



OHLONE
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A World of Cultures United in Learning

Faculty Senate Minutes

April 16, 2008

3:30-5:00 pm

Room 1307

Senate Representatives Present: Susan Myers, Barbara Tull, Nancy Pauliukonis, Terry Taskey, Victoria Loukianoff, Yvette Niccolls, Alan Kirshner, Wayne Yuen, Jo Rainie Rodgers, Gary Mishra, Jim McManus

Others Present: Elliott Cragen, Deb Parziale, Connie Olsen, Maria Ramirez, Ron Travenick, Mike DeUnamuno, Stephanie Ramos, Doug Treadway, Chris Warden

1. Announcements

- The Student Ambassadors are requesting help for Welcome Day on August 27. Eight faculty members are needed to conduct workshops for students. Senators should speak with constituents, and any interested instructors should contact Allison Bly.
- Earth Week Committee- Earth Week activities are planned for April 21st to 24th. Senators should talk to their constituents to encourage offering extra credit to students who attend Earth Week events; sign-in sheets will be at the event for this purpose. Additional programs, posters, and information are available in the ASOC office.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with corrections.

3. Chicano Studies DeUnamuno

- The Senate heard an update on the Chicano Studies program. Latino enrollment has historically experienced declines and growth in enrollment. Retention has been high, due in a large part to the Puente Project and Raza Day. Chicano Studies is currently experiencing growth in enrollment resulting from successful collaboration with high schools and the community. Involvement in student clubs, ASOC, and leadership conferences is strong.
- Ohlone is the only school to have a Chicano Studies Department; the program is a good retention tool. The program is presently staffed by part time instructor.

- Ohlone can help by supporting the Chicano Studies Program, by filling the full time tenure track position, and by supporting Raza Day.

4. **Copyright and Fair Use-- Cragen**

- The Senate discussed copyright and fair use in terms of what is appropriate and legal for instructors to use in the classroom. Professors and the college can be held liable for abuse of copyright laws involving printed materials, movie clips, audio clips, and other sources. With digitalization, there is increasing concern about copyright violation.
- Ohlone should take a proactive approach by reviewing and determining the currency of Ohlone's copyright policy, making recommendations regarding the policy, and distributing it to staff and faculty at the beginning of each semester. A committee consisting of faculty, staff, and administrators should review the policy, institute training, and determine compliance.
- More information is available on the professional development website. Senators should speak with constituents regarding their interest in joining an ad hoc committee on copyrighting.

5. **Title 5 Changes Myers**

- The Senate discussed Title 5 regulation changes regarding course repetition. Course repeatability is a local decision. Currently we are given apportionment for a student who repeats a course to raise a substandard grade one time. The change would allow a student to repeat a course twice to raise a substandard grade and receive apportionment.
- Kirshner: questioned changing a policy that is educationally sound simply because we are going to be paid for it; it should not be a financial matter.
- There is still the chance that the state may not go through with a regulation change. Question: If the new Title V regulation allows students to get up to 4 Ws, can we be more restrictive?
- Kimberly Roby and Ron Travenick will come to the next Senate meeting to address questions.

6. **Academic Staffing Myers**

- The Senate discussed vacant faculty positions in terms of the current budget situation and the Educational Master Plan. The college is examining ways to address the budget shortfall next year. The college will be cutting back by not filling some positions that are being vacated. Some positions are in the middle of a search: Biotech, LD Specialist, Chicano Studies. There are still some vacancies that may not

be filled: Instructional Technologist, Librarian, Nursing, CAOT. There will be one retirement. The Dean of Deaf Studies is in the final process.

- The college is waiting for a definitive state budget. The college will adhere to the 50% rule—50% of the budget must be spent on instruction. Faculty positions can be filled by adjuncts. There is a freeze on classified and management hiring.
- The English Language Institute (ELI) position will go forward because it is a revenue generating position, increasing international student enrollment.
- The Senate may want to revisit our priorities as a college, reviewing the empty positions. Instead of waiting for the administration to bring a position to the Senate, we should first clarify our priorities.
- The Instructional Technologist position has been updated to include work with faculty and staff; it could be expanded to address all types of learning, not only e-learning, e.g. professional development, courses on technology, and curriculum development.

7. President's Report - Myers

The next meeting will take place April 30 on the Fremont Campus.