

Minutes

Ohlone College Faculty Senate
February 18, 2009
3:30 - 5.00 PM
Room 1407

Members Present:

Bob Bradshaw, Anu Ganguly, Victoria Loukianoff, Jim McManus, Bob Mitchell, Alyce Reynolds, Jeff Roberts, JoRainie Rodgers, Wayne Yuen,

Members Absent: Sharon Briggs, Claire Ellis, Alan Kirshner, Susan Myers, Terry Taskey, Barbara Tull,

Others: Brenda Ahntholtz, Mike Bowman, Rachel Sherman, Jim Wright

Start meeting: 3.30 pm

1. Announcements

- a. ASOC president Jackie McCulley announced the "March in March - Rescue Education" event to be held on March 16th. This is a march to the State Capitol in Sacramento to express support towards state funding for the California Community Colleges. Buses will pick up students from Ohlone and Chabot College and will head to Sacramento. Jackie urged the Senate to help publicize this event and requested teachers give extra credit for their students participating in this event.
- b. Bob Bradshaw reminded the Senate about a Flex activity on Syllabi. Rachel suggested that all faculty be e-mailed to see if we can gather a group of faculty who will volunteer to do this event.
- c. Bob Bradshaw announced that the Foundation continues to have it's "Employee Giving Program". Employees can contribute to their favorite fund, establish a new fund or award, endowment, scholarship etc. If the college can show that a significant percentage of their employees are involved in this program then it makes it much easier to get additional private funding in these areas.
- d. Bob Bradshaw announced that in early February the Accreditation Office noted in a letter to the College that they have received the update on changes that have been affected at the College over the past 6 months and that we are making good progress. We are still on a "warning" status. Other schools in the area are in a similar or worse status this year. The next set of changes will go out on March 15th to the Accreditation team. Jim Wright mentioned that we made good progress on program review and PIO related objectives, however work needed to be done in terms of tying the areas of program review, planning and budget together.

e. Bob Bradshaw mentioned that the Faculty of the Month is Wayne Takakuwa. Wayne is very pleased to receive this recognition and he will be happy to receive recognition at the March 11 Board Meeting.

f. Victoria mentioned that some students complained last semester that although classes at the Newark campus were scheduled to be held from Monday thru Thursday, the Final Exam however was scheduled to be on a Friday. This creates difficulties for students who may not be able to show up on a Friday to take the Final. Some Senators felt that if the date of the Final Exam was put in the syllabus and mentioned on the first day of class, then that should give the students sufficient notice for them to make arrangements to show up on the Final Exam day. Jim Wright mentioned that perhaps it was a good idea to have the Senate take another look at the Final Exam scheduling and do another review of Finals Week. Bob Bradshaw asked Senators to poll their constituents to see if the faculty wanted this issue to be revisited by the Senate.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2009 (Action Item)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Grade Change Form (Action Item)

Bob Bradshaw asked the Senate for a motion to approve the Grade Change Form submitted by Ron Travenick in the last Senate meeting. Motion to approve by Jeff Roberts and seconded by Wayne Yuen. This motion was passed with all senators in favor.

4. Report from Curriculum regarding AP scores (Information)

- a. Rachel reported that the Curriculum Committee has approved the GE Committee's recommendation that the College accept AP exams with a minimum score of 3 to meet area requirements for Plan A general education. These changes would put the college in line with scores and areas already accepted by the CSU's and UC's.
- b. Rachel handed out an AP score chart which was approved at the Curriculum Committee. The areas in the chart highlighted in blue reflect newly added disciplines that will now accept AP scores. The Curriculum Committee agreed that Cultural Diversity and Information Competency GE areas would not be met by any AP exams and that it would remain within the authority of discipline faculty to make decisions regarding any course equivalencies that might be met by AP exams. The vote on the issue of AP scores was unanimous at the GE committee but not quite unanimous at the Curriculum committee, although it passed in both committees.
- c. The faculty Senate favorably accepted this report.

5. Others

None

Adjourn meeting: 4.35 pm