

Council of Directors of Student Academic Services

Minutes | March 12, 2025 | 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Proposed Revisions to OSU Military Leave of Absence and Related Policies.

R. Peaster discussed the revised Federal Policy regarding Military Leave of Absence, which mandates additional benefits for service members. She outlined the policy updates, emphasizing that institutions cannot assign failing grades, reduce GPA, or assess financial penalties due to military leave. She also mentioned the new benefit of refunding payments made for housing when students withdraw due to orders. The policy changes include waiving minimum eligibility requirements for incomplete grades and removing maximum time limits for military leave of absence. R. Peaster also proposed a new military leave of absence student status code to track students on military leave. She concluded by stating that the proposed updates would be put to a formal vote. The group unanimously voted in approval.

Fall and Summer Enrollment and Financial Aid – Linda Millis

L. Millis shared that once students are able to enroll, they will be prompted to share what their summer plans are in terms of whether or not they want to be considered for financial aid. The deadline to have courses approved for the summer is by midnight on June 13th. The fall deadline will be August 29th. Audrey to send out a reminder in the coming days. L. Millis shared that Scholarships and Financial aid has begun to distribute awards to prospective students and plans to distribute awards to continuing students in mid to late April.

Housing Residency Policy Approved – Shannon Baker

S. Baker shared with the group that the Housing Residency Policy vote resulted in approval by DSAS.

Attestations and Change of Majors – Shannon Baker

S. Baker shared that the change of major and attestation process proposals was taken to the provost's leadership council. After receiving feedback, it was decided to move forward with the implementation of the slate change of major form. This won't need to be implemented until the fall. We will need to be sure that the change of major students this summer follow the attestation requirements.

A. Pinion will put together a poll for how colleges prefer to engage in training for advisors regarding the new process.

The colleges are responsible for communicating to Chris Ormsbee's team which programs ending in licensure will or will not transfer to other states. S. Baker will send the colleges their correct contact on Chris Ormsbee's team for sending these updates.

Slate Notes Implementation Timeline – Shannon Baker

The communications email on this will be sent to all academic advisors on Monday, all DSAS members will be copied.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:07 am

Minutes recorded by A. Pinion