

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025
Hofheimer Hall Room 757
and Zoom

Present: Ambrozewicz, M.; Cipi, A. (Zoom); Collins, J.; Handel, R; Hosseini, A.; Lapsia, S. (Zoom); Nyalwidhe, J. (Zoom); Okigbo, C. (Zoom); Sinacori, J. (Zoom); Takcas, P. (Zoom); Topalli, K.

Guests:

Sanders, Y. (Zoom); Forgacs, E.; Yousefieh, N. (Zoom)

1. Called to Order (5:04 PM) Hosseini
2. Approval of June meeting minutes- approved
3. Executive Vice-President's Report- nothing to report Hosseini
4. Other business

I. Meeting Frequency

There was considerable discussion about the optimal frequency of future VHS faculty assembly meetings. We voted to hold full assembly meetings every other month beginning with today's meeting. On the alternating months (i.e., beginning in October), the executive committee will hold a meeting in lieu of a meeting with all members. Moreover, we agreed to regularly invite VHS representatives on the ODU faculty senate to the VHS faculty assembly meetings. Ad hoc meetings of the full faculty assembly will be held if and when necessary.

II. Faculty Assembly President's report

Dr. Hosseini provided updates on the process of policy updates post-merger. All proposed policy changes go to the IMO for review. They are also sent to the policy review committee, and some go to the Deans' council and some go to the faculty senate. Dr. Hosseini also discussed proposed updates to the faculty ranks (including titles) and promotion policies (i.e., tenure track versus career track).

III. Action Items



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- i. Dr. Hosseini will speak to the new medical school dean about her plans for meetings with the various departments.
- ii. Dr. Brown, Abuhamad, or Louis will be invited to the next full faculty assembly meeting depending on their availability.

5. Adjourn (5:53)

Coming Up:

Next Meeting: **October 20th** (executive committee only)

Next Full faculty assembly meeting:

November 17, 2025, Room 757 Hofheimer Hall or Zoom.

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