

BOARD POLICY REVIEW TASK FORCE

Meeting 10/9/18

Present:

Helen Ullrich, Task Force Chair

Fred Watson, Board Chair

Kris Young, President

Ralph Martucci, Trustee

Vinnie Cazzetta

Wendy Holmes

Mike Albright

Paul Basinski

1. BRIDGES

Trustees Watson, Hunter and Ullrich met via conference call on October 3. We had all received a packet containing the Report of the Non-Credit Commencement Participation Ad Hoc Committee, including appendices which contained, in part, a Glossary, a survey of non-credit commencement participation at other institutions and a comprehensive description of OCCC's Bridge's program.

The Trustees discussion centered around their concern that the Ad Hoc Committee had failed to do the task the Trustees had requested, i.e. render a specific recommendation as to whether or not the BRIDGES program graduates ought to be included in academic Commencement. Instead, the Ad Hoc Committee had recommended a procedure, grounded in Shared Governance, to determine whether any non-credit program graduates were eligible to participate in Commencement.

After lengthy discussion, the Task Force Trustees agreed on the following:

1. The Ad Hoc Committee had not completed the task with which the Trustees had charged it;
2. The Trustees did not contemplate including any other non-credit course graduates in Commencement;
3. The procedure outlined by the Ad Hoc Committee was overly long and cumbersome and was likely to lead to further dissension, competition and political campaigning;
4. Furthermore, the procedure excluded any participation by the Board of Trustees;
5. The BRIDGES program, as currently constituted, is a rigorous program, with careful monitoring, mentorship, and required courses and learning outcomes, that satisfies the requirements of the ADA and Rehabilitation Act to provide equal educational opportunity to students with intellectual or mental disabilities;
6. The Task Force Trustees would recommend to the entire Board that BP6.1 be amended to include BRIDGES graduates at the College's Commencement exercises.

After this conference call, Chair Watson discussed the matter with Trustee Martucci, who stated at the meeting that he agreed with the above.

The Task Force spent some time editing BP6.1, and agreed that Mike Albright would put it into final draft form.

Kris told Paul that she would meet with Shared Governance Executive Committee to discuss the Trustees' recommendation.

2. Other Policies

Wendy Holmes reported that the entire discrimination section of Board policies needed to be revised per latest information from the Governor's office and she would be getting new drafts to the members shortly.

Mike reported that Linda Dauer had reviewed Section 4 and distributed marked up versions of BP4.1 and 4.17 for the Task Force to review.

The Task Force agree to meet in November on a date TBD.