

## Memorandum for Record

**To:** Faculty Senators, Matt Schroeder, Scott Molitor, Angela Paprocki, Jerry Van Hoy, Tomer Avidor Reiss, Linda Rouillad, Sammy Spann, Lucas Will, Ashley Westgate, Quinetta Hubbard

**From:** Deborah M. Coulter-Harris, Chair, Sally Harmych (Co-Chair), Samir Hefzy, Berhane Teclchaimanot, Karen Green, Karen Hoblet, Sarah Aldrich Renner, Paul Schaefer, Barry Scheuermann, Suzanne Smith, Lucy Duhon, Katherine O'Connell

**Date:** 8 October, 2024

**Subject:** After-Action Report and Future Plans: Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs (FSCSA)

These are the decisions from FSCSA's first meeting of the 2024-2025. We arranged the Student Government concerns according to importance, detailed the issues, formed subcommittees, established preliminary contacts, and decided to add a fifth concern on behalf of students regarding summer classes as a Recruitment and Retention matter. Thank you, everyone, for your hard work.

### Five Issues Discussed

#### Issue 1. Fall: Changes to DEI

**FSCSA Subcommittee:** Deborah Coulter-Harris, Sally Harmych, Barry Scheuermann, (Report on 5 November, 2024)

**SG Issues: (Changes to DEI)** "Many students are concerned and appear to not know where to get information regarding the direction the University is taking with DEI. We fear that a lot of misinformation will spread as a result of this. We hope that FS can help us gather a consistent statement from administration to spread to the students. Students are also concerned about the funds that are traditionally awarded as scholarships to specific ethnic groups."

**Proposed Resolution:** Our Subcommittee will ask the listed contacts for written statements addressing these concerns, and then then coordinate and edit the statement to the satisfaction of the Student Government and its constituents for student distribution. Deborah will elicit a statement from Interim President Schroeder (He already responded to my email to him), Sally will ask Interim Provost Molitor, and Barry will ask Malaika Bell for the same.

**Contacts:** Interim President Schroeder, Interim Provost Molitor, Malaika Bell, Floyd Akins

## **Issue 2. Fall: Accessibility**

**FSCSA Subcommittee:** Sarah Aldrich Renner, Katherine O’Connell, Karen Green, Samir Hefzy (Report on 19 November, 2024)

**SG Issues: (Accessibility)** “Many prospective students this summer were posting how they ultimately decided not to go to UT since it is not a disability-friendly campus. This is incredibly worrying as we need to ensure that we can pull as many students as possible. We typically carry out a couple of ADA walks to target some specific buildings and see how they can improve, but it is evident that we need to do more for our campus.”

**Proposed Solution:** Email or call the contacts to gather a report on all buildings, restrooms, and athletic venues that assesses ADA compliancy for locations. Where and how can some locations be improved? Have there been complaints?

**Contacts:** Office of Disability, Lisa Yost, Jason Toth, Michael Haar,

## **Issue 3: Spring: Faculty-Student Communications**

**FSCSA Subcommittee:** Berhane Teclehaimanot, Lucy Duhon, Sally Harmych, Suzanne Smith (Report 11 February, 2025)

**SG Issues: (Faculty-Student Communications)** “Student Government would love to work with Faculty Senate to improve communication between students and faculty this year. Students have had issues with professors not replying in a timely manner or communicating in ways that are not easily accessible.”

**Proposed Solutions:** Student Survey, face-to face-meetings with students in our classes to garner more info on this issues. (FSCSA Report responded to this issue in a report given to Faculty Senate on 15 November, 2022) (See Appendix 1)

**Contacts:** Interview **faculty** or email a short survey to them that addresses these issues.

## **Issue 4: Spring: Dining Hall Labeling/Cross-Contamination**

**FSCSA Subcommittee:** Sally Harmych, Deborah Coulter-Harris, Barry Scheuermann, Karen Green (Report 11 March, 2025)

**SG Issues:** “Multiple students have come forward complaining about the food in the dining hall. We have noticed great improvements at the Eatery in the Union but have heard that Ottawa East has had some issues. Food quality has not been too much of a complaint this year. One claim is that the utensils may be used in multiple foods without being washed. Students are also still worried that allergens are not being properly labeled. One suggestion was the creation of an

allergen-free station like the one at the Union. Dining is definitely improving, but the dining hall at Ottawa East is slow to catch up.”

**Proposed Solutions:** Set up meeting at Ottawa East with Manager of Ottawa East Eatery, and invite Don Bargo, Brian Kulpa, and Mike Dennis.

**Contacts:** Don Bargo, Brian Kulpa, Mike Dennis, Manager of Ottawa East

### **Issue 5: Spring: Allocation of Summer Courses**

**FSCSA Sub-Committee:** Suzanne Smith, Karen Green, Lucy Duhon, Berhane Teclehaimanot, Samir Hefzy, Barry Scheuermann, Deborah Coulter-Harris (Report 8 April, 2025)

**FSCSA Issue on Behalf of Students:** The decrease in summer offerings is posing problems for students, especially those on a timed/directed course path to graduation. Also, students are going to BGSU, Owens, etc. so this has become a Recruitment and Retention problem, and has implications for scholarships.

**Proposed Solutions:** Interview Interim President Schroeder, Interim Provost Molitor, Deans, Business Managers and delineate \$\$ handled and dispersed. Questions should be asked if this issue is simply based upon UT’s financial situation.

**Contacts:** Interim President Schroeder, Interim Provost Molitor, Deans, Business Managers

**Appendix 1:** Please read Faculty Senate Minutes from 15 November, 2022 here:

<https://www.utoledo.edu/facsenate/docs/minutes/approved-faculty-senate-minutes-november-15-2022.pdf>

Read Memorandum Report from 15 November, 2022 here:

<https://www.utoledo.edu/facsenate/docs/final-%20fscsa-subcommittee-on-faculty-student-email-communications-report-for-fs-11-15-22.pdf>

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