



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

May 6, 2024

Dear Chairs and Directors,

CFE has reviewed and updated the [University Policies language in the Syllabus Templates](#) to ensure the language is compliant with recent changes to both state and federal law. The revisions were minor, but it is essential that all faculty and instructors update their syllabi for this Summer and moving forward with the new language. Please share the link to the Syllabus Templates with your faculty and instruct them to update their syllabus policy language.

The [Executive Order 2023-31](#) has an exception for “academic course instruction; i.e., the academic freedom of any individual faculty member to direct the instruction within his or her own course;”. Faculty can continue to teach the courses as they have in the past. Content, assignments and readings should align with the course description and learning outcomes of the course as has been practice in academia for decades, if not centuries. As always, faculty are encouraged to use language that would make all students feel welcome in their courses and to use universal approaches in their policies.

For more information about Executive Order 2023-31 please see the FAQ on the [Guidance for the Implementation of Executive Order 2023-21](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Morvant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Morvant
Senior Vice Provost for Student Success, Norman Campus