

Minutes

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Claire Ellis, Alyce Reynolds,

Others: Eddie West, Gary Browning, Jim Wright Ron Travenick.....

**Start meeting: 3.30 pm**

**1. Announcements**

- a. Bob announced that Brenda will compile inputs from all faculty and write up the pro and con statements for the Faculty Chair vote. Vote will be on Survey Monkey for all full time faculty. For part time faculty the vote will be on both paper and Survey Monkey..
- b. Bob Bradshaw mentioned that the Facilities are doing a master planning for the next 5-10 years. This would look into tearing and expanding buildings. Ron Travenick said it might take longer as bond issues are involved. Victoria was concerned about the mess the construction would lead to. Bob mentioned that he had brought up this issue with Dr. Browning and Mike Calagari. Students are pushing for a Student Lounge. Alan mentioned that discussion of a Student Lounge and perhaps a Faculty Lounge should be on the next meeting's agenda.

**2. Approval of Minutes from March 4 meeting**

Alan mentioned that item # 5 should include opinions of the Senate members regarding the change of meeting timing. The minutes were approved with this change made (addition of 5(d) in March 4 minutes).

**3. International Programs (Information) - Eddie West**

- a. Bob mentioned that he met with Eddie West and Dr. Browning last Fall and he was convinced that International Programs generated substantial revenue for the college.
- b. Eddie mentioned that the number of International students have grown from about 60 or so in 2006-2007 to about 258 currently. These 258 represent students from 34 countries with China being the leading country with 97 students. International Students only refer to those students on a F1 Visa status. The fact that other area colleges such as DeAnza, Foothill, CCSF have close to 2000 International students, suggests that Ohlone has a lot of potential to grow in this area.

c. With most of the fixed costs of the International Office already in place, this year the net revenue from this program would be close to a million dollars which could be used towards general funds of the college.

d. Victoria wondered about the length of time our International students spent taking courses at Ohlone and what happened if they drop their classes. Eddie mentioned that these students were required by contract and by F1 visa regulations to hold a full time status.

e. Alan observed that most of the students seem to be coming from one region/country. He asked what plans have been made to recruit a more diverse group of students. Alan wondered about the breakdown of the international student population in other campuses. Eddie mentioned that the Ohlone international student population reflects the local demographics as most students come to Ohlone/Fremont because they are being referred by a relative or a friend. Eddie mentioned that as partners of a US department of State grant Ohlone will be receiving about 15-20 Egyptian students. Alan mentioned that we should plug into Alumni from foreign countries to help with international recruitment.

f. Barbara and Susan said that it is often very challenging to put international students in the classes they need due to the fact that they arrive in late summer/early August by which times many classes are full. Barbara mentioned that faculty should be alerted ahead of time about the possible arrival of international students. Bob mentioned that this problem could be handled by contacting individual faculty and doing it one student at a time. Eddie mentioned that Datatel is already flagging Students on F1 visa.

g. Eddie mentioned about areas of targeted outreach such as the US department of State grant that will bring in Egyptian students, the BIE grant which will enable new courses in International Business and International marketing, the English Language Institute which is Community Education based, and other disciplines that are been targeted by the International Programs office such as Engineering, Athletic Training, Music, Environmental Studies etc.

h. Eddie talked about a Ohlone delegation that is going to China this April to do outreach. No money from general funds will be used for this trip. The trip will be funded by a gift from the Zheziang Vocational Academy of Arts, the English Language Institute and the BIE grant.

i. Eddie also gave an update about the Study abroad program. The Study abroad in Sydney planned for Fall 2009 has a good number of students enrolled already. The BIE grant funds opportunities for student internships abroad and faculty teaching abroad. Eddie mentioned about the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation act, which if passed, would help the study abroad program immensely in terms of funding.

j. Bob mentioned that that we should not view International students as taking seats from local students. Instead, if sufficient international students were to enroll/waitlist for a class then we could open another section, which would help local students with scheduling conflicts. Bob urged all faculty to help with international student recruitment in their visits abroad.

**Adjourn meeting: 4.20 pm**