

**Resolution to Change the Faculty Handbook to Allow Virtual Online or Hybrid Meetings and Voting**

Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee  
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First Reading

*Whereas*, the Ohio University faculty-senators serve on all the campuses and during the pandemic have continued to meet regularly via Teams, the Faculty Handbook language regarding voting should reflect the legitimate use of this technology to support faculty-senators in their service to the university, and

Whereas, RHE will no longer support RHE senators to travel for in-person meetings and requires a virtual option for any meetings/committees RHE senators may be part of, and

*Whereas*, the Faculty Senate meets monthly, and as needed in special meetings, and

*Whereas*, senators have voted, via roll call or voice vote, in person, and

*Whereas*, the COVID-19 pandemic between the spring semester of 2020 and the spring semester 2021 caused the Faculty Senate meetings to be held exclusively online, and

*Whereas*, during the pandemic the Faculty Senate continued to conduct regular business via online platforms, and

*Whereas*, the nearly normal return to campus has allowed face-to-face meetings with physical distancing,

Be it resolved, hereinafter all Faculty Senate meetings will have the option for senators to attend and to vote online.