

Faculty Association Minutes

April 22, 2024

LIB 407 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from March 2024 Meeting
 - a. Minutes were approved.
3. Staff Award – Cesar Rondon Acuna, System Administrator for ITS
4. Guest Speaker – Carolyn Eastlin
 - a. In charge of the grievance process
 - i. Handles intake
 - ii. New process works through the supervisory chain of command
 1. If it is with your own supervisor, start with their supervisor
 - b. Also handles Title IX, ADA, Title VII, and 504 complaints
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Membership – 64 members
 - b. Balances
 - i. Endowed Scholarship Fund: \$12,502.49 (as of September 30, 2023) – new balances will be reported with the annual report
 - ii. Expendable Scholarship Fund: \$7225.97 (as of March 8, 2024) – monthly reports will be made available to the Chair or Treasurer upon request and need 3-5 business days for processing
 - iii. Checking Account: \$9,594.22 (includes \$800 from fundraiser, an additional \$1220.86 will be deposited this week and a check for \$2020.86 will be cut to be deposited into the scholarship account with the Foundation)
 - c. Pay dues to your division reps or Cash App \$OcccFacAssoc
 - d. Treasurer's report was approved.
6. Scholarship Committee
 - a. Applications for scholarships are open and due in early May
 - b. Silent auction and bake sale raised \$2020.86
 - i. SEM won the basket contest for bringing in the most \$

- ii. Special thanks to Dana Tuley-Williams, Courtney Oliphant, Beth Rollins, Charles Myrick, Shanna Padgham, and Leslie Jones for all their assistance

7. Chair Report:

a. President

- i. Discussed the policy on policies, made changes quickly to allow for accreditation restrictions to override college policy
- ii. Asked about the de-registration policy being implemented
 - 1. We are a business, this is what we are doing
 - 2. Budget is the priority
- iii. Testing center
 - 1. AA is pledging 3 FTE for a testing center staffing, SA is not assisting in the project

b. VPAA

- i. New policy on policies
 - 1. New committee is VPAA (Ortiz), VPSA (Johnson), EVP (Switzer), Counsel (Streuli), and Exe. Dir of Ext. Affairs (Brooks)
 - 2. College policy overrules departmental policy if the departmental policy is more restrictive – except where it concerns program accreditation such as grading and admissions in health professions
 - 3. Very little input from those across campus the policies concern
 - 4. New IT policy on computer timeouts
- ii. Ortiz attended NSO
 - 1. How can we make orientation better for incoming students?
- iii. New AVPAA oversees IRB, Library, CLT, Charter Schools, and the Diversified Studies and Pre-Ed programs including the OU teacher pipeline project
 - 1. Passionate about working with faculty
- iv. Mickey Jack is the Assistant VPAA
- v. New faculty will receive their email and moodle access immediately after their background checks clear to allow them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the platforms prior to their contracts/classes starting if they so choose
- vi. OACC is in Tulsa on October 4
- vii. Arbor Day Beautification project is on hold while the college works on other grants and possible designs for the courtyard

- viii. Nominations for the President's award for Excellence in Teaching are open and due by May 1st
 - ix. Covid 19 policy is no longer in effect, work with students like you would for any other respiratory illness
 - c. Board of Regents
 - i. Discussed the Astec Charter School sponsorship
 - d. Faculty Advisory Council: OSRHE
 - i. Discussed developmental courses
 - 1. Looking at ways to fund co-requisite courses with tuition
 - ii. Discussed concurrent enrollment "robbing" students of their high school experience
 - 1. Recommending a change from allowing 27 credits concurrently to 18 credit hours
 - iii. Discussed a possible move away from Quality Matters
 - iv. Discussed a statewide shift away from shared governance on campuses
 - v. Discussed rates of repeat courses for D or F
 - vi. Discussed the need to reshape low enrollment programs
 - 1. Specific language majors (Spanish, German, French) to be Language majors with a specific tracks
 - 2. Humanities majors to be Cultures majors
 - e. Other
8. Request for FA to fund a social event during the fall "kickoff week" in the library. Proposal is for \$200 for drinks and snacks.
- a. Motion was made and seconded to approve the requested funds
 - i. Motion was voted on and passed
9. Vote for FA officers for 2024-2025
- a. Chair Elect – Don Ross
 - b. Secretary – Courtney Oliphant
 - c. Treasurer – Ken Harrelson (last year of term)
 - d. Parliamentarian – Shanna Padgham
 - e. Motion was made and seconded to approve the entire slate of officers.
 - i. 28 yes: 0 no: 1 abstain
 - ii. Motion passed
10. Retirements:
- a. Steve Shore

11. New Business

- a. 110 people attended the alternative prom last week!

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Johnny Hill

Faculty Association Secretary 2023-2024