

ASOC growing

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together and have fun.”

Prizes included gift certificates to the Ohlone Bookstore.

As of now, there are 55 new applicants that are running for an ASOC Senatorial position. Currently there are 28 students serving as either senators or executives.

Campus Activities Director Debbie Trigg said, “Since I’ve been ASOC’s adviser, I have never seen more people interested in our student body, and I think we have all these new applicants now, because we have had a bigger impact on the students.”

In order to apply for ASOC, an individual must meet specific requirements.

The first part of their responsibility is that they must serve on at

least two ASOC or campuswide committees.

ASOC members also hold a mandatory amount of three office hours per week and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

ASOC’s primary concern is to be the voice of the student body and represent their constituents accordingly. This means everyday interaction with fellow students.

The ASOC also has been working in conjunction with the Civic Engagement Club in the fight against the statewide education budget cuts.

Isabella Ohlmeyer is the new ASOC Rep-at-Large. And Charyl Gonda will serve this term as ASOC Secretary.

ASOC meetings are on Tuesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. in 7101.



Photo by David Epperson

Director of the Health center, Sally Bratton, conducts the Bingo Ballin’ event following the cafeteria’s grand opening ceremony on Feb. 10.

Club Days to be more personal than in the past

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Representatives from each club sat in the stately meeting room in Building Seven and took down information ranging from regulations for reserving classrooms for club meetings and how to best recruit students to clubs.

The tone for the spring semester’s first meeting of the Ohlone Inter Club Council (ICC) was largely set by the orientation speeches given by ICC Chairperson Ngan Vu and Campus Activities Program Coordinator Renee Gonzales.

A new club, the Global Leadership Program, made its case to the

ICC to be granted official club status, though no consensus has been made about the new club at the time of this publication.

Gonzales then stressed the importance of clubs actually reserving the rooms they plan to meet in before advertising their meetings.

She noted to ICC representatives that reservation requests would take a minimum of two weeks, due in part to the recent resignation of staff member Julie Polk.

According to Gonzales, it was previously Polk who dealt with classroom reservation requests from clubs, and now there are fewer hands to handle the considerable bureaucratic workload.

Gonzales commented that the system was, “not yet a well-oiled machine.” And she said she hoped that things will run smoothly.

Gonzales also mentioned that the main advisers for any given club, and not the club’s event coordinator or the ICC representative, were to be the primary contact for all events being planned on campus.

ICC Chair, Vu, added that each club needed to send a consistent representative to each ICC meeting.

The meeting was then brought to a head with the orientation for the upcoming Spring Club Days event running Feb. 23 and 24.

This event is an opportunity for the Ohlone clubs to put their best

feet forward in hopes of recruiting new and returning Ohlone students to their organizations.

This semester’s Club Days will be loosely focused around a “casino” theme and the clubs are being encouraged to decorate their tables accordingly.

The ICC is set to run a blackjack and roulette table, with the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) planning to hand out free popcorn and stamp cards to students participating in the festivities.

“This Club Day is going to be centered more around the individual clubs and their tables this time around,” said Vu.

She was referencing how in the past Club Days were held outside it was easier to receive more participation from the student body.

Also there would be attractions such as radio stations or having an inflatable jump house in order to increase the Club Day attendance and raise the profile of the event.

Upcoming events of note that were mentioned at the meeting included the African-American Club’s Black History Ceremony on Feb. 11 at noon in the cafeteria of the main campus.

Also the Student Reperatory’s annual performance of one-act plays will take place in the NUMMI Theater on March 18 and 19.

Student scam

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federal government requires that students fill out an extensive Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the college to certify that information through the process the loan.

Ohlone assigns one person to handle the financial aid for each student throughout their education at Ohlone, thus one person knows a student’s files from A to Z. This helps to prevent widespread fraud.

Another safeguard that Ohlone has in place to prevent fraud is that faculty is supposed to check daily attendance and report any and all discrepancies to the administration.

However some professors have varying policies when it comes taking attendance for the courses that they teach.

Some choose to be more strict by assigning a grade percentage for coming to class. While there are a handful of professors who only take roll on the first few days of class the rest of the semester, they believe that it is a student’s whether or not they show up.

A conviction for federal student loan fraud in an amount over \$200 under United States Code 20, section 1097 (a) is a maximum fine of \$20,000 and a maximum prison term of five years.

Ohlone running over 80 percent

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Classes are currently running at 80 percent capacity, the highest ever at this point in the term, and they are projected to run at 86 to 87 percent capacity by the end of the semester.

The College Council presented the overall picture of enrollment during the current term at its first meeting on Feb 8.

Increasing demand for classes and a 30 percent reduction in class offerings for the spring term due to the budget cuts have led to very slim class availability.

The increase in demand and the decrease in flexibility has led to far fewer add-and-drops.

As of Feb. 8, only about 60 students have dropped classes. Prior to the budget cuts, it was not uncommon to see up to 250 students drop their classes within the first week of school.

This drastic change illustrates the current state of the college, which has suffered because of the economic crisis and lack of overall funding.

In order to compensate for the decreased funding from the state, the Council is considering cutting summer school offerings signifi-

cantly aside from the courses that have been previously slashed.

College Council co-chair Tim Roberts said, “The decreased availability of classes and sections for our students is very unfortunate. But, that’s a prudent way to save funds and hedge our bets against future unforeseen problems and delays in funding.”

“But you’ll see most of this change during summer semester, in order that the fall and spring terms remain more robust,” Roberts continued.

The emphasis has been placed on protecting future fall and spring

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