

Faculty Association Report

April 2020

Submitted by Dana Tuley-Williams, Secretary

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oklahoma City Community College's physical campus was closed, therefore the Faculty Association was unable to conduct a regular meeting.

In lieu of a meeting, chair Angela Cotner sent out an online ballot for the election of officers.

New and retained officers are:

- Chair Elect: Shanna Padgham, Professor of Political Science
- Chair: George Risinger, Professor of Biology
- Past Chair: Angela Cotner, Professor of English
- Secretary: Dana Tuley-Williams, Systems Librarian
- Treasurer: Michelle Cole, Professor of Biology
- Parliamentarian: Thomas Horne, Professor of English

Additionally, a resolution was passed declaring the Faculty Association's opposition to Guns on Campus legislation. Text of the resolution is below:

The FACULTY ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2019-2020 RESOLUTION OPPOSING GUNS ON CAMPUS

WHEREAS, there have been numerous instances of gun violence on college campuses across the country, in which students, staff, faculty, and innocent bystanders have been injured or killed,

WHEREAS, the possibility of legislation allowing open or concealed carry of firearms by non-law enforcement personnel on college and university campuses emerges each year in the Oklahoma legislative session, and

WHEREAS, a civil, safe and open environment is fundamental to the educational process, and

WHEREAS, no credible research has indicated that allowing guns on campus by non-law enforcement personnel creates a safer environment, and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City Community College and the Oklahoma Legislature have an obligation to the safety of students, faculty, and staff, and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City Community College has a fully-functioning State of Oklahoma authorized police force who are certified to lawfully carry guns on campus, and who are trained to properly manage active shooter situations, then,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Faculty Association of Oklahoma City Community College urges all students, faculty and staff to become educated regarding weapon safety rules in order to avoid firearm related accidents.

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Association of Oklahoma City Community College, on behalf of the faculty of Oklahoma City Community College, strongly opposes any legislation, regulation, policies or procedures that would allow guns on campus by non-law enforcement personnel, subject to current law permitting college Presidents to authorize exceptions on an individual basis.

Respectfully,

Angela D. Cotner

Date

Chair

Action: Passed 30-1, 2019-2020; Revised and passed 30-1, 2017-2018; revised and passed unanimously--2016-2017, 2017-2018; passed unanimously--2014-2015, 2015-2016

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