

**COUNCIL OF
DIRECTORS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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September 21, 2022

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

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Aaron Christensen, Kathryn Gage, Amy Gazaway, Josh Goodwin, Ebonie Hill, Nick Holmes, Diane Jones, Kelly Kavalier, Cheryl Kleeman, James Knecht, Amy Martindale, Marissa McIntyre, Marilyn Middlebrook, Kim Miller, Lance Millis, Linda Millis, Beverly Morris, Rita Peaster, Robert Raab, Libby Reigh, Vince Rivera, Kyndal Roark, Kristi Seuhs, Richard Shepard, Josh Taylor, Candace Thrasher, Deb VanOverbeke, and Chris Francisco, Chair.

1. FAFSA Application for 2023-2024 – Linda Millis

Beginning date for completing the 2023-2024 FAFSA application is October 1st. DSAS members should have received an email from the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid promoting the application and encouraging students to complete the form. Posters are available for distribution to remind students of the FAFSA process. Please contact Charlie Smith from OSFA with questions or to request a poster.

2. Transfer and Veteran Updates – Cheryl Kleeman and Vincent Rivera

- Transfer Mentorship Program Update
 - i. 239 matched pairs (80% towards the goal)
 - ii. C. Kleeman asked DSAS members if they were interested in connecting the dashboard for transfer mentor program to Slate so that flags can be automatically seen in Slate. Advisors have discussed the fact that the alerts from the freshmen mentors are displayed in a different system. The best scenario would have both mentor programs viewable in Slate. However, if there is no specific notification submitted to the advisor, there will be no action taken. No Slate representative was available during the DSAS meeting to verify if Slate could be automatically programmed to notify advisors to take action for the transfer mentor program or the freshmen mentor program.
- OK Statewide Transfer Student Success Conference - <https://universitycollege.okstate.edu/transfer-veteran-success/transferstudentsuccessconference.html>
 - i. October 18, 2022, 9am to 4pm
 - ii. Registration open for professional staff and faculty https://slate.okstate.edu/register/tss-conference_staff
 - iii. Registration open for students https://slate.okstate.edu/register/tss-conference_student
- Transfer Ambassador Program update - <https://universitycollege.okstate.edu/transfer-veteran-success/transferstudentambassadors.html>
 - i. Ambassadors are placed and excited to be involved with the transfer events across campus
- National Transfer Student Week (Oct 17-21) –DSAS members expressed their concern that due to Homecoming Week students/faculty/staff will be heavily involved elsewhere across campus
 - i. University-wide collaborative effort
 - Monday – OSU Up-Close
 - Tuesday – TSS Conference
 - Wednesday – TBD
 - Thursday – TBD
 - Friday – TBD
- Combat Boots to Cowboy Boots training for faculty and staff offered through HR
 - i. September 28 – one hour training on student veterans and military affiliated students, their experience and best practices thru research and interaction
 - ii. All interested in taking the training course, please contact Vince Rivera

- Veteran Appreciation Week Calendar of Events – all events to be posted on the Cowboys for Veterans website
 - i. Nov 3rd - Flag placement (prior to Appreciation Week)
 - ii. Nov 4th - Dog tag placement
 - iii. Nov 7th – Cowboys for Veterans bag drop off day
 - iv. Nov 8th – Breakfast with the Brave (8:00 to 9:30am) outside Transfer/Veteran Student Success Center, **volunteers are needed**
 - v. Nov 8th – Dr. John Kinder Presentation “Services Denied” 1pm (SU Little Theatre)
 - vi. Nov 8th – Free movie for families 5pm (SU Little Theatre)
 - vii. Nov 8th – Free military movie 7pm (SU Little Theatre)
 - viii. Nov 9th – Boots to Briefcases presentation by Tom Joyce (how to convert military resumes / job skills into civilian resumes / job skills)
 - ix. Nov 9th – Lunch and Learn hosted by Northwestern Mutual in partnership with OSU Career Services Center
 - x. Nov 9th – CEAT veteran event
 - xi. Nov 10th – Veteran appreciate dinner – Student Union
 - xii. Nov 11th – Veteran’s Day ceremony in the Library, 2nd floor lounge
 - xiii. Nov 11th - Ropes course / BBQ event

3. COVID Update – Chris Francisco

The COVID dashboard has indicated case counts are somewhere between medium and high. Case counts for Payne County is high, due to hospitalization numbers, however campus case counts have decreased. Possibly OSU has seen its peak in terms of number of cases on campus. University Health Center and Walgreens both have the bivalent booster for those interested.

4. Other

- Josh Taylor with Hargis Leadership Institute updated DSAS on the Academic Certificate in Ethical Leadership. Currently there are two 8-week classes offered this semester
 - i. UNIV 4950 – Applications of Ethical Leadership Through Service
 - One-hour course, which partnerships with the volunteer center. focusing on ways to partner with the community on service
 - ii. UNIV 2510 – Intro to Leadership
 - Three-hour course focusing on ways for students to understand themselves as leaders
 - Opportunities for students to find ways to engage to leadership roles

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

Minutes were recorded by K. Roark