

**Faculty Senate Meeting
September 2, 2020**

Members present:

Kyle Livie (Parliamentarian), Jesse MacEwan (Senate President), Walter Carlson, Larry Heslin (Treasurer), Susan A Myers (Senate Vice-President), Noella Rashid, Adam Levy (Secretary), Alison Kuehner, Margaret Kauffman, Brenda Ahnholz
Suporn Chenhansa, Laurie Issel-Tarver, Nan Zhou, Jim McManus

Guests:

Heather McCarty, Shawn Domingo, Daniel Newell, Jeff Roberts, Jeff O'Connell, Milton Lang, Eric Bishop, Robin Kurotori, Tony DiSalvo, Connie Olsen

Interpreters:

Joe Quinn and Aaron Brace

Note taker:

Tania Nag

1. Welcome and Review of meeting guidelines
2. Minutes
Motion to approve minutes from the April 27 and May 6, 2020 Senate meetings
1st Larry Heslin; 2nd Suporn Chenhansa – Passed Unanimously, with two abstentions for new members (Alison and Brenda).
3. Call to Action Resolution (A) 1st Nan Zhou; 2nd – Passed Unanimously
 - In response to Chancellor Elloy Ortiz, 10 – 15 faculty got together over the summer and wrote a resolution to align ourselves in support of working to end systemic racism at Ohlone College
 - Feels a bit redundant after a very successful Fixed Flex Friday, but very important to make the Senate's stance known
 - Aligned with Dr. Bishop's vision for equity, diversity, and inclusivity at Ohlone
 - Use of technology to maximize teaching/ Increased professional development opportunities (equitable teaching)
 - Considering class dialogue, involvement, and class size among other aspects to increase equity for students
 - Question about the use of “worked tirelessly”, which was addressed with it has been an uphill effort to have real Equity programming developed at the college

Motion to approve the resolution with small edit (addition of “of” in last resolved and reformatting.
1st Nan Zhou 2nd Noella Rashid – Passed Unanimously
4. Dr. Bishop (I)
An introductory chat with Dr. Bishop

5. Financial Aid

- Per Financial Aid supervisor; Title 4, financial aid, is only for courses that are directly related to students' major/degree/certification program
- Degree audit program had not been utilized for Financial Aid eligibility until shortly before the start of the fall 2020 term
- Current degree audit program is not designed for financial aid eligibility and has issues with accuracy
- Now, the degree audit program is "turned on" and automated to evaluate courses that are, or are not, directly related to a student's indicated major/degree/certification for financial aid.
- Other units (courses that are not directly related to student's program will not be supported with financial aid)
- Concern regarding sudden impact on students due to this new automatic process
- Concern for elective courses and ability for students to explore other courses/pathways
- Need for clearer guided pathway information for students
- Since Financial Aid is making a determination about degree applicability, this is a Senate concern as this clearly relates to the 10+1
- Need for task force to work on managing electives with directly related courses/clean up degree classes/incorporate reoccurring electives as part of degree to meet Title 4 financial aid requirements

6. ACCJC Report (I) T. DiSalvo

- ACCJC's report: Ohlone commended for serving a diverse population and maintaining stable reserves throughout current challenges
- ACCJC's report: recommendations for improvement: Institutional effectiveness, inclusivity of evaluating policies and practices across campus, and decision making process is clearly understood
- Ohlone IS accredited for next 18 months/ Goal is to implement changes to grow and improve
- Distance education/ compliance- need for greater interaction between students and faculty
- Need for increased resources for E-Campus, training opportunities for faculty, accessibility technician (to guide technological tools)
- Need to form an accreditation oversight committee
- MQT training started the process of training our faculty to meet effective contact
- Some questions were raised about availability of the post MQT survey

7. Proposal for Emeritus status for Vicki Curtis

1st Laurie Issel-Tarver 2nd Alison Kuehner – Passed Unanimously