

Minutes

Ohlone College Faculty Senate
November 5, 2008
3:30 – 4.30 PM
Room 1307
(Video Conference Room)

Members Present:

Bob Bradshaw, Sharon Briggs, Claire Ellis, Anu Ganguly, Alan Kirshner, Victoria Loukianoff, Jim McManus, Bob Mitchell, Susan Myers, Jeff Roberts, JoRainie Rodgers, Terry Taskey, Wayne Yuen

Members Absent: Alyce Reynolds, Barbara Tull

Others: Deb Parziale, Rachel Sherman, Kay Harrison, Jim Wright, Gari Browning

Start meeting: 3.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from October 15, 2008 (Action Item)

Minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements (Information)

- a. Ohlone Softball team is raising money by selling Candy. Checks should be made payable to Ohlone Softball. Cash is also OK.
- b. Ohlone Foundation is working on a Affinity program with Fremont Bank. As part of this plan, Fremont Bank offers a mortgage package exclusively for Ohlone faculty and staff. As an Ohlone college employee we will have a dedicated Fremont Bank loan agent working for us. Mortgages package includes no application fees, no closing costs, no points, aggressive pricing and a \$250 visa gift card. Dave Smith wanted to know if Fremont bank should make a presentation to faculty/staff on this. Members of the Senate felt that it would be appropriate to call an agent on both campuses to brief us more.

3. Star of the Month – Bob Bradshaw (Information)

- a. The star program used to be there for all faculty and staff. Bob Bradshaw asked if we should resurrect it, as it is a great way to appreciate good work.
- b. SOAR doesn't want to deal with this program
- c. Staff Development Committee under Deb Parziale has written the criteria for Faculty and Staff of the year, which the Senate has previously viewed. Their Faculty of the Year award is now going to be broadened to include Adjunct Faculty. Staff Development Committee prefers the Senate to take this responsibility of the star of the month.
- d. Some senators felt that a monthly award would dispel some of the tension, bad feelings as opposed to giving one award once a year. At the same time it would appreciate a faculty/staff's hard work.
- e. President Browning said that we could introduce the star of the month to the board at their meetings.

- f. Senate felt that we could handle the responsibility of the Star of the Month. A few faculty could be allocated to take over the reestablishing of the Star of the month. It should not be a lot of work.
- g. This will be back as an action item for the next meeting.

4. Academic Calendars – Bob Bradshaw (Action Item)

- a. 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 calendars were discussed.
- b. Senators discussed the responses from their constituents regarding the calendar.
- c. The start of the Spring semesters on the third week of January was acceptable. The Spring Break timing was also acceptable.
- d. Senate felt that it could not decide on the graduation day without polling all faculty. Perhaps the ASOC needs to be polled too as it was the student's night.
- e. Nursing faculty still get two blocks of 8 weeks before and after Spring Break
- f. Two motions were passed
 - (i) Motion by Alan Kirshner, seconded by Anu Ganguly: Accept for 2010-11 & 2011-12 the calendar submitted by Mike Bowman that starts Spring semester in the third week in January and has Veteran's day on November 11 with graduation being moved to the last day of exams--Friday
 - (ii) Substitute Motion – proposed by Jim McManus, seconded by (?).
Delay decision on the exact graduation date until we have polled faculty and students. This was passed with 2 members abstaining. Motion passed
 - (iii) Original motion passes without specifying graduation. Graduation date will be discussed at the next meeting after getting feedback from faculty and students.
This was passed with two senators opposing.

5. Curriculum Proposal – Rachael Sherman (Action Item)

- a. The main proposal is that the Deans (Walt Birkedahl, Ron Quinta and Mikelyn Stacy) manage the five general AA degrees which are Business, Liberal Arts, Fine arts, Natural Science, and Social Science.
- b. Deans were contacted via e-mail about this and they are fine with it. Deans were required to approve petitions and did not see any extra work involved with this as that is work that they already do.
- c. Jim Wright has mentioned that the Liberal Arts degree needs some work
- d. The Liberal arts degree and some General Majors need revision to give students more options. For revision of these degrees the counseling department agreed to work with the Curriculum committee.
- e. Area of emphasis and Area of concentration in a degree is a local decision. No state approval necessary.
- f. A Motion was made by Alan Kirshner, seconded by Bob Mitchell.
Support the Curriculum Committee recommendation that the respective Deans manage the five General degrees which are Business, Liberal Arts, Fine arts, Natural Science, and Social Science.
This was passed with all in favor.
- g. The Curriculum Committee will decide if the area of emphasis and concentration should be on the transcript and if students should be able to apply for more than one general degree.

6. Emeritus Speaker Proposal – Kay Harrison (Information)

- a. Many universities invite Emeritus professors to return to their campus and speak. The Speech and Communication Department would like to sponsor such a series of

- presentations beginning the Spring of '09. The department will do the work of inviting speakers and other logistics.
- b. The proposal included an honorarium for the speakers in the form of a gift certificate of 50-100 dollars. The Speech Department has no budget for this. They are requesting Faculty Senate to assist with this funding. We cant ask ASOC as this is mostly a Faculty issue. The Senate was warm to the idea of funding.
 - c. Certain speakers could be at the World Forum level, others need a smaller forum.
 - d. The lectures could end with an informal coffee.
 - e. The lectures could be also be made available on the Web
 - f. This is an action item for next meeting.

7. Others

- a. The senators should go back to their constituents and ask them what they feel about Graduation being on a Thursday or Friday of the week prior to Memorial day Week
- b. News from Alan Kirshner, UFO President: Interim Dean of Human Resources Carol Green has informed CEER that the current proposal (particularly the hours) by which we calculate sick days and personal necessity days is not acceptable to the district. More information will be shared on this.
- c. There has been a change of regime at the Board. Teresa Cox has won over Bob Brunton (52 to 46) and Greg Bonaccorsi has also been elected with a 70% majority.

Meeting Adjourned: 4.30 pm