



A World of Cultures United in Learning

**Faculty Senate Meeting
March 19, 2008
4:00-5:00 pm
Newark campus, room 1222**

Senate Representatives Present: Susan Myers, Nancy Pauliukonis, Sharon Briggs, Terry Taskey, Victoria Loukianoff, Alan Kirshner, JoRainie Rodgers, Jim McManus, Bob Mitchell,

Others Present: Deb Parziale, Chris Williamson

1. Announcements

The air exchange at Newark has been changed; as a result, there have been fewer health issues.

Debbie Trigg has moved the Student Achievement Awards ceremony to April 17. The reception will be at 5:15, and the ceremony will begin at 6:00.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with corrections.

3. Title III Report Parziale

The Senate heard a brief update on Title III activities.

- Learning College seminars are taking place about once a week at the Fremont campus; college hours are occurring twice a week on the Newark campus. Some expressed the desire to have the same on the Fremont campus.
- Scanner project—to promote student success in student services area. All information -- transcripts, petitions, waivers, educational plans, etc. will be available online to be accessed with ease. Documents are being digitalized so that both students and other faculty will have access. Students registration should go more smoothly as well.
- There is currently no Learning Community Coordinator, so Deb is filling in until someone is named. Some issues re: learning communities may be addressed next registration process and can then be shared with all counselors and faculty. One idea is to improve advertising to students; the Title III Gazette was distributed last semester, and this spring they may put together a Learning Community brochure instead. Please share any information you would like to have included with Deb. Some faculty requested that two linked courses be taught in the same room, back to back, so that teachers can meet and coordinate better. The Learning community

- coordinator receives 40% release time. The position may be difficult to fill with recent budget limitations.
- Title III projects address “unprepared students,” so money is used for projects addressing that need.

4. Outstanding Faculty Award Parziale

The Senate discussed criteria for the Outstanding Faculty of the Year award.

- Staff development is working on classified employee-of-the-year and faculty member-of-the-year awards. Thanks for Jackie Whitehouse for her work on this. In the past there was no criteria for selecting people for the awards. Staff Development is working on a document outlining guidelines for the awards.

Motion: If the award goes forward, Faculty Senate makes the recommendation to Staff Development that the name be changed to “faculty recognition.” (Kirshner)

Second: No second.

5. Outstanding Alumni McManus, Tull, Niccolls

The Senate discussed the nominated alumni to speak at the 2008 commencement ceremony. Both candidates have excellent credentials and are both located outside of the United States—one lives in Japan, and the other in South Africa.

It was decided to award the honor to both individuals.

6. Title 5 Changes Myers

The Senate discussed Title 5 regulation changes. Part 1 discussion centered on changes as to what constitutes an Associate Degree. This was handled by the Curriculum committee. Part II is Senate’s domain rather than the curriculum committee; many changes involve cleaning up language regarding course repetition and withdrawals.

We, as body that makes recommendations regarding policies and procedures, must make sure our procedures are in line with Title V’s new changes, and our policies and procedures must reflect what we want to see happen.

Two areas need attention:

1. Course repetition and withdrawals- Chris Williamson has been working to implement Title V changes that are now law. The changed will be implemented in July; some changes will need to be made in Datatel.
2. Grade Changes- we may need to review the language of our current policy.

Presently, a student can repeat a course one time and we get apportionment. To repeat the class a second time, he must fill out a petition for approval, take it to A& R, and enroll.

New- if the student receives a sub-standard grade, he can repeat the course twice, and we will get apportionment. We can also receive apportionment if the student receives up to four Ws.

Q: With the new regulations, can Ohlone set a different standard such as allowing fewer repetitions?

A: We will have to check to see what is a local decision, and what is mandated by Title 5. After this, we can update our policies if necessary.

There is a team at the college working on this. Perhaps Kimberly Roby or Ron Travenick can come to a Senate meeting to field questions.

7. President's Report - Myers

- The budget next year is expected to have a \$2.5M shortfall due to reduced revenue from property taxes and due to increased costs of step and column increases and Newark staffing. Ohlone will need to find sources of revenue:

Ideas:

1. recruit more international students
 2. identify grants
 3. ask the foundation to work on identifying sources in the community
 4. Decide what to do with empty faculty positions.
- Our next meeting will be April 16; this will be a big meeting. Dr. Treadway will talk about positions currently open.
 - Remaining Senate meetings: April 16, April 30 and May 14
 - Presidential search- finalists have been selected; interviews will be April 2.
 - April 14 - forums are planned to meet the finalists

8. All Other Business

- Discuss the opening of space on the Fremont campus; Senate/UFO should have a combined faculty senate/UFO office.
- UFO is attempting to get liability insurance for its executive council; if the union were sued, each member of executive council would be named; should the Faculty Senate executive committee be covered by the same insurance.