

# Voice

Faculty Association Bulletin

October 2012

Oklahoma City Community College

## Agenda

Faculty Association General Meeting

12:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Location: 3N0 Main Building

1. Welcome, treats, pay your \$10 dues for Fabulous Prizes!! 12:30 -12:40 p.m.
2. Draw for your chance at a prize 12:40 -12:45 p.m.  
(Must be present to win. All prizes provided by Executive Committee)
3. Minutes for September – Jon Inglett 12:45 – 1 p.m.  
Treasurer’s Report – Lisa Mason-Adkins  
Old Business:  
    Open discussion about MineOnline changes & advising  
    Faculty ping-pong table: “To be or not to be?”  
    Annual Faculty Assembly for the State Regents office  
New Business
4. Guest speaker: Gary Lombard, Vice President of Human Resources: Question-and-answer session about future changes in Health Care 1 -1:15 p.m.
5. Wrap-up, invitation to Thursday, Oct. 25, “Look Who’s Coming to Lunch,” at 12:30 p.m. 1:15 -1:20 p.m.
6. Adjourn 1:20 p.m.

### Executive Committee members:

Brent Noel, Arts and Humanities; Jenean Jones, Business; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper, Information Technology; Dana Tuley-Williams, Library; Tad Thurston, Science and Math; Nate Vanden Brook, Social Sciences; Julie Corff, Chair; Rachel Butler, Chair-Elect; Jon Inglett, Secretary; Lisa Mason-Adkins, Treasurer; Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Chris Vershage, Past-Chair

## **Treasurer's Report and Membership Totals**

as of October 15, 2012

Operating Funds: \$8,392.57

Scholarship: \$4,321.04

Current Members of Faculty Association: 50

- **Lisa Mason-Adkins**  
**Treasurer**

## **Faculty Association Meeting Minutes**

September 25, 2012

The Chair began the meeting with introducing the Parliamentarian and asking him to describe the procedures of the meeting. Though the procedure was discussed in the last meeting, new Faculty Association members were present. The purpose of the procedure is to provide all people the opportunity to be heard.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes for April 24, 2012. The minutes were slightly amended as Jon Inglett being the Faculty Secretary instead of the Faculty Treasury. Amended minutes were approved unanimously.

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes for August 28, 2012. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Treasury report was given. The General Fund includes \$8392.57 at the time of the meeting followed by another \$130 in Faculty Association membership fees. By the October meeting, a drawing for a prize giveaway will occur for Faculty Association members. Also, we have not received information on the finances available from the Coke Wagon Sale at the Arts Festival.

A motion and second were made to approve the Treasury Report, which was approved unanimously.

The Chair provided positive information related to the Regents Round Table—an opportunity for staff and faculty to eat lunch with the OCCC Board of Regents. The Regents Roundtable will occur on February 18<sup>th</sup> during the Spring Semester from 12:45-1:30 pm.

During the August 2012 meeting, new business included asking for better communication of minutes and information for all standing and ad-hoc committees. It was reported that all Divisions plan to post their minutes on the college's I-drive. If a person does not have access to the I-drive, he or she should notify technical support. Also, Academic Affairs is working on providing a link for all standing OCCC committees/members and hopes to provide information on other kinds of ad-hoc committees/members.

The Chair clarified the issues surrounding close captioning at our institution. All online courses must maintain close-captioning materials. All traditional courses must maintain close-captioning materials when a student accommodation letter is presented to the professor.

During the August 2012 meeting, new business included a discussion of new technology (i.e. remotes, projectors, and screens) not operating as successfully as the former technology within the classroom. The chair read an email from Tim Whisenhunt describing the need for technology and equipment within the classrooms to meet the OCCC standard, including wide-screen projectors to display higher brightness and a higher image on the screen to provide a larger area for any close-captioning material. It was reported by a faculty that the remotes, however, still do not work as effectively as the former ones.

New business began with a discussion of advising. Issues related to advising will be placed on the October 2012 agenda. Also, it was asked if the Faculty Association would be interested in purchasing a ping-pong table for faculty and students. It was reported that the budget would probably be derived from Recreation and Community Services. The Faculty Association General Fund typically is used to provide financial services to faculty in need of legal services or for areas of sympathy or loss. Finally, it was reported that our television stations on campus rotate to different channels so as not to express one perspective on political issues.

The second part of our meeting included a welcomed speech and discussion from Dr. Paul Sechrist. Dr. Sechrist referenced OCCC as a state-funded institution, and protecting the classroom experience is his number one priority. He suggested that we might have to tweak some operational edges of the college due to the financial situations of four difficult years of funding. For example, our college is receiving 9% less funds than four years ago while

still funding current and replacement positions. Also, he stressed our institution has continued to underwrite two areas the college markets to our community: the Aquatic Center and the Arts Festival. (There are, of course, others.) In the future, Dr. Sechrist stressed the idea of having these types of community events sustained by funding themselves through corporate sponsorship and/or other means.

One goal of the college is cost containment without directly impacting the classroom environment. Another example of cost containment relates to healthcare. How does the college avoid having to pay an extra one million dollars in healthcare three years from now? One solution is the current plan proposed by the Benefits Committee. Dr. Sechrist asked Gary Lombard to email the plan to the employees and provide any feedback. (This email occurred on September 21, 2012.) Also, there will be meetings for employees to attend to find out further information once the plan has been approved. Dr. Sechrist mentioned that other organizations have tried a similar approach to reduce healthcare costs. Finally, Dr. Sechrist discussed other cost-containing measures by mentioning the need to reduce energy and operation costs of our buildings.

The Chair concluded the meeting by asking the members to speak with two new people we may not know. She also reported that the Thursday lunch with a surprise administrator last month resulted in twenty people attending. The Thursday lunch will happen again, and a reminder will be sent to all faculty members.

A motion and second were made to conclude the meeting. The motion approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

**-- Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Inglett, secretary**