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Interested in holding office in the AFA ?

Elections will be held on April 1st at the AFA Members' Dinner Meeting at 4:30 P.M. at Riggio's Pizzeria. 7530 W. Oakton Avenue (at Milwaukee) in Niles, four Executive Officers will be elected.

If you would like to serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of the AFA, please submit your name with a brief statement to John Spaletto at spaletto@oakton.edu. Grievance chair, office manager, membership chair, editor of the newsletter, member at larges are appointed by the Board. Anyone wishing to serve in any of these positions should also submit their names to John Spaletto along with their qualifications.

Remember the Dinner is FREE, so come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow adjuncts..

Community College Enrollment is down . . .

Statewide community college enrollment is down 3% in Spring 2012 from Spring 2011, while full-time students are down 4.5%. Enrollment in community colleges had record peak around 2010 due to the Great Recession.

The following is a listing per school of the community college enrollment:

DuPage=27,186	Lake=18,454
Morraine=17,992	Joliet=16,079
Harper=15,425	Elgin=11,612
Oakton=11,311	McHenry=7,024

A person with an AA degree earns \$8,000 more per year than HS graduate on average.



Rendering of the new Science and Health Career Center, DesPlaines Campus

Oakton Community College will have a ground-breaking ceremony April 15 at 10 am at the DesPlaines Campus for the new Science and Health Careers Center. The \$40 million, 93,000 square foot facility will feature cutting edge laboratories, lecture rooms, classrooms and office space with many environmentally-friendly features like a green roof and outside classroom space.

Over 1,000 jobs will be created during the construction process.

The exterior of the building will have green-tinted glass to allow natural light to flow inside and a waterfall feature to recycle roof water into Lake Oakton. The facility will also be angled to catch the most sun and will use less energy for heating and cooling.

Report on February OCC Board of Trustee Meeting . . . by Chet Kulis

The OCC Board of Trustees hired two new tenure-track faculty for the 2012-13 academic year: adjunct Stanley Kimura as Professor of Fire Science, and Eva de la Riva as Assistant Professor of Psychology. Both President Peg Lee and VP of Academic Affairs, Tom Hamel, noted that the tough economic times afforded Oakton a very large pool of well-qualified applicants looking for a full-time job. OCC hopes to fill 17 full-time, tenure-track positions for the 2013 academic year. Around 1,000 applications are on file.

The psychology position was recruited nationally, at the NAACP 2011 Diversity Professional Center Reception, and through direct email contacts with 35 doctoral graduates. There were 87 applicants for the psychology position. 8 were interviewed by the search committee, and 4 finalists were interviewed by Dean Brad Wooden and VP Tom Hamel.

There were 12 applicants for the fire science position. The search committee interviewed 4 applicants. 2 finalist were interviewed by Dean Robert Sompolski and VP Tom Hamel.

Most of the Board's meeting involved a presentation on the campus expansion and remodeling program by the architectural team. Three major projects were reviewed: the Classroom project; the Enrollment Center project; and the Science and Health Careers Building

project. All three projects are under budget and on time so far.

Phase 1 of the Classroom Project involved construction of four classroom prototypes with different configurations and furnishings. 503 students and 13 faculty members then gave feedback after using the new classrooms. Interestingly, the classroom designed to have the highest level of interaction and the one designed to have the lowest level of interaction were the two most popular classrooms with students. Now that Phase 1 is completed, in Phase 2, 10 new classrooms will be constructed in the spring and another 10 during the summer.

The Enrollment Center project was briefly reviewed. Remodeling will involve the current MAC building, the computer lab and a new entrance.

Most of the presentation was a virtual tour of the Science and Health Careers three-story building. Planning started in May 2011. Ground-breaking is set for April 5, 2012. Permits are proceeding on schedule from the Metropolitan Water and Reclamation District, as well as the town of DesPlaines. The building will be eco-friendly and aims to achieve the highest environmental *Gold Standard* certification. Water from the roof will cascade down toward the pond.

Adjunct instructors Dave Arieti (biology), Kalyani Banerjee (chemistry), Stan Kimura (fire science), and Chet Kulis (sociology/law enforcement) were present at the board meeting.

Committee Reports . . .

Web Development Committee

The committee is in the final phase of finishing the complete redevelopment of the OCC website that began three years ago. Julia Grey and Bonnie Lucas are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Evaluation Committee

The committee is at the end of a year-long process of developing a two phase evaluation of faculty. Phase one will use a rubric to be used by the department chairs to evaluate their faculty and phase two will be used by the students to evaluate their instructors.

Faculty Development Committee

The Fall 2011 semester offered *Connecting What Matters: Academic Excellence, Spanish Conversation and Culture for Beginners* and *Instructional Technology in the College Classroom*, an evening class)

Spring 2012 semester offers *Problem Based Learning* seminar and *Women and Gender Studies*, as well as many one session classes during Fall and Spring orientation week.

Assessment Committee

The Committee is comprised of a faculty representative from each department and coordinates the overall assessment activities of the College. The Academic Review Committee also has representation from each of the departments and is involved in the oversight of the assessment.

Anyone wishing to serve on a committee should contact Barbara Dayton at B3T2@aol.com.

Running for AFA Office are the following:

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