



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

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Dear Faculty,

We want to provide a brief update regarding recent legislative activity related to tenure.

Senate Bill 1782 was advanced this week in committee. While the bill, if passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor, would change tenure and related contract policies for research institutions, it remains in the legislative process.

As a reminder, the Governor's recent executive order encouraging the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to prohibit granting new tenure appointments applies to regional institutions and does not apply to research universities (the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University).

We are actively monitoring developments and are engaged in discussions with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and other state leaders. In these conversations, we are exploring approaches that could align with the framework outlined in the executive order while respecting and advancing the University's status as a research institution.

We will share updates as substantive information becomes available and, in the meantime, all current tenure policies remain in place.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and to the University's mission.

Sincerely,

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