

**COUNCIL OF
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES**

MINUTES

April 20, 2022

Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/99545430954>

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Sarah Ayers, Laurie Beets, Chris Bingham, Larry Burns, Aaron Christensen, Leslie Evans, Kathryn Gage, Amy Gazaway, Travis Hartfield, Ebonie Hill, Nick Holmes, Kelly Kavalier, Cheryl Kleeman, James Knecht, Kristen Kulling, Amy Martindale, Stacie McGrew, Marilyn Middlebrook, Beverly Morris, Rob Raab, Libby Reigh, Kyndal Roark, Sky Rogers, Kristi Seuhs, Richard Shepard, Candace Thrasher, Deb VanOverbeke, and Chris Francisco, Chair.

1. African American Affairs – Travis Hartfield

Travis Hartfield is working with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is the new coordinator for African American Affairs. He asked that DSAS members contact him if they see an opportunity for African American Affairs to assist in any way. His goal is to bring awareness of campus opportunities to his students. His goal is to provide students with a more holistic approach to their academic studies:

1. Collaboration between others on campus and African American Affairs
2. Awareness to more students - creating healthy practices and a welcoming atmosphere
3. Advocating for everyone on campus
4. Providing as many diverse professional opportunities as possible

DSAS members welcomed T. Hartfield and recommended that he connect with Erica Townsend Bell, Center for Africana Studies. Transfer students, military students and pre-professional students will also benefit from his expertise. C. Kleeman mentioned that her office had already had great collaboration with T. Hartfield and recommended that others connect with him to find partnerships with their areas too. C. Francisco noted that there are a lot of opportunities for the African American Affairs office and the leadership programs that J. Taylor oversees to work together fruitfully, and he thanked T. Hartfield for coming to introduce himself to the group.

2. Pre-Professional Health & Law Support Services – Kelly Kavalier

Pre-Professional Support Services staff is currently working on updating guides for students who are interested in taking the science path for their prehealth path to reflect recent changes. The goal is to have these updates on the website prior to the freshmen NSO programs. There will not be a Pre-Professional table at the NSO check in area or the Browse session in an effort to make sure the students are thoroughly processing the formal advising piece, not just premed or prelaw. There will be laminated cards at the Browse session for students to scan and go directly to the preprofessional website. Prehealth and prelaw personnel will be available for general questions at the Welcome Week session. The best way for students to connect with the Pre-Professional office is to connect to the website: <https://universitycollege.okstate.edu/preprofessional/>

The Pre-Professional office is working with the Slate team to find out how the office fits into Slate and how we can better identify who our student population is.

Currently Pre-Professional Services office is in the process of interviewing for an additional pre-health coordinator. This person will be working on the OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Tulsa campuses. We want to make sure that prehealth students on the OSU-Tulsa campus have access to the same resources as the prehealth students on the OSU Stillwater campus. As OSU CHS continues to grow we anticipate a natural growth in the prehealth market at OSU Tulsa. There are many future opportunities for partnership with OSU and OSU-CHS. This new prehealth coordinator position will create a positive presence at the OSU-Tulsa campus. This is a collaboration between both campuses that we need to develop and grow. B. Morris added that public health administration is offered on the OSU Tulsa campus.

DSAS members sought clarification regarding the directions being given to our students ultimately interested in the pre-professional fields. Students interested in prehealth and prelaw can major in whatever they desire. There are two videos on

the Preprofessional website regarding majors. The main emphasis for students is to choose a major based on their interest of the area. There may be a lack of knowledge of the true variety of choices here on campus. Messaging from Pre-Professional office is that they can major in whatever they want and are not beholden to any particular program. Some colleges direct their students to choose Plan B and prehealth / prelaw can be added to most majors.

L. Reigh added that admissions counselors are trained to have those conversation regarding plan B when prehealth / prelaw interest is expressed by students. Students are directed towards their main interests because prehealth and prelaw can be added to almost any major.

3. Other

- **May DSAS time adjustment** – C. Francisco specified a change in the start time for the May DSAS meeting to 11:00am due to 5th grade graduation at Westwood since several members of DSAS will be affected.
- **D. VanOverbeke** asked if are OSU NSO is enrolling at NOC similar to what we have done in the past? C. Francisco answered that his recent conversation with Diana Watkins from NOC did not reveal any changes at this time. Discussion was that the MOU between OSU and NOC specifies that for GENED classes - those capacities will be set at zero until six weeks after enrollment starts.
- **J. Knecht** announced that Wednesday of next week STAR will no longer be available. Any reports should be run prior to that date. L. Burns expressed to DSAS there should be no concern regarding information needed.
- **J. Knecht** informed DSAS members that ACT increased their costs to \$63 per test so UAT will be raising their costs in the fall to cover those additional costs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02am

Minutes were recorded by K. Roark