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Faculty Association Bulletin March 2014 Oklahoma City Community College

Oklahoma City Community College
Faculty Association General Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

12:30-1:15 pm

Oklahoma City Community College

AGENDA

- 12:30-12:45 pm 1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report -- Lisa Mason-Adkins
4. Chair's Report
- 12:45-1:00 pm 5. Dana Culton, OCCC Professional Development
6. Old Business
- Scholarship Committee – Make It Bake It Sale = Weds, March 26!
 - Other
- 1:00-1:15 pm 7. New Business
- Nominating Committee report
 - MineOnline Advisees update – Fabiola Janiak-Spens
 - Other
- 1:15 pm 8. Adjourn

Executive Committee members:

Brent Noel, Arts; Jenean Jones, Business; Fabiola Janiak-Spens, Chemistry and Biological Sciences; Pam Stout, English and Humanities; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper, Information Technology; Dana Tuley-Williams, Library; Tad Thurston, Mathematics, Engineering, and Physical Sciences; Cecilia Pittman, Social Sciences; Rachel Butler, Chair; Nate Vanden Brook, Chair-Elect; Jon Inglett, Secretary; Lisa Mason-Adkins, Treasurer; Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Julie Corff, Past-Chair

Treasurer's Report (as of March 13, 2014)

Operating Fund \$7,970.79 Scholarship \$2,919.63

-- Lisa D. Adkins, treasurer

**Minutes Faculty Association Meeting
February 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order. The minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer provided a report showing the operating fund at \$8031.31. The scholarship fund remains at \$2919.63. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Regent Roundtable, according to the Chair and others in attendance, was a success. The food was excellent, and the conversations between faculty and regents demonstrated effective communication. The Chair mentioned we should continue the Regent Roundtable.

The Chair reported on her visit to Dr. Aquino and Dr. Sechrist related to small programs at OCCC. Both demonstrated their full support for all programs at our college. No programs are in jeopardy of being cut. Any changes would be subject to much discussion and allow reasonable time for students to complete their programs. There are, however, budget concerns as the college moves forward possibly with less money than previous years. These issues will, of course, be discussed in more detail as the college goes forward.

The Chair and Vice Chair attended the Complete College OCCC meeting. One interesting statistic shows that the disparity in successful completion rates between online and traditional classes is diminishing. Five years ago online courses displayed a much lower completion rate than did traditional classes. Also from that meeting, Michael Boyle discussed the OCCC innovation grant for the Music Program, which was used to create the new music lab in the VPAC.

The Chair discussed workload calculations for low enrollment programs. OCCC policy gives the Deans flexibility regarding the various programs in their area. In other words, the decision is made at the level of the Deans. If there is a discrepancy or disagreement in workload calculations, faculty suggested that program faculty members provide research from other institutions, to use other faculty in the area to help discuss the issue with the Dean, enlist Advisory Board support, and continue to be proactive and persistent through email and person-to-person contact.

The Faculty Association discussed the issue of weapons on campus. The proposed resolution was revised to the following language and approved unanimously:

It is the position of the faculty at Oklahoma City Community College that allowing weapons on campus would endanger lives, reduce safety, and be a distraction to the learning environment. We go on record as opposing any legislation that would permit weapons on campus.

This resolution will be submitted to the Chancellor of Higher Education, the Office of the Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate President Pro Tem, and members of legislative committees assigned “guns on campus” bills.

A nominating committee for the next elected Faculty Association positions was created.

The Faculty Association Make It, Bake It Sale to raise funds for future scholarship recipients is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26. More information will go out via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14.

--Respectfully submitted,
Jon Inglett, secretary