

Voice

Faculty Association Bulletin November 2014 Oklahoma City Community College

Oklahoma City Community College
Faculty Association General Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 3N0 Main Bldg.
12:30 - 1:15 pm
Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Call to Order
3. Accept Minutes from October
4. Accept Treasures Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

Executive Committee members:

Brent Noel, Arts; Jenean Jones, Business; Fabiola Janiak-Spens, Chemistry and Biological Sciences; Rachel Olsen, English and Humanities; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper, Information Technology; Tricia Sweany, Library; Tad Thurston, Mathematics, Engineering, and Physical Sciences; Cecilia Pittman, Social Sciences; Nate Vanden Brook, Chair; Ginnett Rollins, Chair-Elect; Jeff Anderson, Secretary; Dana Tuley-Williams, Treasurer; Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Rachel Butler, Past-Chair

Treasurer's Report (as of November 11, 2014)

Scholarship Account: \$2403.90

General Operating account: \$8565.79

65 members total. Dues \$10 per year.

Arts: 4 members of 11 in department -- 36 percent

Library: 5 members of 5 in department -- 100 percent

Math, Engineering and Physical Science: 7 members of 25 in department -- 28 percent

Social Sciences: 16 members of 23 in department – 70 percent

English and Humanities: 6 member of 20 in department – 30 percent

Business: 15 members of 15 in department – 100 percent

Chemistry and Biological Science: 4 members of 17 in department – 24 percent

Health Professions: 7 members of 30 in department – 23 percent

Total 65 members of 156 total faculty – 42 percent

Minutes Faculty Association Meeting October 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Nate Vanden Brook at 12:30 p.m. on September 23rd, 2014

48 members were present at the meeting

The minutes for September 23, 2014, were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The executive committee provided prizes to be given away in a drawing. A drawing was held and prizes were awarded to paid members whose names were drawn and were in attendance.

The chair announced that he will be sending forward names to the Regents to be representatives of the faculty in the presidential search. A letter will be drafted and sent to the regents. It was pointed out by a member that the selected faculty members must have a schedule that can meet at the times scheduled by the selection committee.

Executive Vice President Jerry Steward spoke to the membership. Vice President Steward focused his presentation over the importance of contacting elected officials.

OCCC is developing an online tool that will help college employees find the contact information for their specific elected officials as well as create a database of relationships between college employees and elected officials.

No old business was brought up for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Anderson, secretary

Chair's Report from Nate Vanden Brook

I would like to begin my Chair's Report this month by wishing you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Enjoy this short break before we move into the final stretch of the semester.

Presidential Search

I assume that you have all seen the email pertaining to how the Board of Regents will be moving forward in regards to finding a new president for the college. The executive committee have discussed it and will be drafting and sending a letter to the board that will call for greater faculty input into the selection process. I feel that it is paramount that the faculty is on record requesting a role in this process.

Faculty Senate

In a somewhat related area, I would like to remind you all to provide any input you have about us moving forward in trying to create a faculty senate to your division representative. I would also like to remind you that if we do successfully create a faculty senate that each and everyone us will have a lot more work to do. In asking the regents and the administration for a larger say in the policy and governance of this institution, we will be taking on the task of ensuring that representation and transparency are met. What I mean by this is that as a faculty we will have to be diligent in our reporting about committee meetings and ensuring that we show up to meetings and campus events. We are asking for a greater role in the process, and therefore we must also recognize that we must foster all democratic actions.

Adjunct Participation

We will have language to amend our constitution to allow for adjunct participation prior to our January meeting. In regards to some concerns about administrators who work as adjuncts being able to participate, we also have some language that ensures they will be excluded. I will send the language out to you all before we leave for winter break, so that we can vote on the amendments at the January meeting.

Higher Education Day at the Capitol

Higher Education Day for the 2015 legislative session will be held on Tuesday, February 10. I encourage you all to work your spring schedules so that you are able to attend this chance to advocate for the college and our students. We are, as always, facing a tough legislative session, and every contact helps to change people's minds.

This is my report to you for the month of November. I submit it respectfully, and humbly.

--Nate Vanden Brook, chair