



Ohlone College Faculty Senate Minutes
November 5, 2014
3:30 p.m.
Room 7101

Members present: Diane Berkland, Carrie Dameron, Sarah Daniels, Jeff Dean, KG Greenstein, Chieko Honma, Shelley Lawrence, Jim McManus, Robert Mitchell, Jeff O'Connell, Jeff Roberts, and Wayne Yuen

Absent:

Others present: Leta Stagnaro, Debbie Lemon, Barbara Tull, Vicky Curtis, Robin Kurotori

The meeting was called to order at 3:30.

1. Announcements

Jeff Roberts made a number of announcements:

Garrett Yee and Jan Giovannini-Hill were re-elected.

Dr. Browning will be making an announcement about hiring new faculty soon.

The bookstore has a new manager. Jamie Sobel has been promoted to another position.

Roberts and Vice President Stagnaro took a tour of the portable buildings, and they all seemed to be in order. A concern was voiced that faculty be allowed to tour the buildings before their classes begin.

Roberts announced that the move to the portables will be facilitated by specific individuals. Stagnaro stated that she had approved a list of captains to help with the move.

2. Faculty input regarding educational technology & equipment in new buildings – Curtis/Lemon (Information)

Faculty member Vicky Curtis presented her concerns about purchasing tech equipment for the Newark campus. Some new equipment had been ordered that was not what faculty might have wanted. She did not know who had made the decisions and expressed her desire that faculty input be an important part of the decision-making process. She did not know what the process was in fact.

Debbie Lemon, Chair of the Technology Committee said her committee had not been part of the decision making process. She also did not know who made the decision and argued that we need a good process for faculty input.

Jeff OConnell gave an example of a wall projector that was ordered that did not allow for faculty control of users. This would be an example of the need for faculty input.

While some faculty gave examples when they had been consulted on tech purchases, the overall consensus was that we needed a clearer procedure.

Stagnaro stated that some tech decisions had been made when faculty were off campus, but concurred that we need to have a clear process for deciding what technology goes into what rooms

3. Approval of minutes from October 15, 2014 (Action)

The minutes approved as read.

4. Student Equity Plan (SEP) – Roberts/Bowman (Action)

This was originally to be an Action item, but has been delayed due to some issues arising at College Council. The question has been about budgeting for the SEP. Dean Stagnaro says we have about \$324,000 in the budget and decisions need to be made about the allocation.

Roberts announced the new timeline: The draft budget is due Nov. 12. College Council will be given a copy of the budget on Nov. 17. Faculty Senate will be given the budget on Nov. 19, and we can then vote. The Board will vote on Dec. 10.

Diane Berkland stated that many counselors were concerned with elements of the SEP, especially as it relates to the Puente program and budgeting for it. The program guidelines call for a full-time faculty member in charge, but Ohlone has a part-time faculty member and is therefore out of compliance. Some of the counselors also wanted to soften some of the language in the SEP.

Roberts requested to know the specific changes that are desired. He said we have some very quick deadlines, and he will pass along any suggested changes.

Jeff Dean noted that there is a significant commitment for the person in charge of the Puente program and a significant burn-out of faculty members. Barbara Tull also mentioned that we do not have a Hispanic faculty member to run the program.

Berkland asked how we could expand the program if we do not currently support it.

Stagnaro stated that we have worked with the Puente program, and they are aware we only have a part-time instructor. We are now discussing if we want to do a second year, but there has not been a lot of feedback.

5. Bachelor's degree programs at community colleges – Stagnaro/Roberts (Information)

Vice President Stagnaro made a Powerpoint presentation about the proposal to offer degree programs at California community colleges. SB 850 allows community college districts to offer BA degrees in specific programs. The initial impetus came because nursing programs at

CSUs and UCs are so highly impacted. There was also the concern that we need a workforce of individuals with BA degrees.

Stagnaro noted that the state wants to move slowly, so initially only 15 districts will be involved, and only one degree per district would be allowed. At this time, no funding has been allocated.

Ohlone is submitting a request for a pilot degree program in Respiratory Care. There is a very tight timeline for the program. The Board of Governors for the community colleges will be selecting and announcing the pilot programs on Jan. 21, 2015. A funding model will then be adopted on March 31, 2015. These are all pilot programs, and there is a lot to consider, but it would be a way to better serve our students.

Carrie Dameron had questions about teacher qualifications and noted that the UC and CSU systems were not able to keep up with the demand. In addition hospitals want to hire people who have a degree.

The text of the presentation is found in the Documents section of the Senate web page.

6. Distance Education (DE) Committee report/On-Line Education Initiative (OEI) introduction – Tull (Information)

Barbara Tull, Chair of the Distance Education Committee gave on report on the Online Education Initiative.

She stated that \$16.9 million has been budgeted to investigate online courses for community colleges.

Ohlone is one of three programs that will be investigated. Faculty members Jacquyn Vetter, Tina Mosleh and Sarah Cooper will be teaching online as part of the pilot project.

Tull stated that a lot is happening with this initiative and there are still unsettled issues. In the near future a course management system will be chosen, and Tull can report back then.

In response to a question from Berkland, Tull stated that we can have online counseling.

7. Sabbatical committee update – Stagnaro (Information)

Stagnaro gave a brief update on the Sabbatical Committee. Most of the concerns about the process are addressed in the UFO contract. She will be sending an email to all faculty regarding sabbatical requests that will be due by February. The requests will then be sent to the committee and Dr. Browning. One to four sabbaticals will be possible.

8. Consideration of Emeritus Faculty proposals – Roberts (Information)

Roberts had sent emeritus requests to senators, and these will be action items at the next meeting. After senate voting, the requests will be sent to the board.

Jeff OConnell gave some information about the emeritus proposals, noting that deans and faculty can present them, and then the Senate will vote on them.

9. Final exam schedule issue – Roberts (Information)

Roberts said this is more of an FYI item. Some final schedules have conflicts, and if that happens, there can be a special sign-off. This does not happen often.

10. Other

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03

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