

# Voice

Faculty Association Bulletin

October 2013

Oklahoma City Community College

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**Faculty Association General Meeting**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

12:30—1:15 pm

AGENDA

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| 12:30-12:45 pm | 1. Welcome, pay dues, drawing for Fabulous Prizes!<br>Must be present to win.<br>All prizes provided by FA Exec Committee.   |
| 12:45-1:00 pm  | 2. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2013 meeting<br>3. Accept Treasurer's Report -- Lisa Mason-Adkins<br>4. Chair's Report -- Rachel Butler<br>FA web page<br>MineOnline class roster display & survey results |
| 1:00-1:15 pm   | 5. Faculty Light Bulb<br>6. Old Business<br>Advising recommendations – Bertha<br>Wise/Gwin Faulconer-Lippert<br>FA Scholarship Committee - Michael<br>Machiorlatti<br>Campus Committee updates                     |
| 1:15 pm        | 7. New Business<br>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**

To be announced at meeting.

--Lisa Mason-Adkins, Treasurer

### **Faculty Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

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

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Lisa Adkins reported that the Faculty Association account has \$8217.11 and the scholarship account has \$3019.94. Lisa met with Foundation personnel and located the balance discrepancy that had previously been reported.

Rachel Butler gave the Chair's report. In her meeting with Dr. Sechrist she had inquired about the benefits of the college self-insuring. Dr. Sechrist indicated that self-insurance allowed the college to better control costs. In three years, the college saved just over \$1,200,000. The Chair also reported that she had asked Dr. Sechrist to consider moving Convocation to the Thursday of Prep and Planning week since many faculty are required to be on campus Tuesday night for the adjunct meeting. The Chair announced she had moved old copies of *The Voice* to the I: drive. Additionally she reported that she hoped to create a Faculty Association web site. A concern was voiced about having the site on the college servers. The Chair reported that she planned on a Regents' Roundtable in February and hoped to have some more informal lunches with administrators and regents later in the year. Lastly she encouraged faculty to share news and ideas in under two minutes (Faculty Light Bulb) during meetings as a way of improving communication between departments.

Dr. Sechrist was introduced. He provided a recap of the construction that took place over the summer. The State's Risk Management office is happy with the College's progress on submitting insurance claims. The College expects to be reimbursed for the damage but will be responsible for the \$100,000 deductible. However, the deductible may be reimbursed by FEMA. The slope near the President's office had to be rebuilt because it was

too steep and did not meet ADA sidewalk standards. That project is moving forward with the landscaping and exterior work related to the new theater. It is anticipated that the theater will be completed in mid-December. The first official event will be a GED commencement in January. A dedication ceremony will be held during Spring Prep and Planning week. Some of the spaces will be named to honor donors who contributed toward the construction of the theater. Dr. Sechrist also reported that enrollment is down but not as much as at other comparable institutions. He also revisited the discussion regarding self-insurance, indicating that saving money was a secondary reason for self-insurance; the flexibility in selecting coverage was the primary consideration.

Dr. Sechrist was asked if the drop in enrollment could be a result of the flat rate tuition offered by the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Sechrist answered that the college is still investigating that, but he thought that the college had lost a “couple of hundred” students as a result.

Another faculty member asked if the fee approved by the students to help pay for the theater would go away after the completion of the theater. Dr. Sechrist said it would not, but those funds would be used for other capital projects.

A question regarding replacement of furnishings damaged in the May storms was asked, and Dr. Sechrist indicated that he did not know the answer but would follow up.

A final question asked was if the theater would be used for fundraising events, possibly to raise money for Faculty Association scholarships. Dr. Sechrist said that “signature” events were being considered, with the possibility of bringing in high profile names.

A discussion of old business began. Michael Machiorlatti reported that the Faculty Association will have its Garage Sale fundraiser from October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations are needed.

The Chair reported that she had spoken with Connie Drummond regarding the class roster pages and adding a notation for concurrently enrolled students as well as student majors. Connie asked Rachel to seek input from faculty as to how important those items are. A comment was made that changes should be made after seeking input from faculty, not before.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19.

**--Dana Tuley-Williams  
Representing the secretary**