

**SOCIAL SCIENCES
DIVISION MEETING
March 1, 2005
12:30 PM – Board Room**

In Attendance:

Richard Anglin	Mendy Bergin	Trish Bilcik
Patti Buxton	Jeff Carlisle	Jane Carney
Chuck Carselowe	Martha George	Dana Glencross
Ron Gray	Stephanie Hayes	John Hughes
Thomas Jones	Peggy Jordan	Ray McCullar
Nancy Pietroforte	Wanda Roepke	Jerry Steward
Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen	Susan Tabor	Rick Vollmer
Cecelia Yoder		

Absent:

Dana Tuley-Williams

Congratulations to Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen as she presents her "Great Ideas for Teaching" to the OACC this week.

Dr. Buxton, Dr. Yoder, Dr. Tabor and Professor McCullar attended the Assessment Committee evaluation session of Social Sciences Programs. They have received positive feedback. Dr. Yoder suggested that next year a representative from each program attend along with the department chairs and Dean so this would include a representative from Sociology and Political Science. The dean will email with date/time. Our goals are from the Higher Learning Commission – "Help us Meet Standards".

A letter has been distributed regarding retention. An emphasis is needed for which students should be enrolling in the Foundations for Success classes. Our August 2004 Intersession class had the greatest success. This class was taught by Dana Glencross. The 16 week classes have not been as successful. Students making A or B in the Foundation class will receive 1 hour credit tuition fee waiver.

Curriculum committee – Inactive until March 24.

Scholarship:

5 Regent Scholarships – full two years plus \$375 semester for books
10 President Scholarships – full 2 years plus \$200 semester for books
Probably 250-300 applications

Faculty Association: - Trish Bilcik

The association is supporting the Monday of Thanksgiving week being added to the holiday. There is a precedent in the Spring when we are off for Martin Luther King Day and the day is not made up. There is some opposition to this plan. The Make It, Bake It sale will be in April.

Faculty Development: - Sue Tabor

Plans for the SEM Center are moving forward. There is a website 4faculty.org that will be available soon which will provide assistance for adjuncts and full time faculty in various areas of development.

IAPC: - Chuck Carselowey

The committee is forwarding a recommendation on Academic Integrity to Dr. Sechrist this month. Thanks to the faculty for their input. When the recommendation is accepted Chuck will distribute copies to the faculty.

President's Advisory Council: - Mendy Bergin

Not meeting as often while Dr. Todd is away from campus. Dr. Sechrist and Dr. Paden are working on meeting the needs of the ethnic make up of our student population.

GEN ED: - Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

The General Education Committee accepted General Nutrition for the GE Electives list in the 2005-06 catalogue. The Committee agreed to re-write the General Education Core, which is a list of objectives and explanations of the goals of General Education at OKCCC.

Dr. Buxton stated her faculty appraisals were almost complete. She has enjoyed meeting with each faculty member. She encouraged faculty to nominate colleagues for the President's Award.

Jerry Steward stated that the Bond Issue for Higher Education has been approved by the Senate and going to the House. He encouraged everyone to express their opinions to their Representative.

Jane Carney stated that an Emeritus Faculty Committee was being formed. She and Sandy Box are involved in this endeavor.

Mendy Bergin asked about the status of sabbaticals. Chuck Carselowey stated that the IAPC committee gave input to consider emeritus and sabbaticals and the status is unknown.

John Hughes mentioned a new idea called "Phased Retirement". It is retiring by easing out with a reduced load.

It was reported the Benefit's Committee is still not meeting. Gary Lombard has promised to get it going.

Dr. Buxton wished everyone a good Spring break.