

# Voice

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Oklahoma City Community College  
**Faculty Association General Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3N0 Main Bldg.  
12:30 - 1:15 pm

## Agenda

- 12:30-12:45
1. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2015 Meeting
  2. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Carlisle)
  3. Chair's Report (Ginnett Rollins)
  4. Old Business/Update
    - a. Regents Roundtable Event: Monday, Feb 15, 12:30-1:30
    - b. List of Faculty for Class Visits by Regents.
    - c. Self-Appraisals/Development Plans
    - d. Investiture Plans Status (Nate Vanden Brook)
    - e. Membership Dues: October 27 for fabulous prizes
    - f. Repurposing of Aquatic Center areas (Nate Vanden Brook)

12:45-1:20

## New Business

1. Survey from Faculty Advisory Council – deadline October 23
2. Scholarship Fall Soup Sale and Silent Auction: Wed, Nov 11 (Tricia Sweany)
3. Moodle Gradebook
4. Glenne' Whisenhunt – P&P Week Faculty Roundtable

### **Executive Committee members:**

Brent Noel, Arts; Jenean Jones, Business; George Risinger, Chemistry and Biological Sciences; Angela Cotner, English and Humanities; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper, Information Technology; Tricia Sweany, Library; Tad Thurston, Mathematics, Engineering, and Physical Sciences; John Ehrhardt, Social Sciences; Ginnett Rollins Chair; Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, Chair-Elect; Fabiola Janiak-Spens, Secretary; Jeff Carlisle, Treasurer; Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Nate Vanden Brook, Past-Chair

### **Treasurer's Tentative Report (as of October 8, 2015)**

Scholarship Account: \$2798.45      General Operating account: \$8045.24

Ray McCullar Scholarship: \$3648.03

**33 total regular members. Dues \$10 per year.**

### **Minutes Faculty Association Meeting September 22, 2015**

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

The minutes from the August 25th meeting with corrections were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### **Chair's Report:**

Ginnett thanked Al Heitkamper for representing OCCC on the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education over the past year.

Two copies of a Faculty Opinion Survey were passed around. This survey is from the State Regents and faculty may be asked to complete this survey sometime in the near future.

The Chair pointed out the importance of Faculty Association scholarship fundraiser and re-emphasized the need for everyone to step up and support the Faculty Association Scholarship Committee in their efforts.

Interactions with Regents: President Steward will discuss the Regents Roundtable with the Regents but wanted to know if there is really a demand for Regents to visit classes. Faculty stated that an "open invitation" to visit special individual classes or events in classes should be extended to the Regents.

The Benefits Committee, chaired by E.J. Warren, is not being dissolved.

Dr. Steward will be consulting with Facilities Management regarding additional Faculty/Staff parking spaces next to VPAC, in Lots C and D.

At the PAC meeting Dr. Steward mentioned that he is forming a committee, chaired by John Boyd, to discuss the repurposing of the Aquatic Center. President Steward stipulated that the space must be for use by students, perhaps for classrooms or a student union.

**Old Business:**

**Self-Appraisal:** The FA Executive Committee will review the forms, suggesting deletions and changes and will bring them to the Faculty Association in October. A survey will be created and sent to the faculty at the end of October for input from faculty.

The purpose of the self-appraisal was discussed. It was pointed out that due to the budget, the self-appraisal will not result in any merit pay/raises. Some questions are needed for accreditation. There is a feeling that there are too many categories and the forms can be streamlined. Deans as well as faculty have different interpretations of the forms.

A motion was made and approved for the Executive Committee to pursue reviewing the current self-appraisal.

**Investiture:** Nate Vanden Brook reported that the ceremony will take place as planned. Faculty are requested to let the organizers know if they plan on attending, even if they are not participating in the procession. The head count is needed for the reception. Faculty can still donate toward the Investiture Scholarship Fund. Money should be given directly to the Foundation or to Jennifer Harrison.

President Steward cannot be part of the Investiture Scholarship Selection Committee, but he requested that financial need and GPA should be taken into consideration for the award. The members of the afore-mentioned Committee have not yet been selected.

**Leave Policy Committee:** Discussion ensued about differences in leave policy interpretation by Deans, specifically two Academic Divisions reported issues. Online office hours and days with no teaching/office hours seem to be the major problems.

The following motion was made: The Executive Committee is asked to explore issues of the leave policy and the discrepancies between divisions. The motion carried.

**New Business:**

The **5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** will take place.  
The **Annual Dues** item was tabled.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fabiola Janiak-Spens  
Secretary

**Chair's Report:**

I attended the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on September 22. OCCC Faculty received the FAC annual opinion survey to prioritize issues important to college and university faculty statewide. October 23 is the deadline for submission via the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3T93X8X>.

Please put the following dates on your calendar and contact Ann Raia or Tricia Sweany to help these fundraising efforts:

FALL SOUP SALE AND SILENT AUCTION – WED. NOV. 11  
SPRING CHILI COOK-OFF – WED. FEB. 3  
SPRING GARAGE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION – TUES. APRIL 5  
THROUGH THURS. APRIL 7

The scholarship nominations are available Nov. 9 and due Nov. 24 to Ann Raia. Please consider nominating a worthy student.

Very respectfully,  
Ginnett Rollins  
Chair, Faculty Association