

Bill History: 01-20-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 1972](#)



[Nollan, Jadine\(R\)](#)

Creates the Higher Education Reform Act.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 2030](#)[O'Donnell, Terry\(R\)](#)

Requires certain curriculum on the United States Constitution in public school instruction standards and requires students to take the United States naturalization test.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Common Education

[HB 2073](#)[McCall, Charles\(R\)](#)

Creates the Oklahoma Higher Education Act of 2021.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 2086](#)[McCall, Charles\(R\)](#)

Requires the Director of OMES to ensure that state agencies are charged no more for services than the actual cost of those services, excluding administration, overhead, insurance and certain other costs.

Bill History:

01-20-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 2399](#)[Russ, Todd\(R\)](#)

Directs that students in the eleventh or twelfth grades whose parents died after the student's tenth grade year not qualify for OHLAP funds if their or their adoptive parents have an adjusted gross income in excess of \$60,000.

Bill History:

01-21-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech
 02-08-21 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206 - House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 2477](#)[Roberts, Sean\(R\)](#)

Requires higher learning institutions to remove all identifying question information related to gender or ethnicity from enrollment applications.

Bill History:

01-21-21 H Filed
 02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech
 02-08-21 H Meeting set for 3:00 p.m., Room 206 - House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 2703](#)



[Hasenbeck, Toni\(R\)](#)

Creates the 2021 Concurrent Enrollment Act.

Bill History:

01-21-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules

[HB 2704](#)



[Bell, Merleyn\(D\)](#)

Requires higher education institutions to make at least one full-time staff member available to notarize ballots during designated absentee voting periods.

Bill History:

01-21-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Elections & Ethics
02-09-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 5S.2 - House Elections & Ethics

[HB 2811](#)



[Sneed, Chris\(R\)](#)

Permits persons who have completed certain school or skill center training as approved by CareerTech to qualify for certification as registered nurse.

Bill History:

02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Health
02-04-21 H Withdrawn from committee House Public Health
02-04-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education & Career Tech

[HB 2926](#)



[McCall, Charles\(R\)](#)

Directs higher education institutions to publish a salary report of common occupations and industries for which students are employed upon graduation.

Bill History:

01-21-21 H Filed
02-02-21 H Referred to House Committee on House Rules
02-09-21 H Meeting set for 1:30 p.m., Room 206 - House Rules

[SB 4](#)



[Garvin, Jessica \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Establishes standards for the substitution of FDA-determined interchangeable biological products by pharmacists and requires certain related information to be made available on the Board of Pharmacy's website.

Bill History:

02-03-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 535 - Senate Health & Human Services
02-01-21 S Senator McCortney removed as author, replaced by Senator

Garvin
02-03-21 S Voted from committee - Do Pass
Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 132](#)



[Bullard, David \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Extends eligibility to access the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program to eleventh grade students and to persons of up to age 16; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

12-11-20 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-02-21 S And also Referred to Senate
Appropriations

[SB 237](#)



[Pemberton, Dewayne\(R\)](#)
[McBride, Mark\(R\)](#)

Removes requirements that direct state tuition aid grants to all eligible applicants and caps on awarded tuition and establishes additional criteria for the Regents for Higher Education to determine priority among applicants; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-04-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-09-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 535
- Senate Education

[SB 276](#)



[Brooks, Michael\(D\)](#)

Establishes standards, protections, and procedures for institutions within the State System of Higher Education to address current and potential students with criminal histories; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-06-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 291](#)



[Haste, John \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Establishes additional science, technology, engineering and math block course standards within the Board of Education's subject matter requirements; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-06-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-02-21 S And also Referred to Senate
Appropriations

[SB 292](#)



[Haste, John \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Creates a task force on to study concurrent enrollment and make related recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by November 30, 2022; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-06-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 308](#)



[Quinn, Marty\(R\)](#)

Allows the Board of Education to certify persons who meet certain qualifications of content expertise to teach specifically within the grade and subject levels relevant to their area of expertise; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-07-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 350](#)



[Hamilton, Warren \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Prohibits compulsory immunizations as a condition of student admittance by any public or private school; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 477](#)



[Hamilton, Warren \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Prohibits institutions of higher education and their employees from requiring or coercing students to receive certain vaccinations, utilize any medical devices or undergo any medical procedures or physical examinations; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-19-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 487](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Permits the Governor and leadership of the House and Senate to remove and replace their appointments, excluding those established by Constitutional provision, at any time and for any reason; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-19-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate General Government

[SB 614](#)



[Bullard, David \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Establishes certain rights of students enrolled in higher education institutions including the right to an education which does not endorse socialism or Marxism and permits students to report violations; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 633](#)



[Daniels, Julie\(R\)](#)

Creates the Student and Administration Equality Act which guarantees legal representation for students accused of violations of non-academic disciplinary or conduct rules which carry certain penalties; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 637](#)



[Standridge, Rob\(R\)](#)

Prohibits universities from requiring students to enroll in any classes outside of their core curriculum; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 639](#)



[Pugh, Adam\(R\)](#)

Directs the Dept. of Commerce to identify certain critical occupations whose educational programs shall qualify for support under the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-02-21 S And also Referred to Senate
Appropriations
02-09-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 535
- Senate Education

[SB 641](#)



[Pugh, Adam\(R\)](#)

Encourages the Regents for Higher Education to adopt policies for state institutions to provide additional online distance-learning opportunities for continuity in the event of emergencies or disaster declarations; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-09-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 535
- Senate Education

[SB 660](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Prohibits tuition and fee rates from being increased in institutions of higher education following the 2020-2021 year; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-02-21 S And also Referred to Senate
Appropriations

[SB 663](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Adjusts the Higher Learning Access Program to award forgivable loans rather than scholarships, loan forgiveness contingent on the completion of education programs; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education
02-02-21 S And also Referred to Senate
Appropriations

[SB 733](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Allows any person with a handgun license to carry that weapon into or upon any public college, university, technology center, event center, or school property or building in which the person is authorized to be.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Public Safety

[SB 805](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Prohibits any institution within the State System of Higher Education from accepting funds from individuals or entities that are or have been associated with the China based People's Liberation Army; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Education

[SB 836](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Repeals the provisions of the Music Therapy Practice Act; EMERGENCY.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Health & Human Services

[SB 989](#)



[Dahm, Nathan\(R\)](#)

Prohibits the use of public funds, property, or time to engage in legislative or executive lobbying, except for those activities protected in the U.S. Constitution.

Bill History:

01-21-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Rules

[SB 1031](#)



[Treat, Greg\(R\)](#)
[Echols, Jon\(R\)](#)

Extends certain virtual meeting provisions established in response to the COVID-19 health emergency to until 30 days after the termination of the health emergency order; EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Received in the House
02-04-21 H Direct to calendar
02-08-21 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

[SB 1032](#)

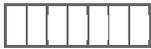


[Treat, Greg\(R\)](#)

Requires public bodies which operate websites and utilize high-speed internet to stream meetings live and post recordings of their meetings;
EMERGENCY.

Bill History: 01-21-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate General Government

[SCR 2](#)



[Standridge, Rob\(R\)](#)

Directs the State Regents for Higher Education to send to the Legislature and publish online a report containing certain personnel information including compensation and course load, as well as tenure policies in Higher Education Institutions.

Bill History: 12-18-20 S Filed

[SJR 1](#)



[Floyd, Kay\(D\)](#)

Constitutional Amendment to adjust prohibitions on members of the Legislature serving as employees of school districts to enable them to do so and to permit elected officials to return to jobs held prior to entering elected office.

Bill History: 11-16-20 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Rules

[SJR 15](#)



[Standridge, Rob\(R\)](#)

Constitutional Amendment to prohibit institutions of higher education within the State System from requiring students to enroll in certain courses, and further prohibit them from penalizing students academically or financially.

Bill History: 01-21-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Referred to Senate Committee
Senate Rules

Total Bills: 44