



TO: Alyssa Provencio, Faculty Senate President

DATE: May 13, 2022

RE: FSP 2021/2022-009

I have received your proposal FSP 2021/2022-009 on the matter of UCO Faculty Handbook Jointly Governed by the UCO Faculty Senate. I have consulted with Provost Simmons on behalf of Academic Affairs on this matter. I do not accept this proposal and offer the following response for your understanding.

In that this proposal is similar to the one previously received and not accepted, namely FSP 2020/2021-003, I will reiterate that Appendix M of the UCO Faculty Handbook describes the shared governance process whereby content revisions are to be made to this same document to ensure that the academic community works together for the effective management and operation of the overall University. This process includes the input of both faculty representatives and members of the academic leadership. The Faculty Handbook Editorial Board, which includes the Faculty Senate President and a Faculty Senate representative, is responsible for reviewing and integrating information from multiple sources as deemed appropriate into the Handbook annually, including information outside the scope of academics. Under the current process, all content revisions to the Handbook, including those that are cosmetic in nature, are vetted through Faculty Senate before being approved for inclusion into the Handbook by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Sincerely,

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar
President

Charlotte Simmons, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs