

Minutes

Ohlone College Faculty Senate
November 19, 2008
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Room 1307
(Video Conference Room)

Members Present:

Bob Bradshaw, Anu Ganguly, Alan Kirshner, Victoria Loukianoff, Jim McManus, Bob Mitchell, Susan Myers, Alyce Reynolds, Jeff Roberts, JoRainie Rodgers, Terry Taskey, Barbara Tull, Wayne Yuen

Members Absent: Sharon Briggs, Claire Ellis

Others: Kay Harrison

Start meeting: 3.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Announcements

- a. Bob Bradshaw said Faculty who collaborate to develop team-taught lessons within a learning community may be eligible to receive flex credit. Flex credit will be awarded to the instructor(s) teaching the lesson in their non-assigned class(es). A total of 4 hours of flex may be received for this type of activity each semester. An "Individual Flex Proposal and Report" form needs to be completed, signed by the Dean, and submitted to the Professional Development Coordinator.
- b. Tonight is NASA night which has been running for the fourth year in a row. This is a program where NASA scientists come to Ohlone college to speak to students and staff about space related topics.

2. Approval of minutes from November 5, 2008

Substitute motion in item 4 (f .ii) was seconded by Anu Ganguly.
Minutes were unanimously approved with this change incorporated.

3. Academic Calendars - Graduation 2011 and 2012 (Action Item)

- a. Bob Bradshaw got feedback from personnel in Student Government that students wanted graduation on Friday night. He also contacted appropriate personnel in CSEA, Graduation Committee and Campus Security. None of them had a strong preference for either a Thursday or a Friday night graduation . He hasn't heard back from Buildings and Grounds yet.
- b. Most senators said that their faculty preferred graduation on Friday night.
- c. It was a concern that if neighboring colleges had graduation on the same night as Ohlone then it would impact attendance of our students and their families. However, Chabot College has it's graduation on Saturday mornings so this might not be an issue.
- d. A motion was made by Alan Kirshner for Graduation to be on a Friday night. This was seconded by Barbara Tull. Motion was passed with one senator opposing.
- e. Bob Bradshaw mentioned that Walt Birkedahl has pointed out a typo in the 2009-2010 calendar which the senate approved a year ago. The calendar had listed the last day of classes to be on two different dates on the same calendar. This probably happened due to two versions of the calendar which was not compiled correctly. Bob urged senators to take a closer look at the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 calendars and check for inconsistencies.
- f. Bob Bradshaw mentioned that we need to approve calendars much in advance as Datatel is built based on the calendar that the Senate approves and this process starts 16 months in advance.

4. Emeritus Speaker Program - (Action Item)

- a. A motion was made by Alan Kirshner that the Faculty Senate provide a stipend of \$200 per speaker for the Emeritus Speaker Program. This was for upto 2 speakers per semester and so long as funds were available. This was seconded by Anu Ganguly and passed with all in favor.
- b. There are potentially 40 Emeritus faculty who could be speakers.
- c. If Faculty Senate should run out of money to fund this stipend we could ask the Union to contribute.
- d. Bob Bradshaw mentioned that at the Foundation meeting, one Board member suggested that we do more such Speaker programs. It is possible that if the Senate were to run out of funding the Foundation might help us with the stipend. The Foundation already contributes \$2000 towards the retirement party.
- e. Motion was made by UFO President, Alan Kirshner that the Faculty Senate request the UFO to provide additional funding for this program in the form of travel support to Emeritus speakers coming from outside the Bay area. This motion was seconded by Bob Mitchell and passed with all in favor.

5. Others

- a. There have been inaccuracies in the Monitor on their reports on matters discussed in the Faculty Senate meetings. Bob Bradshaw will talk to Bill Parks about this.
- b. Bob Bradshaw has posted the guidelines for the Star of the month on the website. This item will be up at the next month's agenda.
- c. Last year as a fundraiser for the Newark campus the Foundation was selling bricks. A large number of bricks are still unsold. Bob Bradshaw suggested that the Faculty Senate could buy a \$150 brick for each faculty that is retiring. Some senators suggested that in addition, the Senate could also buy an annual brick. We should talk to individual departments on campus and request them to buy a brick.
- d. Victoria Loukianoff said that 35% of all faculty pay their Senate dues. We can distribute envelopes with faculty names written on them on Flex day and have faculty return these envelopes back to Victoria with or without the dues. In the past, dues used to be taken out of the paychecks. Some senators proposed that this might be a better idea and recommended that the dues be taken out of the faculty paychecks once a year. Bob Bradshaw said that we might want to wait until (if) Lyle Engeldinger comes back before we do this change.

Adjourn meeting: 3.55 pm