



OCC Academic Senate Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 12:39-1:30 PM, via Confer Zoom

E-Board Members/Attendance: Vice-President Lee Gordon, Secretary and PDI Chair Marilyn Kennedy, Parliamentarian Douglas Lloyd, Curriculum Chair Charles Otwell (non-voting), President Loren Sachs

Guests: Arabian Morgan

- I. Call to Order:** President Sachs called the meeting to order at 12:39 PM.
- II. Public Comment:** Jessica Alabi, Arabian Morgan
- III. Approval of the Minutes:** *Motion 1: Secretary Kennedy moved* to approve the December 1, 2020, meeting minutes with minor changes; motion seconded; approved unanimously.
- IV. Executive Board Members Reports:** The E-Board discussed a temporary replacement for a senator-at-large who will be out due to illness for a week or so. If there is a need for a permanent replacement, that issue will be addressed later as the need arises.
- V. Ethnic Studies Discussion:** The E-Board discussed and responded to the ethnic studies curriculum issue from a public comment made today. The Curriculum Committee will be working with Professor Alabi on this and will be reporting out every two weeks or so. (The Senate was originally called to oversee this issue last year.) There were some concerns expressed at GWC as to distribution of ethnic studies classes that may or may not affect OCC classes. There was a request from the VPI to do a "COR audit" to all classes to review what cultural issues were addressed in each class. At an E-Board member's suggestions, instead, the Senate will be having an open Senator and faculty discussion with faculty about cultural components of classes. There is work being done on creating an Ethnic Studies department. There will be a discussion on the 16th as per competency requirements and faculty criteria. One E-Board member noted that many history professors were teaching ethnic studies at other campuses. There was a request for clarification and information on state requirements for ethnic studies and the Curriculum Committee's management of this issue.
- VI. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items (underlined issues are on the next agenda):** bookstore issues, ethnic studies, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Resolution, budget report, Guided Pathways reports, Credit for Prior Learning, SOAA Report.
- VII. Adjournment:** President Sachs adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM

Minutes Approved: February 9, 2021