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Agenda
Faculty Association General Meeting
12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Location: 3N0 Main Building

12:30pm-12:40pm  Welcome Back!  Treats and Results of What
OCCC Faculty Like, Dislike, and Need to succeed!

12:40pm-1:15pm  Treasurer's Report, Approve the Minutes
Old Business Discussion:
Response for Faculty Representation with Government
Officials
Ping Pong update!
Answer to “Shelter in place question”
Answer to “Moodle issues”
Discuss Advising Draft
Discuss Oct. 2011 annual statewide survey of
higher education results

New Business Discussion:

1:15pm-1:20pm  Wrap up!  Adjourn!

Executive Committee members:
Brent Noel, Arts and Humanities; Jenean Jones, Business; Reeca Young, Health Professions; Al Heitkamper,
Information Technology; Dana Tuley-Williams, Library; Tad Thurston, Science and Math; Nate Vanden Brook,
Social Sciences; Julie Corff, Chair; Rachel Butler, Chair-Elect; Jon Inglett, Secretary; Lisa Mason-Adkins, Treasurer;
Jay Malmstrom, Parliamentarian; Chris Vershage, Past-Chair
The Faculty Association meeting began with a collaborative activity. Three white sheets of paper were taped to the wall. Each sheet contained different directions: “We Like,” “We Dislike,” and “We Need to Succeed.” Members provided written descriptions for each area, and this information will be shared with Dr. Sechrist and others.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

According to the Treasurer’s Report, the operation account contains $8297.11, while the scholarship account contains $4326.04. A motion and second was made to accept the Treasurer’s report, and it passed unanimously.

A motion and second were made to accept the October 2012 minutes, and the minutes passed unanimously.

A concern was raised related to Government officials, such as Representatives of the House being present on campus without the faculty’s awareness. In this particular instance, the College Republicans invited the elected officials, and at least one faculty representative was able to attend the meeting.

From this discussion, many ideas were expressed. The administration of the college should let us know soon enough when elected officials attend campus activities. Next, faculty should attend these events. Third, if the invitation relates to a college club, the College Student Association should keep faculty informed through a campus-wide email or by some other means of publication. This discussion created a general concern that elected officials have an impact on our jobs, and faculty should be aware when officials arrive on campus.

The next agenda item focused on guns on campus. The chair informed us that a ban on weapons still exists on college campus. We should not approach
students or others with firearms. The college plans to increase the signage so that all people will continue to be aware of the no guns on campus policy.

Related to this issue, two ideas were discussed. First, the theatrical performances on campus are currently not allowed to use props for theatre related to weapons. Could an exemption of the gun policy be revisited related to theatrical performances? Also, related to the active shooter issue, what happens if a person reports a gun on campus? Will reporting the person cause harm for people in the geographical area of the person with the gun?

The MineOnline issues discussed in previous meetings have been resolved. However, the Advising Subcommittee (of the Faculty Association) may have a resolution by the next Faculty Association Meeting during the Spring 2013.

Concerns in Moodle were discussed. The grade book still does not line up grades correctly for many members. Also, will grades be wiped out if students are reinstated in a class due to financial aid issues or other reasons? Is there a backup of grades?

Other issues related to technology were discussed. Student email addresses will change to their name @my.occc.edu. Students will have access to 25 GB of cloud space and the cloud version of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The Portal (found at portal.occc.edu) will at some point replace MineOnline. All MineOnline functionality will occur at the portal instead of the current web address.

A report was given on a recent visit with Chancellor Johnson. What is the viability of MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in Higher Education?

Also, the concept of performance-based funding did not begin in the legislation; it was a process began with Chancellor Johnson and his constituents. If our institution meets performance, then we will receive raises only if new money is available.
Finally, the chair invited the Faculty Association to the next “Look Who’s Coming to Lunch.”

A motion and second were made to conclude the meeting. The unanimous vote concluded the November Faculty Association meeting.

-- Respectfully submitted,
Jon Inglett, secretary