Faculty Association Minutes

February 27, 2024

LIB 407 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from January 2024 Meeting
   1. Minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Membership – 63 members
   2. Balances
      1. Endowed Scholarship Fund: $15,091.00 (as of November 10, 2023) – new balances will be reported with the annual report
      2. Expendable Scholarship Fund: $8,742.69 (as of November 10, 2023) – monthly reports will be made available to the Chair or Treasurer upon request and need 3-5 business days for processing
      3. Checking Account: $9,213.22 ($6 scholarship donation)
   3. Pay dues to your division reps or Cash App $OcccFacAssoc
   4. Treasurer’s report was approved.
4. Special Guest – Joey Croslin, VP HR
   1. Comes to OCCC after 16 years at OCU
   2. Former Air Force member
   3. Working on updating HR tech systems
   4. Engaging with Faculty and Staff to get a feel for what is needed/wanted
5. Staff Award – Todd Rudat, Coordinator Disability Services
6. Scholarship Committee
   1. Silent Auction will be conducted at the beginning of April
      1. Asking all divisions to sponsor a themed basket worth $100-$200
      2. Individuals may also donate items
      3. Goal is to raise $1500 this semester
   2. Bake sale on April 16th and winners of the auction will be announced that day as well
7. Chair Report:
   1. Guns on Campus resolution passed 34 For : 4 Against (60.3% of members voted)
   2. VPAA
      1. Asked about the testing center
         1. Wants specific numbers (estimates on how many students would need this service) by March 9th
      2. Closed Fridays in the summer?
         1. Ask the President
      3. Faculty “Excellence in Teaching” award at commencement?
         1. Ask the President
      4. Early Alert Data
         1. VPAA has access to the statistical data concerning faculty using the early alert system
         2. Faculty are reaching out!
      5. Faculty Office Hours
         1. Is it possible to allow faculty to do their online office hours from anywhere and not be required to be in their office on campus?
         2. This feedback is being given to the faculty handbook committee and is being considered by AA
   3. President
      1. Asked about the testing center
         1. Collaborated with Student Affairs “Let’s make it happen”
            1. Logistics and staffing are being considered
      2. Asked about the Friday closures
         1. It will be happening, announcing soon
         2. Supposed to be a “reward” for all staff as a morale booster
      3. Faculty “Excellence in Teaching” award for commencement
         1. Absolutely
         2. Nomination procedures coming soon
   4. Board of Regents
      1. Expectations are for a flat budget this year (according to Gov. Stitt in his State of the State address)
      2. OCCC signed an agreement with OU College of Education on February 21st.
      3. Interim EVP is Regina Switzer
      4. New Executive Director of Auxiliary Services position has been created
         1. Angelo Cipollone has been hired to fill the position
         2. Oversees Food Services, Bookstore, and VPAC
      5. Foundation had a clean audit
      6. Campus had a clean audit
      7. New fees for Never Attended
         1. $100 per course
         2. Begins Fall 2024
         3. Students will get emails throughout the summer in anticipation of the implementation
   5. Faculty Advisory Council: OSRHE
      1. Report out from most Higher Ed institutions: they have changed the wording and descriptions for DEI officers and offices in response to Gov. Stitt’s executive order
         1. No jobs have been eliminated
         2. Same type of work, just referred to with different language
   6. Other
8. Nominations for FA Officers (Vote scheduled for April meeting)
9. New Business
10. Announcements
    1. Library will be doing a demo for faculty of a new AI workshop focused on students on March 14th
       1. Contact Courtney if you would like to attend
    2. Anyone have feedback on the AI Symposium? You can give additional feedback to your division rep or the chair to be shared with the VPAA
    3. There is no Fall Break scheduled on the academic calendar for this Fall.
    4. April 18th is a Prom for OCCC Students. It’s a come as you are event with no formal dress code, but students may wear formal attire if they choose.
11. Adjournment
    1. Meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM

Respectfully Submitted

Johnny Hill

Faculty Association Secretary 2023-2024