

From: [Smith, Randy](#)
To: [Brown, Trevor](#); [Lester, Brandon](#)
Cc: [Leite, Fabio](#); [Reed, Katie](#); [Smith, Randy](#); [Gilliam, Melissa](#); [Eveland, Jessica](#); [Kanzeg, Benjamin](#)
Subject: Provisional Center Status for the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society
Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:03:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Trevor and Brandon:

The proposal to have provisional University Center status for the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on September 6, 2023. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next [Annual Activities Report](#) to the University Senate (July 2024).

The expectation is that there will be a formal proposal for a University-level center submitted to the Council, likely in Autumn of 2024 as specified in the request. I will help with that process.

Please keep a copy of this message for the file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Randy



W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.

Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Office of Academic Affairs

University Square South, 15 E. 15th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

614-292-5881 Office

smith.70@osu.edu

Assisted by:

Katie Reed

Executive Assistant

(614) 292-5672

reed.901@osu.edu



Katie Reed

Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Resource and Budget Management

Executive Assistant to the Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Executive Assistant to the Vice Provost for Urban Research and Community Engagement

Office of Academic Affairs

University Square South, 15 E. 15th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

614-292-5672 Direct / 614-292-5881 Main Office

reed.901@osu.edu oaa.osu.edu



TO: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

FROM: Trevor Brown, Dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs

DATE: September 1, 2023

RE: Request for Temporary Center State for the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society

As dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, I offer this request to the Council on Academic Affairs for temporary center status for the Salmon P. Chase¹ Center for Civics, Culture, and Society (Chase Center) in the John Glenn College of Public Affairs so that the Chase Center may begin its initial organizing work as required by law.

As background, House Bill 33 of the Ohio General Assembly (signed on July 4, 2023) directs the Ohio State University to create the Chase Center as an independent academic unit physically located in the Glenn College. The legislation also creates four similar centers at the University of Toledo, Cleveland State University, Miami University, and the University of Cincinnati.

The purpose of the Chase Center is to offer undergraduate and graduate teaching and conduct research on the historical ideas, traditions, and texts associated with the American constitutional order. House Bill 33 states that the Chase Center must:

- Educate students through free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth;
- Equip students with the skills, habits, and dispositions of mind needed to reach their own informed conclusions on matters of social importance;
- Affirm the value of intellectual diversity in higher education;
- Aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of the university; and,
- Affirm a commitment to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry.

The legislation also requires the University's Board of Trustees to appoint a seven-person academic council composed of leading scholars to conduct a search, and ultimately identify finalists, for the Chase Center's executive director position. The council's composition will be subject to the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate. The council will have no more than one member who is an employee of Ohio State and a minimum of three members from the state of Ohio. The council must send its list of finalists to the president of The Ohio State University,

¹ Salmon P. Chase served as U.S. Senator (1849-1855); the 23rd governor of Ohio (1856-1860); the 25th U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (1861-1864); and the 6th Chief Justice of the U.S. (1864-1873).



who will then select and appoint an executive director in conjunction with the University's Board of Trustees.

The executive director will be responsible for organizing and managing faculty appointments and staff hires and setting the overall vision of the Chase Center in conjunction with appropriate university offices and processes. The executive director will also oversee research and curriculum conducted by the Chase Center.

In accordance with university processes and procedures, upon appointment, the executive director will be charged with developing a proposal for permanent center status for the Chase Center. This proposal will come before the Council on Academic Affairs and the University Senate, likely in the fall of 2024.

While House Bill 33 establishes the Chase Center as an independent center, the John Glenn College of Public Affairs is well suited to house it. The College's mission is to:

- Prepare tomorrow's public and nonprofit leaders through education, training, and professional development;
- Help solve public problems and build knowledge in the field of public affairs through interdisciplinary research; and,
- Integrate knowledge from inside and outside the university and transfer that knowledge to external stakeholders in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors across Ohio, the nation, and the globe.

The College's long-term vision is to serve as a model in public higher education for producing democratic citizens and public and nonprofit leaders, and creating, translating, and applying research that serves the public interest across the State of Ohio and the nation.

The College offers undergraduate and graduate degrees and professional development programs to prepare and develop public service professionals; conducts peer-reviewed research that informs public decision making; and engages public sector stakeholders and the community in programs that promote free and open dialogue and civic engagement. The College is home to two centers that conduct research and offer curricular programs.