



Search for the new president continues

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The search for a new college president is continuing on schedule, with a target deadline for applications of Feb. 28. So far, the search committee has received a number of applications and expects to receive more as the deadline approaches.

The search committee is a collection of people from all over Ohlone who are interested in helping select the next president. These people include faculty members Jon Degallier, Sheldon Helms, Dennis Keller, Susan

Myers and Rob Smedfjeld, ASOC President Tatyana Hamady and ASOC Senator Alexander Rhone, California School Employees Association (CSEA) President Linda Evers, classified staff, administrators Debbie Trigg and Chris Warden and community member Jan Vincent, who will be meeting with the 8 to 10 finalists.

From March 3-7, the search committee will be reviewing and rating the applications. The committee will not disclose whom they are interviewing, due to potential awkwardness with the interviewees' employers. They also declined to disclose the number of applicants

so far, in order to avoid jeopardizing the search. By March 13, a second meeting will take place to select the 8 to 10 semi-finalists by interviews. Afterward, the interviews will be reviewed by the committee.

On April 1 and 2, there will be an all-day meeting with the search committee and interviews with the last semi-finalists. From there, the committee will select the last 4 to 5 finalists. Then, on April 14 and 15 there will be public forums at the NUMMI from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. The Board of Trustees will interview the finalists later in the afternoon and evening.

By late April, the Board of Trustees should appoint a new president. However, if the Board cannot decide on a single applicant, the whole search process will start again. If that were to happen, the school would have an interim president - a temporary president to take Doug Treadway's place until the Board agrees on a candidate.

Treadway, who took the position in 2002, will keep it until June 30; the school is hoping for a small amount of overlap. The search committee and Board of Trustees are hoping to select an applicant by late June or early July.

Moss and Javier named election commissioners

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selves for the position, while Kevin Feliciano nominated prospective senator Esmerelda Leon. The vote to elect an Elections Commissioner required a two-thirds vote, which none of the senators received, so it was decided that Javier and Leon, the recipients of the most votes, would share the position and responsibility.

A money request for clickers was also discussed by the ASOC. A clicker is a small remote control device with 12 buttons that allows students to interact with a lecture and submit answers the instructor could then use as feedback. The request of \$999 was met with some criticism from members of the ASOC based on the price of the units and their own personal

experiences with the clickers having technical problems and hardly being used in the classroom. ASOC Vice President Jackie McCulley said that in her past experiences with the clickers "something always goes wrong."

There was also the issue that the \$999 price offered had expired on Jan. 31. ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano is looking to get a new quote for the clicker system. A vote to approve the funds was put off for next week.

The upcoming club days on Feb. 20 and 21 were also discussed. Some of the prizes being offered by the ASOC via a raffle to get students interested in exploring and participating in clubs are a \$50 gift card as well as three spots in Parking Lot N for the first half of

the semester. Vice President McCulley asked the ASOC to approve \$120 for the activities for the club day events.

For students to participate in the raffle, they must collect three stickers by visiting each club's table and, after learning about the club, receiving a sticker. After they have collected a sticker from three different clubs, they are eligible to participate in the raffle. The money request for \$120 was approved by the ASOC.

Another money request was made for approximately \$6,000 so that a student identification machine can be added to the Newark Campus.

The machine would contain a keyboard, camera and some sort of card creation system for the stu-

dents of the Newark Campus. If the machine is placed on the Newark Campus it could serve as a convenience for the students who attend there and also cut back on some of the congestion created by the many nursing, physical therapy and other students who come to Ohlone for the Student ID.

ASOC Representative at Large Zuhail Bahaduri said she would be creating new questionnaires for students to fill out about the state of the college and asked for ideas for questions that would represent the students' concerns.

Bahaduri plans to offer energy drinks to students who complete the survey as an incentive for their time.

Board of Trustees Student Representative Ken Steadman spoke on

behalf of the Live Music Committee and outlined some of his plans for upcoming performances.

Steadman said that he would be making a proposal to the ASOC next week for an upcoming live event.

Steadman did mention that the a prize for the best performances would be the creation of a music video for that group whose performance was deemed the best.

Bahaduri announced that there would be a parking committee urgent meeting at noon on Thursday, Feb. 14 in the ASOC room to discuss the future of Lot N.

Students are encouraged to attend and to discuss the allotment of the parking spaces to students. Currently, seven spots are taken by clubs, leaving nine that clubs have yet to claim.

Brunton, students to get together

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and should come to the Board's attention. I hope that both students and employees will feel welcome to share. I will try to answer all questions posed and hope to be able to ask them some of my own," he added.

Some of the issues Brunton intends to discuss are: student housing, parking structures, the frontage property development, athletic field improvements and the selection of the new Ohlone president.

However, other Board members, faculty and staff have brought up possible problems with Brunton's plans, specifically as the talks are due to coincide with this spring's visit by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) - a visit that invariably brings great scrutiny to a college's policies and operations. None of Brunton's critics would go on the record.

According to Page 166 of the Community College League of California (CCLC) Trustee Handbook for 2008, "A cardinal rule of effective trusteeship is that no individual trustee directs or becomes involved in staff activities...When directly approached by individual staff, boards and trustees listen, but do not take action on employee requests. Employee concerns should be directed to internal lines of authority and should not be addressed by individual trustees or the board."

Additionally, Page 4-5 of the CCLC Resources for Governing Board on Codes of Ethics section on Trustee Conduct regarding "Communicating with staff and students" states: "The board and CEO should discuss and reach agreement on protocols for trustee contact with other college administrators, faculty, and classified staff members. Ethical trustees support the authority of the CEO position and respect established lines of communication. Student and employee complaints to trustees should be referred directly through appropriate channels or to the chief executive officer."

Although Brunton will be a candidate in the upcoming Board elections, he said his cafeteria visits are not intended to be political.

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