Good afternoon,

As of today, students are able to update their preferred names and pronouns in the My OHIO Student Center. They can do so by clicking the “Names” link in the Personal Information section.

Several other changes to support the University’s Student Names policy (12.021) also have been made. In PeopleSoft, many pages now have the preferred name displayed in place of the student’s legal name, if a preferred name exists. If a preferred name does not exist, the legal name will be displayed. While many pages are updated with this information, some pages intentionally do not show the preferred name. Many pages related to admission, transfer credit, financial aid, and student financials show only the legal name, since legal name is required for many of these processes.

In addition to PeopleSoft, many other systems such as the Faculty and Advising Center, Blackboard, the online directory, and the email system have been updated to include students’ preferred names. If a student provides preferred pronouns, those will be displayed in the Faculty and Advising Center. Some systems will take up to 24 hours to refresh after a student has provided a preferred name.

If you have specific questions about Ohio University’s implementation of preferred names and pronouns for students, I encourage you to review the FAQ page at https://www.ohio.edu/registrar/names.cfm. The University also will be conducting staff education events (e.g., lunch and learn sessions, etc.) related to preferred name—watch your email inbox and Compass for more information.

It is expected that faculty, staff, and students will make every effort to call students by their preferred names and utilize students’ requested pronoun preferences.

Finally, if you have any additional questions not covered in the FAQs, please contact the Office of the University Registrar by emailing registrar@ohio.edu, by calling 740.593.4260, or in person at Chubb Hall, first floor.

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