

Ohlone College Faculty Senate Minutes
November 29, 2017
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Rm. 7101

Present at meeting: Rob Smedfjeld, Jesse MacEwan, Sobia Saleem, Nan Zhou, Brenda Ahnholz, Jill Leontiadis, Duncan Macleod, Barbara Duggal, Andrew Wise, Larissa Favela, Mark Grabiner

1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 15, 2017 – B. Ahnholz (A)

Brenda edited the minutes. Motion to approve by Barbara, second Larissa. Minutes unanimously approved

2. Non-Credit Courses/IEPI (I) – R. Kurotori & L. Favela

Larissa reports that the state curriculum chair advises to wait for clarification on non-credit courses. Career development and personal development courses are commonly non-credit along with art and music. Non-credit ESL courses are on their way to being offered. Brenda stated that 70% of non-credit students end up taking for-credit courses. Non-credit faculty pay would have to be collectively bargained. Duncan would like faculty to explore non-credit options as part of the college's goal of looking for ways to increase enrollment. Question was asked: Moving forward with non-credit, how will faculty be involved in the discussion/decision process asked Jesse.

3. Academic Dishonesty Policy & Reporting Form Rev. – H. McCarty & B. Ahnholz (A)

Brenda had previously made recommended changes except for one, which is a clarifying statement that plagiarism and cheating are both acts of academic dishonesty which was now changed. Sentence stating that a copy of the dishonesty form will be kept in the office of the VP or Student services was removed. Motion to approve new form by Barbara, seconded by Mark. Passes unanimously.

4. 10 + 1 Proposal – B. Ahnholz (A)

“Mutually agreed” changing to “relies primarily on Faculty” is being proposed for 4 of the 10 + 1, Dr. Browning has requested from Brenda clarifying definitions for the Board. Jesse wants SLO's specifically mentioned in the document and this was added. Several other edits were proposed. Rob recommended that the document should refer to faulty as a single unit, not at the individual level. Brenda will revise and bring the new version back to the senate.

5. Civil Discourse Credo - B. Ahnholz (A)

Credo discussed, and “hostile” chosen over “violent” since hostile is inclusive. Brenda stated that the purpose of credo is to establish our values and foster free speech. “Question your presuppositions and biases and seek...” added. Brenda will edit the document further.

6. Update on Academic Renewal - J. MacEwan (I)

“1 year must have passed (before a student can have old grades removed from their GPA calculation)” academic renewal previously approved this semester by the senate. This has been changed to 2 years by Dr. Browning in collaboration with faculty and other college leadership.

7. Brenda, Larissa and Barbara will sit at the faculty senate table at Friday's fixed flex for committee rush.

Meeting adjourned 5:00p