

## Faculty Association Minutes

February 25, 2025

MB 2N3 and Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM

1. Welcome
2. No staff award due to illness and snow closures
3. Membership – 69 members
  - a. Balances
    - i. MidFirst Operating Fund
      1. \$9264.17 as of 2/25/25
        - a. \$110 received for dues deposited in November
        - b. \$1485.82 received from the Scholarship Fundraiser
        - c. \$100 paid to the Ray McCullar Scholarship fund
        - d. \$96 paid to the OCCC Dining Services for FA Scholarship Drive
        - e. \$1393.82 paid to the OCCC Foundation into the FA Scholarship account
        - f. \$10 received for dues deposited in January
      2. Previous Balance \$9248.17 (1/16/24)
    - ii. Current Endowed Fund: \$14,896.08 (9/30/24)
      1. New amount available after annual report
      2. Previous amounts
        - a. \$11,617.58 (9/30/22)
        - b. \$15,091.00 (12/21/21)
    - iii. Updated Expendable Fund \$8,235.87 (9/30/24)
      1. Awarded \$4,600 in scholarships
    - iv. Monthly reports available for FA meeting upon request from the Foundation Office. Requests are to be sent 3-5 business days prior to FA meetings.
  4. Scholarship Committee
    - a. Fall Scholarships awarded
    - b. Spring fundraisers expect to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>
      - i. Bake sale and silent auction
      - ii. Will need auction items a week before
      - iii. Bookstore will house donated materials for display
        1. Includes large rolltop desk

- iv. Bidding will take place online
  - v. Each Division/Department is being asked to donate a basket
- c. Scholarship committee members asked to turn on Teams notifications to receive important information
- d. Volunteers always welcomed
- 5. Chair Report
  - a. VPAA Meeting
    - i. Faculty Handbook committee is reconvening next Monday to begin review
      - 1. Office hours are being reviewed
    - ii. Dr. Largent sent out an email with a survey to collect information about pain points, but faculty are welcome to reach out directly
    - iii. On-going IT issues
      - 1. Faculty experiencing rough transition from shared drives to One Drive/Sharepoint
      - 2. Moodle course is available for training
      - 3. ITS is offering more focus groups for feedback
      - 4. ITS can work with faculty one-on-one for different migration issues
      - 5. LiErin asked about more evening and weekend support from ITS and CLT
        - a. Matter of staffing and not having employees available
  - iv. Ongoing conversation about Overload
    - 1. Is being reviewed but nothing has been finalized
  - v. Exceptions for virtual
    - 1. Dr. Largent stressed flexibility when going virtual
    - 2. Adjust as needed to cover material and seat time
    - 3. Will need to be a program-by-program decision
    - 4. It is the students' responsibility to check their email for closures or sign-up for CAN messages and Shield App
- b. President Meeting
  - i. Happening tomorrow (after this meeting)
    - 1. Will discuss staffing follow-up, hygiene drive, and OTA Program
- c. Board of Regents
  - i. No Report (unable to attend)
- d. Hygiene Drive
  - i. Set to end the Friday before Spring break
  - ii. Bring to your designated spot within your division

- iii. Donations will go directly to OCCC Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
  - iv. Prizes will be bragging rights
- 6. Guns on Campus Resolution
  - a. Group review resolution as previously written and submitted and voted
    - i. Votes (in-person)
      - 1. Yay - 10
      - 2. Nay – 0
      - 3. Abstained – 0
    - ii. Votes (online)
      - 1. Yay – 16
      - 2. Nay – 0
      - 3. Abstained – 1
      - 4. Not a Voting Member - 1
- 7. Phi Theta Kappa Discussion - Charles Myrick
  - a. Honors organization
    - i. Students must have a 3.5 or higher GPA and taken at least 12 credit hours
    - ii. 1400-1800 invites go out every year
    - iii. Students pay a one-time fee
    - iv. Scholarships are available but not automatically awarded
    - v. Students collaborate on projects across the OCCC campus every year.
  - b. Recently there have been attack emails on the organization questioning its legitimacy, CEO's salary, and non-profit status
  - c. Faculty encouraged to let their students know that this is a legitimate organization and OCCC marketing is putting together a campaign
- 8. Faculty Advisory Board/OER - Jennifer Ball
  - a. Recently had a guest speaker about OER that emphasized:
    - i. Contracts for day-one access with schools can limit faculty choice in some settings
    - ii. There are costs and limitations to the rental format of day one access
    - iii. OER texts can provide more freedom and flexibility
    - iv. Recent research shows students are paying \$339 less than they did last year on average, and OER may play a large role in that
  - b. 75 OCCC Faculty responded to the Regents' annual campus climate for faculty survey
- 9. College for Kids – Shanna Padgham
  - a. Affordable summer program run by the FACE center at OCCC for k-8
  - b. They are looking for appliances for students to “repair” during a summer class
  - c. Please contact the FACE center for more information and how to donate