

# Voice

Faculty Association Bulletin

November 2015

Oklahoma City Community College

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**Faculty Association General Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 24, 2015 3N0 Main Bldg.  
12:30 - 1:15 pm  
Agenda

- 12:30-12:45
1. Welcome
  2. Approval of Minutes from October 2015 Meeting
  3. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Carlisle)
  4. Chair's Report
  5. Old Business/Update
    - a. Dr. DeClouette will talk with faculty about the Moodle gradebook and attendance. (12:35-12:45); Open the floor to exchange of questions and comments (12:45-13:00)
- 12:45-1:20
1. New Business
    - a. Cancellation of courses with full enrollment prior to the start of the semester; Want to know how class minimum enrollments are determined. How events are scheduled.
  2. Adjourn

**Executive Committee members:**

Brent Noel, Arts; Jenean Jones, Business; George Risinger, Chemistry and Biological Sciences; Angela Cotner, English and Humanities; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper, Information Technology; Tricia Sweany, Library; Tad Thurston, Mathematics, Engineering, and Physical Sciences; John Ehrhardt, Social Sciences; Ginnett Rollins Chair; Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, Chair-Elect; Fabiola Janiak-Spens, Secretary; Jeff Carlisle, Treasurer; Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Nate Vanden Brook, Past-Chair

**Treasurer's Report (as of November 20, 2015)**

Scholarship Account: \$4943.16      General Operating account: \$8246.24

Ray McCullar Scholarship: \$3780.60

**51 members. Dues \$10 per year.**

**Minutes Faculty Association Meeting  
October 27, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

The minutes from the September 22nd meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Chair's Report can be read in the October Voice.

**Old and New Business:**

Scholarship Committee asked for all faculty to help in any way at the **Fall Scholarship Fundraiser**, Soup and Bake Sale and Silent Auction, scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 11.

**Investiture** will take place Friday, October 30 as planned. The dollar amount for the Investiture Scholarship is unknown at this point.

**Repurposing of the Aquatic Center:** Most likely options are a) student union/community center b) new academic building. Due to height of building, there will be at least two levels. Any questions/inquiries can be directed to Nate Vanden Brook or you may contact John Boyd directly. Funding for the repurposing will most likely come from a Master Lease Real Property Bond

through the Oklahoma Development and Finance Authority (ODFA), plus fundraising and modest fee to students.

**Regent's Round Table:** Will take place after regular Regent's Meeting: Monday, Feb 15, 2016 from 12:30-1:30 pm. Faculty will receive an invitation.

**Regents invited to classes:** Several faculty have submitted their classes to the list for visits from the Regents. An invitation has been extended to the Regents for a visit to special activities in Nursing classes between Nov 9 and 12.

**Fabulous Prizes** were drawn!

The deadline for the **Faculty Advisory Council survey** was October 23. We may find out about the results sometime later.

**Self-Appraisals/Faculty Development Plan:** Reported from Faculty Executive Committee: combine similar items on self-appraisal form and possibly include faculty development plan or leave as is. Differences in how different divisions handle self-appraisals keeps coming up. Ginnett will continue to discuss the self-appraisal procedure with Dr. DeClouette and President Steward.

**Moodle Gradebook:** There is no official policy for use of Moodle Gradebook, but Dr. DeClouette views it as a procedure and assumed that discussions about Moodle Gradebook that took place in Deans' Council had been shared with faculty since fall 2014. Discussion ensued. Student surveys drive use of Moodle Gradebook, so that students know their grade, though the questions on the student survey are unknown to us at this point. Concerns raised by faculty included: 1) the ability of college staff to delete grades from Gradebook; 2) the accuracy of calculation of grades in the Moodle gradebook; 3) that Moodle is not user-friendly; and 4) trust and lack of communication between faculty/adjunct faculty and deans.

The secretary had to leave at 1:15 pm, just before Glenné Whisenhunt's presentation regarding the P&P Week Faculty Roundtable.

**P&P Week Faculty Roundtable:** Dr. Whisenhunt invited faculty to submit proposals for the Faculty Roundtable, and encouraged faculty participation in this event designed to share teaching techniques and methods across the disciplines. (Entry by Ginnett Rollins)

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fabiola Janiak-Spens

Secretary

### **Chair's Report**

**Scholarship Fundraising:** We are grateful to those who donated time, effort, soup, baked goods, and silent auction items to the FALL SOUP SALE AND SILENT AUCTION on Nov. 11. Special thanks go to Tricia Sweany and Ann Raia, who ensured that this fundraiser would be a success, earning approximately \$2,100 for OCCC student scholarships!

Tad Thurston again won the soup contest, with George Risinger's wife, Valerie, coming in second place! Please put Wednesday, February 3 on your calendar for the CHILI COOK-OFF.

**Benefits Committee:** Per President Steward, and Beth Lott, Director of Benefits, the Benefits Committee is still one of the OCCC Institutional Committees. However, Ms. Lott assured me that the Benefits Committee is not being "disbanded" or "dissolved". Since she started on August 4 many pressing deadlines related to HealthCare Reform have taken top priority for her, and Ms. Lott stated that she would not be able to deal with the Benefits Committee for "the next few weeks if not the next few months." She also explained that the

Benefits Committee does not include the retirement/investment benefits. Several faculty have expressed concern that the Benefits Committee has not yet been convened, even though traditionally, and per the Institutional Committee list, monthly meetings are required during the fall and spring semesters.

Click here for the Institutional Committees, page 6:

<http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/pdf/Institutional-Committees-List.pdf>

I have requested that Ms. Lott verify that the information in the Institutional Committee list is accurate, and that the named individuals still constitute the Benefits Committee.

**Moodle Gradebook / Attendance:** The results of the initial Survey Monkey Survey regarding Moodle gradebook and attendance use are as follows:

161 of 203 (80.5%) never heard of the requirement until Fall 2015 Prep and Planning Week or later.

Of the respondents, 58.21% do not teach online.

54% of respondents are NOT in favor of the requirement that everyone must use the Moodle gradebook.

As of Wednesday, November 18, the follow-up Survey Monkey Survey has produced the following results:

206 of the approximately 600 adjunct and full-time professors responded.

1. Do you want to use your own grading method rather than the Moodle gradebook?

YES: 42.23% (87 respondents) NO: 57.77% (119 respondents)

2. Do you want to keep your own attendance record rather than the one in Moodle? Yes or No?

YES: 55.83 (115 respondents) NO: 44.17 (91 respondents)

**Parking:** I met with Marlene Shugart on October 28 to discuss the addition of parking spaces for faculty and staff in parking lots C and D, near the entrances to the VPAC. She did not give a deadline, but she is working on this issue.

**Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC):** I forwarded to Adjunct and Full-time Faculty members the results, and accompanying comments, from the annual opinion survey to prioritize issues important to college and university faculty statewide (conducted by the FAC to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education), and attended the November 14 FAC meeting, during which OCCC was asked again to serve another 2-year term as the urban-area community college representative on the FAC.

Very respectfully submitted,  
E. Ginnett Rollins  
Chair