

Faculty Association Minutes

November 21, 2024

MB 2R7 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM

1. Welcome
2. FA Staff Award Winner - Venkata Sai Simbili from ITS
 - a. Recognized for his work on the SharePoint Migration
3. Updates from Sai from ITS
 - a. After Jan 2025, external storage devices (USB Drives) will no longer be supported by OCCC devices
 - b. USB devices like chargers or mice/keyboards will continue to function
 - i. OCCC devices can tell the difference between a storage device and other USB devices.
 - c. OneDrive is best used for personal storage
 - i. 50 gb of initial storage
 - d. SharePoint is best for large files and sharing (like a shared drive)
 - i. Initial 1 tb of storage
 - e. VPN will no longer be needed after this migration
 - f. Compromised accounts from USB storage devices led to the need for this transition
 - g. Contact Sai for questions or training on SharePoint or OneDrive
4. Announcements
 - a. Friendsgiving is happening
 - b. Free Mom Hugs is holding a table downstairs
 - c. Max Simmons is retiring in December
 - d. Bruce Cook also retiring
5. Previous meeting minutes approved
6. Treasurers Report
 - a. Membership – 68 members
 - b. Balances
 - i. MidFirst Operating Fund
 1. \$10843.99 as of 11/21/24
 - a. \$110 in dues
 - b. \$1485.82 from Chili Cookoff
 - i. Minus \$92 for supplies

1. Check #136 to Joshua Dorl, General Manager for Food Services, 11/21
 - ii. Current Endowed Fund: \$12,502.49 (9/30/23)
 - iii. Expendable Fund: \$7225.97
 - iv. Operating Fund: \$8535.87 (10/15/24)
 1. Awarded \$2500 in scholarships as of 9/30/23
 2. Previous Amounts
 - a. \$7876.69 (9/30/23)
 - b. \$8766.18 (9/30/22)
 - c. Pay dues at the Bursar's office or Cash App \$OcccFacAssoc
 - d. Treasurer's report was approved.
7. Scholarship Committee Update
 - a. Raised over \$1400 in chili cookoff
 - b. 15 chilis were shared
 - c. Winners shared via email
 - d. Deadline to nominate students for fall scholarship is tomorrow
8. Calendar Discussion – Fall 2025
 - a. Proposed Fall Break October 9-12 (Thurs-Sun)
 - i. Classes end October 8
 - ii. Early 8 grades to divisions by 4 pm Thursday. Registrar 10 am Friday.
 1. Once submitted faculty will not need to be on campus but available by email/phone as needed
 - iii. Will most likely not align with K12 fall break
 - b. Missed seat time with fall break and 2 holidays
 - i. Early 8
 1. 1 class period for
 - a. M/W Classes (Labor Day)
 - b. T/TH Classes
 - c. Friday or Saturday only classes
 2. 2 class periods
 - a. M/W/F Classes
 - ii. 16 Week Classes
 1. 1 class period for
 - a. M/W Classes
 - b. Friday or Saturday only classes
 2. 2 class periods
 - a. M/W/F Classes
 - b. T/TH Classes (Veteran's Day)

- c. Open Mon-Wed of Thanksgiving week is a non-starter
 - d. Pretty much this or no Fall Break
 - e. Decisions on whether there are more 16 vs 8 week classes are available is made at a division level
 - i. Faculty encouraged to advocate to chairs and division offices
 - f. Currently no planned Saturday closure outside of Thanksgiving Weekend
 - g. Faculty are asking for more late starts in the event of weather rather than complete closures
 - i. Also asking for more information on when to go virtual through canned message system
 - ii. Asked for more notice when closing/delaying
9. Performance Appraisal
- a. A pilot version coming soon
 - b. Expect to have a goal setting meeting with supervisors
 - c. Classroom observations expected, too
10. Kick-off week schedule coming soon
- a. Feedback was evenly split between yays and nays on whether to have 1 full day of meetings vs. 2 half days
11. USB exceptions for classrooms
- i. ITS said no, however, that appears to still be evolving
 - ii. Be prepared to adapt
 - iii. Division Offices all have a SharePoint contact
 - iv. SS trying to get exceptions for classrooms
12. No President's Meeting (Hoping to meet before January)
13. Advising Conversation
- a. Reached out about starting a taskforce
 - i. Reception was positive
 - ii. Hoping for a Spring start
 - b. Continue to document
 - i. HP hasn't met new advisor
14. Early Alerts
- a. Questions on whether faculty should still submit them
 - b. Process needs to be reevaluated
 - c. Faculty unable to review added documentation from advising
15. Board of Regents
- i. 2 inductees into the OCCC Hall of Fame: Jason Gwynn, Stephanie Wallace
 - b. Shanna Padgham
 - i. 2 of her students came in 3rd for poster presentations

ii. Teacher of the year

c. OCCC is an awardee of a \$750,000 Veteran Grant

d. Named by Newsweek as one of the 250 Best Online Colleges

16. Foundation Update

a. Leslie is no longer with the college

17. Audit Update

a. Good results; one issue noted but attributed to transition to a new system (one-time issue)

Meeting adjourned.