



Date: November 12, 2020
To: OSU AVED Program participants (Faculty, Staff, and Students).
Subject: OSU Leadership Commitment to Aviation Safety Management Systems (SMS)

It is both my privilege and responsibility to be the accountable OSU executive for our OSU AVED Safety Management System.

A Pro Pilot AVED faculty representative, the Aviation Program (Flight Center) Manager, and Chief Flight Instructor, are responsible for the implementation of our SMS program.

We are committed to a proactive safety culture here at OSU and this SMS program will formalize and solidify the outstanding safety practices and student participation already enjoyed. SMS seeks to identify and mitigate safety hazards and risk before they become a safety incident or accident.

Our program has four components which are a consistent application of the FAA mandated SMS programs for air carriers (each of these artifacts is posted on, and continuously updated on, the OSU AVED webpage):

- A Safety Policy that defines and describes OSU's safety posture and desired safety culture;
- Safety Risk Management processes through which internal and external stakeholders to the OSU Aviation & Space program identify and evaluate regulatory changes, safety recommendations and individual submissions in our safety reporting system, especially those contributing to trending data;
- Safety Assurance processes to ensure the prompt and appropriate incorporation of changes arising from new regulations and safety recommendations; and
- Safety Promotion in the form of ongoing engagement with our students and staff.

SMS has earned aviation industry recognition as providing the highest level of safety in organizational structure. SMS integrates current safety hazard likelihood/severity of consequence (classic risk management) and safety assurance practices into a repeatable and proactive system.

I implore you to take this program seriously, contribute often and volunteer to serve on our Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephan M. Wilson".

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