

Voice

Faculty Association Bulletin February 2014 Oklahoma City Community College

Oklahoma City Community College
Faculty Association General Meeting
Tuesday, February 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 January 28, 2014 meeting
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report -- Lisa Mason-Adkins
4. Chair's Report -- Rachel Butler
- 12:45-1:00 pm 5. Old Business
- Communication regarding workload calculations for low enrollment programs
 - Other
- 1:00-1:15 pm 7. New Business
- Resolution regarding Guns on Campus
 - Nominating Committee
 - 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

Operating Fund \$8,511.31

Scholarship \$2,350.88

-- Lisa D. Adkins, treasurer

Minutes Faculty Association Meeting January 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:34. A total of 25 members were present.

The minutes of the November 26, 2014 meeting, after being amended to show Dana Tuley-Williams did the minutes on behalf of the secretary, were approved.

The Treasurer provided a report showing the operating fund at \$8511.31. Scholarship funds were recently dispersed and did not match as the meeting. [The discrepancy was resolved shortly after the meeting, accurately showing a scholarship fund balance of \$2350.88.] The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Chair reported that the Board of Regents Roundtable Discussion will occur on Monday, February 17th at 12:30 pm in CU3. The Chair passed around a sign-up sheet and asked that some members arrive early to greet the Regents. The Chair also praised this event and shared how the Regents can use this time to gain insight into what the faculty accomplish across campus.

The Faculty Association had asked last semester for MineOnline improvements related to what information is displayed in the class roster. The appropriate people are still aware of the issue, but the solution has not reached the action phase of completion.

The Chair also mentioned recent progress regarding the new Accommodation procedures.

The Chair had checked with Rhonda Simpson on issues related to health insurance regulations, such as the health screenings. Rhonda Simpson indicated that the third-party administrator should be able to provide notification to OCCC employees showing how they individually do or do not meet the criteria in order to avoid paying extra health insurance fees.

The Faculty Association discussed information related to the current leave policy. Issues still exist for many faculty since there is unevenness in how leave for faculty members is implemented across the college. For example, some faculty may have taken four or eight hours of leave even though they only attended a doctor's appointment for two hours.

The Faculty Association website contains a document related to the OSRHE Faculty Advisory Council. The recent report describes the statewide 2013 Faculty

Opinion Survey Results for Top 10 Concerns/Issues from 20 Institutions. This report can be viewed at the following address: <http://www.occc.edu/faculty-association/pdf/OSHRE%20FAC%20Top%2010%20Nov2013.pdf>

A faculty member presented information in regards to the scholarship process at OCCC. In the past, the timing sequence caused difficulties in several ways. The new deadline dates set by the OCCC Foundation appear to promise a smoother process for submitting and evaluating scholarship applications. By February 28, students receive a deadline for scholarship application. The faculty may begin evaluating scholarships by March 8. By March 26, the scholarship recipients are notified. The scholarship luncheon will occur on April 22 from 12:30-1:30.

The Faculty Association discussed the four pieces of pending legislation in the Oklahoma legislature which revisit guns on college campuses. At the January PAC meeting Dr. Sechrist stated to its members to let their legislators know what they as constituents think about these ideas. The Faculty Association has submitted a written statement at least once in the past, when this issue was discussed by the state legislature. A draft statement will be brought back at the next FA meeting, to be voted on and sent forth to the appropriate places.

New Business included communications regarding workload calculations for low enrollment programs. It was stated by one faculty member that a program may have low enrollment in a course, but its graduation rate is high. OCCC is currently focusing on improving graduation rates. Workload calculations have recently changed for some faculty members, even though the minimum number of students required for a course to “make” previously had been considered a full load. One faculty suggested discussing this issue with an advisory committee related to a small program. Finally, smaller programs at OCCC are significant to the credibility and integrity of OCCC and to the economy of Oklahoma.

Several members reported more problems with Aetna’s management of OCCC’s health insurance than had occurred before. This has caused stress on OCCC employees. One faculty member mentioned having to go through an appeal process for services that have been covered previously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

--Respectfully submitted,
Jon Inglett, secretary