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McCulley, Baca, Grover elected

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Voting for next year's ASOC executive officers concluded with Jackie McCulley winning for president, Aditya Grover for representative at large and Lauran Baca for student member for the Board of Trustees. The ASOC members were unable to conclude the counting of votes for the position of vice president by Wednesday night, leaving the contest between Justin Hamady and Kevin Feliciano open.

Most college students in their busy schedules have minimal time to eat, which made it for many an easy decision to participate in the student government elections. After submitting their votes, students chose between the reward of a Krispy Kreme doughnut and a Chipotle burrito, paid for by the ASOC.

The position of president was a race between McCulley and herself. With no opponents, she won the position of ASOC president with 189 votes. McCulley has two and a half years of ASOC experience and prior experience as ASOC vice president. She said she hopes to get most of the "grunt work" done over the summer and be fresh and ready for the fall.

The representative at large position went to Grover, who has served as an ASOC senator for two semesters.

For the position of student member of the Board of Trustees, first year student Lauren Baca and current ASOC Representative at Large Zahul Bahaduri were in the running. Bahaduri dropped out of the running on Tuesday, citing her desire to further her interest in becoming a pre-med student, leaving Baca no com-

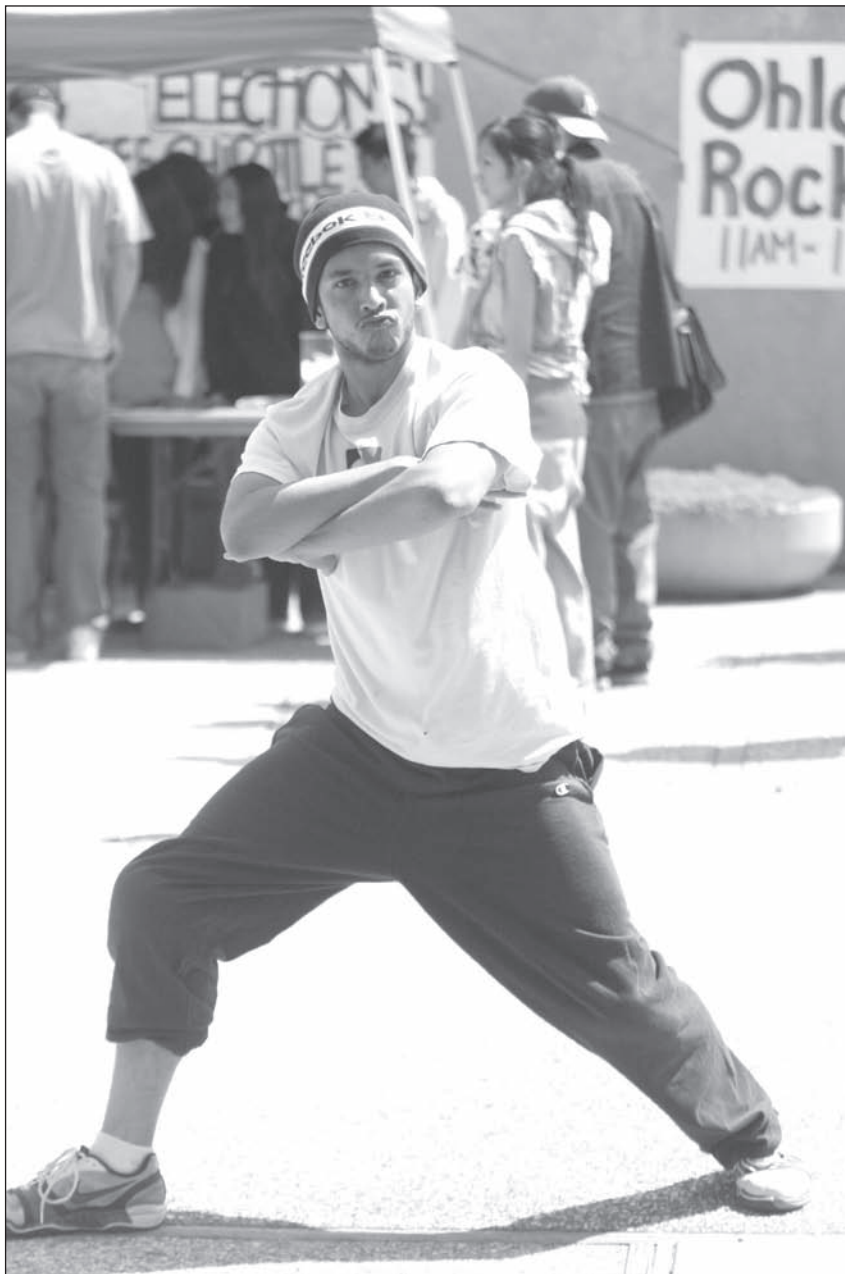


Photo by Sandeep Abraham

Alekh Jha dances while students vote in the ASOC election Wednesday.

petition. Baca won with 240 votes. She said she intends to "make sure everyone is involved and make sure [students's] time is enjoyable," as well as promote clubs around campus.

The position of vice president was a race between Feliciano and Hamady. Feliciano has been on the ASOC before

as treasurer, when he rearranged the way money was handled. Currently the president of the Interact/Rotary Club, Hamady was also ready to take the position. The results that race will be posted tomorrow on the *Monitor* website, www.ohlonemonitoronline.com.

Browning to follow path of Treadway

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Recently selected President Dr. Gari Browning said this week she intends to carry on with the plans set in place by current President Doug Treadway.

Though Browning did not voice many specific intentions she planned to carry out, she did mention plans to address the issues of the college's shrinking budget and relationship with the Board of Trustees.

During a March inspection by the accreditation team, the team determined that next year the college will face a budget deficit. When asked what her plan was to rectify this shortfall, Browning said that Treadway had instated good practices and she expects to keep those in place.



Gari Browning

Another item that the accreditation team critiqued the college on was the Board's struggles to efficiently budget time and identify the duties of each member. Browning said that to address this situation, she would "work closely with the board and...clearly define roles."

The applicants met with faculty at Ohlone on April 14 to display his or her strengths that would make them suited for the position. The Board, which had the final say in the hiring process, asked the attendees at the meeting to contribute their opinions as to who would make the best president.

Browning will officially start work as Ohlone's new president July 1 of this year. The Board has offered her a contract of \$207,000 per year. Browning said that her first project as the president will be to get to know the college and the people who work and learn at Ohlone.

Browning grew up in Los Angeles and went to Cypress College. After that, she earned a baccalaureate degree from U.C. Irvine and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from UCLA.

Currently, Browning is working at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California. According to the biography on the Ohlone website, "she oversees all instructional programs, off-campus sites, contract and community education, learning

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Biotech survey to help students find jobs

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Biotechnology is a fast-growing field, and the college is looking to ease the transition from Ohlone to the workforce with a survey sent out to biotech students.

At Ohlone, said Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls, the Biotechnology program prides itself in allowing students to become a part of the industry almost immediately after graduation.

With many former Ohlone graduates moving on to big-name companies such as Bayer, Genentech and Clorox, the college Bio-

technology Department is looking for ways to improve the program. In the past, there were only emails and phone calls made to graduates to see if the program had helped them find a job or internship in biotechnology, or even in the general sciences field.

The new survey going around looks to improve the effectiveness of the program and help future graduates; as opposed to past surveys, said Niccolls, which were "understaffed and spotty."

Much of the feedback received in the past was positive of the program. Now the survey is being conducted on a larger scale with the help of a student assistant and will be more

thorough, intended to reach as many students as possible.

The survey asks the graduates if they've been placed in an internship, job or even something else related to biotechnology. Many of the former students of Ohlone have been placed into entry-level positions, but often advance rapidly within the company, taking on more responsibility.

"Companies recognize Ohlone's name as [producing] superior students who are self-reliant and team players," said Niccolls.

The biotechnology program emphasizes lab skills and working with others and has a strong theory base. Whereas many other

institutions teach the students some hands-on material and expect them to do what they're told, Ohlone's program presents the theory along with the technique in order to build a larger foundation.

There's a lot of fluidity in the biotechnology field and according to Niccolls, the joke in the community is that if you've been hired by one biotechnology company and have a reference, it takes only 15 minutes to get hired by the next one.

Niccolls went on to explain that word-of-mouth is the number one way that students get jobs in biotechnology. Whereas other jobs are advertised and the workers hired based on applications,

in biotechnology, there are often smaller companies who will hire promising new talent rather than post job openings.

Because of this, it is very important to have good networking skills, as the field is very competitive. Also, because of the flexibility of the industry, people may change companies often, depending on what type of person the company is looking for. A degree in biotech would not only help a person in that specific field but, as biotechnology incorporates biology, chemistry, botany and physics, also open up many opportunities for graduates in other work, as well as the booming biotech industry itself.