

2005-2006 COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE  
MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2006  
Orchard Ridge Campus

The College Academic Senate was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by Chair Mary Ann McGee. The following individuals were present:

Auburn Hills: Guests:	R. Bowden, S. Dry, G. Mays, R. Ston J. Brown-Williams, L. Glenn, M. Kersten-Hart, G. Rockind, M.A. Sheble
District Office: Guests:	G. Haw, R. Thompson, B. Montgomery, W. Porter
Highland Lakes: Guests:	E. Fett, D. Fiems, S. Fiems, S. Hanna, J. Lobert, L. Mastin, C. Maze, M. Petrack, K. Robinson, M. Ston, G. May N. Boulos, V. Kloosterhouse
Orchard Ridge: Guests:	L. Gage, M. Kokoszka, D. Levinson, M. A. McGee, L. Roberts, D. Schmeichel, N. Valente, T. Walter, J. Shadko J. Berry, J. Cronin, T. Ingram, K. Lichtenberg, D. Nowack, M. J. Schuster, S. Thornton
Royal Oak/Southfield: Guests:	D. Bartleman, T. Hendricks, D. Johnson-Bignotti, S. Linden, R. Nagler, D. Rowe, A. Sargeant, M. Vollbach M. Abuhassabu, B. Sadecki

2) Acceptance of Agenda:

**MOTION: To accept the agenda as written. Seconded, passed.**

3) Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 27, 2006 as written. Seconded, passed**

4) Leadership:

Chair Mary Ann McGee announced that the “2006-2007 Academic Senate Members” list and the “2006-2007 Academic Senate Meeting Schedules” were provided on the distribution table. Because there are five Thursdays in November this year, both Campus and College Senate meetings will be held in November and there won’t be any Senate meetings in December. In June the College-wide Senate meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month (June 14<sup>th</sup>) and a Campus Senate meeting may be called at the discretion of the Campus Chairs.

Mary Ann McGee encouraged the faculty to send their ideas to PDTC on the types of staff development activities they may be interested in participating in.

5) Presentation:

- Student Life Committee

Lane Glenn reported that the “OCC Student Life Committee College Senate Annual Report 2006-07” was available on the distribution table. The application deadline for Fundable Proposals from faculty and staff to help promote new student development opportunities is June 7, 2006. The Student Life Committee will give a recommendation for a Student Leadership Program at OCC as next month’s Senate meeting.

Lane Glenn provided a video presentation on “Student Life at OCC 2005-06” which was produced by the OCC Student Life Committee. The video highlighted the student life activities that faculty, staff and students are involved in on the campuses. The committee has studied student success and reported the following: Students who are engaged on campus playing, sharing, learning and leading are more likely to succeed as follows:

- Higher grades
- Better retention
- More completed degrees and certificates
- More likely to transfer successfully
- More likely to complete a 4-year degree
- More likely to find a job in their chosen field

Student Life is about having fun on campus!

6) Old Business:

- Motion Regarding English Placement Testing Waiver

Mary Ann McGee reported that a motion from the Developmental Education Committee was lodged at last month’s Senate meeting for discussion at the Campus Senates.

Mary Ann McGee restated the motion as follows:

**MOTION: To eliminate the one-semester English Placement Testing Waiver. Seconded, passed.**

- Draft of the General Education Committee's Proposal

Mike Vollbach clarified that the proposal from the committee is intended as a discussion piece.

**MOTION: To move as a committee of the whole for discussion. Seconded, passed.**

Vicki Kloosterhouse presented "SOAC Informational Points for General Education Attribute Discussion" which is information from SOAC that may be of benefit as the Gen Ed attributes are discussed. SOAC has been working on a systematic plan to rotate assessment of the attributes and they have included all 16 attributes. The attributes have been divided into two categories of direct and indirect measurements. SOAC serves at the pleasure of the Senate, and will assess attributes that are decided upon by the Senate. SOAC also listed five questions that should be considered when discussing the attributes.

Karen Robinson presented the following motion from the Highland Lakes Campus Council:

**MOTION: That the College Academic Senate consider a General Education Attribute Proposal H, consisting of only Communication and Thinking.**

The purpose of the motion is to simplify/rethink the original 16 attributes. Two core attributes are chosen which is the framework that can be built on.

Karen Robinson presented the following motion from the Highland Lakes Campus Council:

**MOTION: That the College academic community discuss the GE Attribute proposals in the spring on each campus, as that campus decides, work on the proposals at Staff Development Day in the fall, and vote on the GE Attributes at the fall Discipline Day.**

The purpose of the motion is to serve as a timeline for the decision-making process.

Discussion followed:

- What skills should our students have when they leave OCC?
- This is a faculty-owned process.
- Outcomes need to be taught and measured in the classrooms in order to increase student success.
- The committee's intentions were to reduce the number of attributes, capture the essentials and determine what might fit under the different headings.
- There was no consideration for literacy and global responsibility.
- The HL proposal is against students, and society will be at a disadvantage.
- This process was started eleven years ago and the list of attributes continued to grow because interest after interest became involved in defining the attributes.

- The HL proposal was not intended to devalue ideas – it is a chance to begin more modestly and others can be added.
- Critical thinking has been measured and students did not do well.
- Students need to think critically first before they are able to complete the other attributes.
- Concern was expressed that we are talking the talk but not walking the walk.

Debbie Rowe provided facts from the national trends on global issues and she will distribute the information to the Campus Senate Chairs for discussion at the June Campus Senate meetings.

**MOTION: To dissolve the committee as a whole. Seconded, passed.**

**A friendly amendment was made to the motion regarding Proposal H as follows:**

**MOTION: That the College Academic Senate consider adding Proposal H to the “Draft of the General Education Attributes Ad Hoc Committee’s Proposal,” consisting of only Effective Communication and Critical Thinking. Seconded, passed.**

**A friendly amendment was made to the motion defining the process as follows:**

**MOTION: That the College academic community discuss the GE Attribute proposals in the spring and fall of 2006 on each campus, as that campus decides, work on the proposals at Staff Development Day in the fall, and vote on the GE Attributes at a Discipline Day in the 2006-07 academic year. Seconded, passed.**

Mary Ann McGee reported that the “Proposed Protocols for Evaluating Attributes” were available on the distribution table and could be used as guidelines during Campus Senate discussions. The protocols were an outcome of Senate Leadership after discussing the GE Attribute proposals.

- “A New Process for Curriculum Review”

Gail Mays presented the following proposal on behalf of the Curriculum Review Committee:

**MOTION: That the CAS accept “A New Process for Curriculum Review.” Seconded, passed.**

7) New Business:

- Model for Academic Master Planning

Jayne Lobert presented the “Proposed Model for Academic Planning.” The model included Key Assumptions; Model for Academic Master Planning at OCC (includes

college purposes); and a list of College Academic Master Plan Committee Members for 2005-06.

Discussion followed:

- Institutional dashboard has been created, and dashboard measures college purposes.
- Civic skills and responsibilities should be part of academic master planning.

**MOTION: To lodge the “Model for Academic Master Planning” for discussion at the Campus Senate meetings. Seconded, passed.**

8) Standing Committees:

- *Academic Planning/Jayne Lobert*  
No report.

- *Curriculum/Mary Kay Lawless*  
Marilynn Kokoszka reported that the committee has been very active and they are continuing to work on an online catalog. A proposal will be brought to Senate regarding this.

- *Curriculum Review/Gail Mays*  
Gail Mays reported that CRC completed a review for Gerontology which is in the process of being sunset. Interior Design and Gerontology will be reviewed at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. At their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee will review all the documents they have created. She also provided a “Potential list for Curriculum Review - Academic Year 2006-2007.” The postings for the programs/disciplines that will be reviewed in fall 2006 have already been sent out.

- *Student Outcomes Assessment/Vicki Kloosterhouse*  
No additional report.

- *Diversity/Lloyd Crews*  
No report.

- *TMC/Gladys Rockind*  
Gladys Rockind reported that the TMC Retreat for Planning is scheduled for Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Gladys Rockind or Bob Montgomery.

- *College Administrative Services Council/M. Vollbach*  
No report.

9) Ad Hoc Committees:

- *Student Life/J.J. Berry*  
No additional report.

- *General Education Attributes/Mike Vollbach*

No additional report.

- *Higher Learning Commission/Mary Ann McGee*  
Sally Hanna reported that Criterion 4 is working on Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge. Mary Ann Sheble has developed a check list for collecting documents that is available on the P-drive. Reviews have been scheduled for the core areas. The committee is drafting questions for a climate survey.
- *On-line Distance Education/Gladys Rockind*  
Gladys Rockind reported that the subcommittee will meet on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. at the Guest House. She will be sending out the notes from the last meeting.
- *Textbook/Mary Ann McGee*  
Mary Ann McGee reported that the “Textbook Cost Ad hoc Committee Report” was available on the distribution table. The Campus Senates were asked to review the report at their June Campus Senate meetings. She will send out an electronic copy of the report to the Campus Chairs.
  - ~~Researching enforcement of textbook choices.~~

10) Administration:

No report.

11) Community Comments:

- Mary Ann McGee encouraged everyone to complete and return the PACE survey which will be mailed to all employees at their home address the first week in June. When the survey is returned to IR, they will be bundled (unopened) and sent to an outside company to compile the results.
- Commencement will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The speaker will be Rhonda Walker from the channel 4 news.

12) Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Robinson, Secretary

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Nancy K. Szabo, Recording Secretary