

# **OCCC Faculty Association Minutes**

**October 29, 2024**

**MB 2R7 and Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

FA Chair LiErin Probasco and scholarship committee chair Sara Baker reminded members of the chili cookoff fundraiser on Wednesday. Chair Probasco also noted the “Oklahoma History: The Role of Engagement” event at 1:00 today.

The Staff Award was given to Abi Roe-Phillips from Marketing and Public Relations. Kesley Gittens and Gabriel Gray were also recognized. Abi distributed a flyer with information on requestion projects from MPR.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Membership: 68 members

Balances:

MidFirst Operating Fund: \$9,248.17 as of October 29<sup>th</sup>

There is an additional \$170 to deposit.

Current endowed fund: \$12,502.49 as of September 30, 2023

New amount will be available after annual report.

Expendable Fund: \$8,535.87 as of October 15, 2024

Treasurer’s report was approved.

Chair Report:

VPAA:

- Discussed testing (makeup exams, etc.). Faculty are reminded that if student has accommodation, to utilize the testing space in the Services to Students with Disabilities area. The VP of Student Affairs says that other makeup exams are to be handled within Academic Affairs. If a student wants to register a complaint, they should be referred to Dr. Ortiz.

- Faculty Appraisal Process: Volunteer faculty have been trained to observe other full-time faculty and more training is coming. Faculty members may choose their supervisor or a volunteer to observe them. This will be piloted in the Spring. There will be more information in January. Faculty members can ask for specific feedback.
- Academic Calendar: A final decision has not been made for 2025/26. A new possibility is the addition of virtual learning days that are “tagged” to the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In spring 2025, campus will be open the Saturdays before Presidents’ Day and Spring Break.

President:

- The President wants us to know she has an open door policy.
- We are encouraged to seek funding through the Grants department and Foundation.

Regents’ Meeting:

- F.A. was acknowledged.
- Strategic Plan will be coming out in January.
- The website will be updated, aiming for January.
- The Gala raised \$400,000+ for scholarships.

Other:

Chair Probasco attended the IT open forum on USB access. Exceptions will be available and it may be possible to exempt classrooms. A faculty member reported that exceptions would be tied to individuals, not machines.

Fabulous Prizes were distributed.

A motion to adjourn was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Tuley-Williams

