

September 3, 2024
Webb Center, Rabbi Reich Room, 3:00-4:30pm

Attendance: Chair Michael Carhart, Vice-Chair Corrin Gillis (via zoom), Secretary Tatyana Lobova, Senator Lee Land, Senator David Burdige (via zoom), Senator Dennis Gregory, Senator Lucy Wittkower, Senator Wie Yusef.

1. Initiatives AY 24-25

Invest in Faculty

- Workload – does not feel like we have fewer students this Fall based on full classes. But we may have less faculty. Senate EC requested a list of all full-time faculty from AA to know how many people comprise ODU Faculty Forum in 2024-25 a.y.
- There is an issue with IDS college faculty – not clear if the home department for the IDS faculty should be covering their expenses or IDS college has its own budget.

2. Compliance

ODU has inherited compliance issues from EVMS. PETA has forwarded to ODU Senate cases of previous violations from EVMS. EVMS-ODU compliance office & IRB merger will be discussed with the President at the next meeting.

3. DEI

A new Board Member was appointed by the Governor who is a well-known anti-DEI proponent.

4. Existential threats

rpk Group at UNC-Greensboro + WVU + Jackson State U

5. Parking fees committee

Senator Lee Land is the only faculty on the committee chaired by the ODU Police Chief Shelton. More faculty and AP faculty should be included.

6. Repeating courses

Math had 100+ students removed from classes the day before semester started.
Music (0cr. x6) cannot block repeating courses, that caused problems with Registrar coding.