

Faculty Association Minutes

March 28, 2023

MB 2N5 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from February 2023 Meeting
 - a. Minutes were approved.
3. Chair reminded everyone that we do not record meetings. She also pointed out that she had made some errors last month in the number of votes needed for the membership amendment to pass. This did not change the outcome of the vote.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Membership – 67 members
 - b. Balances
 - i. Endowed Scholarship Fund: \$15,091.00 (as of December 31, 2021)
 - ii. Expendable Scholarship Fund: \$8,276.20 (as of September 30, 2022)
 - iii. Checking Account: \$8,827.44 (as of March 28, 2023)
 - c. Pay dues to your division reps or Cash App \$Occctreasurer
 - d. A meeting has been requested with the Foundation for Dana, Jennifer, and Paul to discuss discrepancies and agreements.
5. Introduction of New Faculty – None
6. Two Minute Share – Dawn Ladiski
 - a. The microgrant faculty were told about in the fall still has \$250 that can be awarded. There are short applications. The grant is for something that would “enhance the student experience” but cannot be paid for through other college monies.
 - b. ILC will be tasked with reviewing the applications and awarding the grant.
 - c. We expect to have this opportunity again next year.
 - d. Deadline is March 31st.
7. Scholarship Committee Report –

- a. Fund raising time again
 - i. Silent auction
 - 1. Donations will be accepted April 10 – 14
 - 2. Auction will take place April 17 – 20
 - ii. Phi Theta Kappa is working with the Provost to find a time to hold a carwash to raise funds for our scholarship
 - b. Applications for the scholarships will be on Microsoft forms this time
 - i. Applications accepted for Spring 2023 semester April 10 - 28
8. Staff Award
- a. Facilities/housekeeping
 - i. Toby – SEM
 - ii. Margarita – VPAC
 - iii. Erika – HP
 - iv. Hong - VPAC
9. Faculty Association Lifetime Achievement Award – Morgan Felty
- a. Special plaque ordered, should be ready this week
 - b. Anyone who wants to be a part of the presentation should send the Chair an email to get info on when and where.
10. Invited Guest – Dr. Nancy Alexander; Executive Director of Grants
- a. Dr. Alexander was unable to attend
11. Proposed change to the Faculty Association constitution: Article IV: Section 1 Meeting Times
- a. Current Article IV: Section 1 and proposed amendment are attached as Appendix A
 - b. Process to amend the constitution is attached as Appendix B
 - c. Chair read the proposed amendment
 - d. Chair pointed out that our meeting was NOT an open meeting according to OK Statutes and therefore could limit who was allowed to attend
 - e. Floor was opened for discussion - None
 - f. Motion was made and seconded to approve amendment as written.
 - g. Vote on the amendment passed
 - i. 40 members were present (15 in person, 25 online) Quorum is 21 members
 - ii. 30 members voted (13 in person, 17 online) 2/3 majority of voting members required to pass (total of 20 yes votes needed)
 - 1. 30 yes votes, 0 no votes.

12. Chair Report:

a. President and Provost

- i. President's Excellence in Teaching award
 - 1. Going to try to get this going again in time for this year's Commencements
- ii. Strategic plan
 - 1. 1st time the plan was sent out to garner bids for a company to consult came back over \$1M
 - 2. Downsized plan and sent back out, and awaiting all the proposals to be received before moving forward
 - 3. Faculty should expect to be asked to participate, probably in the fall.
- iii. Asked about possible Police training for de-escalation
 - 1. Looking into it
- iv. Asked about a guns on campus resolution
 - 1. Had not thought about it, and there has not been a call from the Chancellor for one
- v. Chair is finally receiving the Legislative reports
 - 1. Mostly unrelated to higher ed
 - 2. The bill that passed last year that restricted material in online databases on campuses that have K – 12 students present should get amended this year to exempt Higher Ed
 - a. This is particularly important in the Library as our biggest database (Ebsco) is applying filters to all Oklahoma colleges
- vi. The President expects to invite a group from Indiana University to come and do training at OCCC concerning fundraising
- vii. Asked about the Benefits Committee
 - 1. No news

b. Provost

- i. VPAA position is posted
 - 1. Dr. Thomas was not involved very much in the job getting posted.
 - 2. Faculty is concerned that the posting leaves out entire divisions of the college from consideration
 - 3. The chair reminded the Provost that Faculty usually pay a huge role on the search committee for this position

- 4. The Provost will still be the Chief Academic Officer
 - 5. Already several applicants
 - ii. Discussed commencement
 - 1. Faculty Association suggested that as long as commencement still had a strong Faculty involvement that it was not necessary to include a direct representative of the Faculty Association.
 - iii. Online College
 - 1. Bucky Dodd was the consultant brought in to do the focus groups
 - a. Report has been delivered but not yet reviewed
 - b. Bucky may be a guest for the Fall Welcome Week
 - iv. Testing Center
 - 1. Deans are discussing the details about where to put it
 - 2. Should include a number of the smaller labs as well
 - 3. Possible locations being discussed are the Math Lab or the Library.
 - 4. It will not be the same as it was before.
 - 5. Discussion ensued
- c. Board of Regents
 - i. Chair Perry's term is up and will be leaving
 - ii. Regent Echols will become the new Chair
- d. Other
 - i. FA Officer elections are next month
 - ii. IT said that the streaming server was down this past Friday night and Saturday morning (in case faculty have students telling them it was down)
 - iii. Chat Bots!
 - 1. Discussion ensued

13. New Business – None

14. Announcements

- a. Shanna announced that April 27 was going to be a multi-event day
 - i. Arbor day activities
 - ii. Half Day Seminar
 - 1. Going green at OCCC
 - 2. Green in OKC

3. Vulnerable populations in OKC

15. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Johnny Hill

Faculty Association Secretary 2022-2023

Appendix A: Amendment to the Faculty Association Constitution regarding regular membership

Current Article IV: Section 1

Meetings of the FA shall be scheduled on a monthly basis. General meetings shall be open to non-members. Non-members shall not be permitted to vote. However, non-members may participate in discussions.

Proposed Amendment for Article II: Section 1 (changes in red)

Meetings of the FA shall be scheduled on a monthly basis. General meetings shall be open to **any individual eligible for membership in the Faculty Association, and guests invited by the Faculty Association Executive Board**. Non-members shall not be permitted to vote. However, non-members may participate in discussions.

Appendix B: Process for Amending the Constitution

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Proposed amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws are to be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee two (2) weeks prior to such vote and notice of such proposed amendment or amendments shall have been given to the FA membership at least five (5) working days in advance of such vote. The Constitution shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the FA who cast their ballots at the next meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws require only a simple majority vote of those casting their ballots at the next meeting of the FA. The total number of ballots cast in either event must equal at least 30 percent of the total voting members of the FA.