Members present: Jim McManus, Jeff Dean, Bob Mitchell, Terry Taskey, Chieko Honma, Jeff O’Connell, Nicole Sandoval, Carrie Dameron, Diane Berkland, Wayne Yuen, William Wong, Luc Desmedt

Members Absent: Jeff Roberts

Others present: Leta Stagnaro, Gari Browning

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

Announcements

Jeff O’Connell stated that we will not cover everything on today’s agenda. Some of the items will be carried forward to the meeting we will have next week during the visit by the accreditation committee. Details of the next meeting time will be sent out soon.

Approval of minutes from February 19, 2014 (A)

The minutes were approved as read.

Q and A with Dr. Browning (I)

Dr. Browning presented an update on the accreditation visit. She read the qualifications of the different members of the team. The team members want to meet specific individuals, and these meetings will be set up. In addition, they want to see committees in operation, and these committees are re-arranging their meeting times to accommodate these requests.

Dr. Browning outlined the schedule for the accreditation team, beginning with a welcome on Monday, March 10, and ending on Thursday, March 13. The final decision and recommendations will be made in June.

Diane Berkland asked about the institution performance standards and the confusion around the meaning of the terms “floor” and “benchmarks.” Are these goals we want to reach, or are they levels below which
we must not go. Dr. Browning acknowledged there has been confusion about these terms. She originally had viewed them as goals we wanted to reach. However, the accrediting agency sees them as specific levels that the college must be above. Falling below these levels would mean the college is failing to meet its standards. Browning stated she thought it made more sense to use the figures as goals we were wanting to attain. However, we need to meet the standards of the accrediting agencies, and will therefore need to look at the figures as floors below which we do not want to go.

**Recruitment Guidelines (A) Zingsheim**
Edits have been made to the Recruitment Guidelines and the document has been reviewed by senate members.

Jeff Dean made a motion to endorse the guidelines, and Diane Berkland seconded the motion. The vote for endorsement was unanimous.

**Institution Performance Standards (floors) (I/A) Bowman**
This item will be postponed to the March 12 meeting.

**Outstanding Alum (I) O’Connell**
Jeff O’Connell provided background on the outstanding alum award. Sarah Daniels asks for nominations each year. There are usually only a few responses and this year there have been no nominations. O’Connell suggested that while we might select an outstanding alum from four nominations from past years, the bigger issue is whether we want to continue this process.

Jeff Dean questioned whether we need to select someone who actually got a degree from Ohlone. It was determined that a candidate only needs to have taken 24 credits in order to be considered. Dean suggested another possibility: give the award to an outstanding community leader who might only have some sort of Ohlone connection. The candidate would not have to have graduated from Ohlone.

Other suggestions were made. Carrie Dameron suggested we have an active committee that will seek out active alumni and not wait for a nomination. Terry Taskey thought another possibility would be to choose someone who has made the college better and not necessarily an alum of the college; Wayne Yuen suggested giving an honorary degree.
William Wong mentioned a former Ohlone student who is now in Japan. This person has referred many students to Ohlone and has been a strong supporter of the college.

Dean Leta Stagnaro mentioned the Alumni Association as a good source of names. We need to develop a mechanism to locate successful alumni. Other schools have these methods, and we need to find one.

O’Connell said he would contact the Ohlone Alumni Association, and Stagnaro will discuss the issue further with Dr. Browning. In the meantime, the Senate will review the four nominations we have from past years.

**Committees (I) All**
This item will be postponed to the March 12 meeting.

**Other**
From Ron Little - We are looking for volunteers interested in participating on the Security Review Committee. Committee members will provide input into the development of the campus security master plan, which will then inform the security guidelines and standards, which will also require review and input from the Committee. Contact Ron for more information.

In order that accrediting team members might observe committee meetings, College Council will meet next week. Faculty Senate will also meet next week after the College Council meeting. Each meeting will be shortened so that each can be observed.

Carrie Dameron raised some questions about security on the Newark campus after an electrical outage last week. There was a short discussion by senators. Dean Stagnaro will consult with Dr. Browning about the concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12. Specific times are to be determined.