

OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:00 PM

Agenda

Meeting Items
Call to Order and Roll Call
Reading and Approval of Minutes
Program
Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements

Item I: Call to Order and Roll Call

- A. Mrs. Melissa Wittmer (President) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- B. Roll Call

Senators present: Mr. Robert Clark (Vice President), Mr. Andrew Crocker (Past President), Ms. Tina Engel, Ms. Rima Freeman, Dr. Kristine Harris (Secretary), Dr. Jessica Gerard (Treasurer), Ms. Tal Kroll, Mr. Gary Larson, Mr. Gary Lumley, Ms. Kelly Miller, Ms. Donna Pritchard

Senators absent: Ms. Lisa Dark, Ms. Lisa Gardner, Ms. Misty Stark, Mr. Landon Vinson

Guests: Dr. Tracy McGrady, Dr. Lance Renner

Item II: Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- A. Minutes from January were approved.

Item III: Program

- A. Defining Teaching Excellence: Dr. Tracy McGrady, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- a. Defining Teaching Excellence - Importance

- i. Related (and needs to relate) to Strategic Initiative (specifically #3)
 - ii. Instructional Quality Document – Too Vague. Discussion regarding specifics and definitions (i.e. High Quality Learning Opportunities – What is high quality?)
 - iii. Faculty Evaluation – How to measure quality teaching – copious amount of discussion – topical highlights listed

- 1. How to measure quality teaching (Assessment)

- a. Different evaluations for teachers with less/more experience? More reflective portions on Evaluations? Different evaluations for different departments?

- b. College wide conversations about teaching excellence? How to approach this in a positive rather than a negative way? Brainstorming/Open Ended Assessment?

- c. Sometimes Excellent teaching is about avoiding what is not right. Critical thinking is a goal.

- d. Some Senators just wanted to know what was expected so they can make sure they are doing what is expected while some senators liked the idea of discussing the expectations and especially labels (i.e. excellence, etc.); Discussion about the format of campus wide discussions; Department wide? Division wide?
- e. Many things in an excellent teacher are immeasurable however we should strive keep improving.
- f. Is the goal good teaching or student learning outcomes? What does OTC want a graduate to be when they graduate (or leave)?
- g. Advising – Evidence based Advising?
- h. Discussion tabled until next month which did not happen due to Covid.

Item IV: Reports

- A. Dr. Jessica Gerard reported on the treasury – no activity in the last month

Item V: Unfinished Business

- A. Release Date for Campus-wide working calendar and attendance reporting information.

Item VI: New Business

- A. Question about Retaining Exams
 - a. There is no college-wide standard for retaining exams.
 - i. Recommendation – Retain exams for one year after the end of the course.
 - ii. Exams should be stored in a secure location (FERPA)
- B. Student Speaker for Commencement – Discussion
 - a. Request to Promote the Online Application with Students:
<https://students.otc.edu/graduation/student-speakers/>
 - b. Encourage Faculty to encourage students who would be appropriate
 - c. Could students nominate other students with success stories, etc?
 - d. Should last year's student speaker send a "reach out" letter to the student body?
- C. Planning for Spring Faculty Senate Elections

Item VII: Announcements

- A. Adjunct Appreciation Committee still working on Appreciation policies

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.