



**FACULTY SENATE PROPOSAL
FSP-2022/2023-001**

- I. Resolution/Proposal Name: REVISIONS TO FACULTY HANDBOOK §1.1-1.2**
- II. Stated Resolution:** The Faculty Handbook §1.1 and §1.2 shall be amended in accordance with the attached Appendix A.
- III. Justification:** The proposed revisions to §1.1-1.2 of the Faculty Handbook makes the following changes:
- §1.1: Final sentence revised in order to remove an out-of-date claim about university enrollment, and replaces it with an accurate statement that will not need to be revised based on future enrollment numbers.
- §1.2: Replaces previous Mission Statement and Vision Statement with current version, as drafted by the Mission, Vision and Values Evaluation Task Force and approved by the President and the RUSO Board of Regents. Proposed version brings Handbook into alignment with what is currently published on UCO websites and Undergraduate Catalogue.
- IV. Divisions/Colleges/Office(s) that may be affected:**
University of Central Oklahoma; UCO Faculty Association
- V. Directed to:**
Office of the President; Office of Academic Affairs

This resolution was submitted for consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 11 October 2022 by the Faculty Handbook/Academic Affairs committee.

Recommended for approval by the Faculty Handbook/Academic Affairs committee..

SO APPROVED BY THE UCO FACULTY SENATE ON 11 OCTOBER 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssa L. Provencio', written over a horizontal line.

Alyssa L. Provencio, Ph.D.
UCO Faculty Senate President

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1.1 UNIVERSITY HISTORY

The University of Central Oklahoma was established as the Territorial Normal School by the Territorial Legislature on December 24, 1890, and was located in Edmond, Oklahoma, on the following conditions: that Oklahoma County donate \$5,000 in bonds; that Edmond donate 40 acres of land within one mile of town, the land to be divided into lots, except for 10 acres for the campus; and these lots to be sold, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

The above conditions were met, and the town of Edmond donated \$2,000 in additional bonds. The first class of 23 met on November 9, 1891, in the Epworth League Room of the unfurnished building of the First Methodist Church. In 1904 the name was changed to Central State Normal School. A marker of Oklahoma granite was placed at Boulevard and Second Street, near the original site, in 1915 by the Central Oklahoma Normal School Historical Society.

Old North Tower, the first building, was begun in the summer of 1892 and was occupied January 3, 1893. The school was first operated as a normal school with two years of college work and a complete preparatory school. In 1897, the first class of graduates received Normal School diplomas, and two men and three women graduated.

On December 29, 1919, the State Board of Education passed a resolution raising the rank of Central to that of a four-year teachers' college conferring bachelor's degrees, and changing the name to Central State Teachers College. The class of 1921, consisting of nine members, was the first to receive such degrees.

In 1939, the state legislature passed a law designating the institution as Central State College and authorized the granting of degrees without teaching certificates. In 1954, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) gave permission to offer the Master of Teaching Degree (changed to Master of Education, 1969), and in 1971 authorized the Master of Arts in English and Master of Business Administration degrees.

On April 13, 1971, the state legislature officially changed the name of the institution to Central State University. During the university's Centennial Year, legislation was passed and signed by the governor on May 18, 1990, changing the name to the University of Central Oklahoma. The Territorial Normal School has grown into a metropolitan four-year university.

1.2 MISSION AND ACCREDITATION

1.2.1 UNIVERSITY MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND STRATEGY STATEMENT

MISSION

The University of Central Oklahoma empowers students to become ethical, creative and engaged citizens and leaders through our commitment to transformative learning experiences.

VISION

As a leading metropolitan university, the University of Central Oklahoma prepares future leaders to positively impact local, state, and global communities.

VALUES

ACCESSIBILITY

We provide open opportunities for quality higher education and career development through unmatched value.

COMMUNITY

We provide value and service while engaging within the campus and broader community. We address the social needs of our community through innovation.

GROWTH

We commit to a learner-centered focus that provides opportunities for holistic development.

INCLUSIVITY

We promote and sustain an inclusive community that embraces diversity, fosters belonging and advances equity.

INTEGRITY

We hold ourselves and our learners accountable to the highest standards of education, service and care.

LEADERSHIP

We cultivate the potential of our learners to positively and ethically influence and mobilize others.