

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees CONSENT  
FROM: Gari Browning  
DATE: April 8, 2009  
SUBJECT: Sabbatical Leave Proposals, 2009-2010

The Sabbatical Leave Committee consisting of Denise Owen, Art/Interior Design; Kenny Mencher, Art; Michele McDowell, Early Childhood Studies; Teresa Massimo; Walt Birkedahl, Dean, Fine Arts, Business and Broadcasting; and Dr. James Wright, Vice President of Academic Affairs has reviewed the faculty sabbatical leave proposals for 2009-2010, and recommends the following leaves be granted:

Luc Desmedt	Physics	Spring 2010
Barbara Tull	English	Full Year

Tom Holcomb of Deaf Studies will also be on sabbatical for the 2009-10 year. The Board originally approved his proposal for 2008-09 and subsequently approved his request to postpone his sabbatical to 2009-10.

An abstract of each faculty member's proposal is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the recommendations of the Sabbatical Leave Committee and Dr. Wright.

DT: jw/ct

Attachment

Luc Desmedt, Physics  
Sabbatical Leave Proposal  
Spring 2010

Abstract

Luc will use his sabbatical leave to gain hands-on experience with the atomic force microscope (AFM) and the scanning electron microscope (SEM), both of which were recently acquired for use at the Newark and Fremont campuses. He will create a manual to assist our lab technicians with the supervision and maintenance of this equipment. He will also conduct a survey in local industry to assess the need for technicians using these instruments, which could lead to the development of at least two new courses: 1) a specific training course in the use of these microscopes at the technician level for Ohlone students and clients from industry, and 2) an introductory course in nanotechnology.

Barbara Tull, English  
Sabbatical Leave Proposal  
Fall 2009/Spring 2010

Abstract

Barbara will use her sabbatical leave to take courses in Reading/Basic Skills and in Creative Writing to update her knowledge and skills in these areas. She intends to take a minimum of 15 units over the year including courses in reading/basic skills methodology and research, probably through Cal-State Fullerton's Post Secondary Reading and Learning certificate. She may also take courses in creative writing, through UCLA extension's Writing Program. She will also conduct research for English 117, Science Fiction and Fantasy literature.

Thomas K. Holcomb, Deaf Studies  
Sabbatical Leave Proposal  
Fall 2009/Spring 2010  
(Board Approved for 2008-09 but postponed to 2009-2010)

Abstract

Tom will use his sabbatical leave to complete two projects. First, he will update his textbook Deaf Culture: Our Way, which he co-authored in 1994. The second project is to write a new textbook. Although Deaf Culture: Our Way is full of anecdotes of the deaf experience, there is a need for a formal textbook that examines Deaf Culture from an academic perspective. Tom has been working on a manuscript that would address this need and will use the sabbatical leave to finish it, submit it for publication, and make the textbook available for use by his students.