

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION

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I. RESOLUTION NAME:

Resolution Requesting Online Access to Student Photo ID Pictures for Courses

II. STATED RESOLUTION:

The Faculty Senate requests that the University implement a system allowing faculty member access to student identification photographs with online course rosters.

III. JUSTIFICATION:

Every student enrolled to take courses at the University of Central Oklahoma is required to obtain a UCO student identification card. Each student identification card contains the following information: the student's name, the student's UCO identification number, and a photograph of the student. Upon enrolling at UCO, students are required to get their photo identification card by going to the UCO ID office in the Nigh University Center on campus. Digital photos of each student are taken and printed on the identification cards. These photographs are kept on file with the University allowing for a replacement card to be printed if the card is lost or misplaced by a student.

Faculty members are able to access course rosters containing student name, identification number, status, and email address online through UCONNECT. It would be useful for faculty to have access to photographs of students enrolled in their courses through the current online course roster system.

Access to student photographs will be beneficial for both faculty members and students. First, this system will enhance classroom security. Faculty members will be able to verify student identification in a more valid manner. At the present time, there is no method for ensuring that the persons enrolled and present in any given course are the same. Second, a course roster with photographs will make it easier for faculty members to learn students' names. Learning student's names engages students in the learning process and enhances classroom participation.

The University of Oklahoma has had an online course roster system that allows faculty members to see student photos for the past several years demonstrating the utility of this type of program.

IV. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The budget implications for UCO will be dependent on the costs of implementing this type of system. The costs should be minimal given that student photographs are taken and stored by UCO and the university already utilizes an online course roster format in UCONNECT.

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Referred To: Student Relations Committee