

Minutes: Faculty Assembly Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2011 3:30 p.m.
Espino Conference Center

Faculty Members Present: Azuaje, Rafael; Butler, Brad; Case, Jim; Clark, Travis; Denson, Jackie; Emerson, Mark; Fairlie, Carol; Freed, Donald; Gonzalez, Ilda; Grant, Roger; Hector, Jim; Hileman, Sharon; Hilscher, Ann Marie; Johnson, Kathy; Jorgenson, Kristofer; Manning, Tyra; Martin, David; Moreland, Amy; Moyo, Lloyd; Nelson, Barney; Rasmussen, Clay; Ray, Robbie; Ritzi, Chris; Rubenser, Lorie; Rumsey, Esther; Sample, Chet; Schlosser, Rebecca; Schwab, Gregory; Stein, Kathy; Stephan, Julie; Sullivan, Kip; Joseph, Velasco; Walter, Matt; Warnock, Bonnie; Watson, David; Whitford-Stark, James; Will, Mazie; Will, Paul; Zamora, Filemon

Faculty Member, Quorum Request: Burns, Ross; Downing, Jay; Garcia, Rick; Green, William; McAnally, Linda; Measures, Liz; Olive, Tamara; Roman, Dona; Saka, Mark; Salazar, Jim Bob; Sawyer, Jay; Selk, Michelle; Six, Beverly; Wright, Paul

I. Call to order—3:26 pm

II. Special Guests: Dr. Ricardo Maestas, Dr. Donald Coers—Dr Maestas presented Dr. Ritzi with last year's Faculty Member of the Year Award. Many of the budget questions were answered in the earlier budget-specific meeting. Dr. Maestas: The Board of Regents meeting went well. There will be a freeze on tuition increases. Dr. Maestas' 3% raise will go toward SR scholarships. Enrollment, according to the 12th-day report is a bit down from last year, but it is up for credit hours. The university needs to make a distinction between non-degree students and post-baccalaureate students. The administration is in the process of gathering additional data on student tracking. The search for the VP for Enrollment Management will be redone. The new CIO has been hired. The webmaster position was filled through an internal promotion. Dr. Maestas wants faculty input on the best date/time for the new student convocation. Dr. Coers: There are six low-performing programs to be closed, with an additional six that the university has filed extensions/appeals on. There is an alternative whereby two programs with enough commonalities could be combined. These, however, are unlikely. The process is that the coordinating board will take a continual look at programs—it is an ongoing process. When the SACS team is here, university personnel need to show university involvement in the process. Know at least one way you have helped to “close the loop.” Make sure to read your own college and department reports.

III. SGA report—none

IV. Approval of Minutes 4-25-11

Motion: Kip Sullivan

Second: Sharon Hileman

Approved

V. Chair's report

a) Fall meeting dates: 9/12, 10/10, and 11/14

- b) Reforming special committees—the Faculty Evaluation Committee will be reformed.
- c) New bookstore manager—To help her, the faculty need to distinguish between recommended and required books. There may soon be a direct link between Banner and the bookstore to help facilitate student book purchases.
- d) Summer search committees—There were many and they met often to varying results.
- e) Other...

VI. Vice Chair's report

- a) SLATE—Vote
Motion: Esther Rumsey
Second: Kip Sullivan
Approved
Term replacements—Vote
Motion: Esther Rumsey
Second: Donald Freed
Approved
- b) Other...

VII. Secretary/Treasurer's report—no report

VIII. Council reports—Tenure and Promotion: the dates and list of faculty are set and published, the decision on charges 4 and 5 will be put to a vote in the October meeting; Honors—scholarships have been awarded

IX. University committee reports—Athletics: appeals were denied; IT: there are pros and cons to both the major assessment software packages currently under review; ADA: handicap parking at Ferguson is limited and more handicap parking will be designated

X. Unfinished business—The special committee on Student Evaluations will be reformed.

XI. New business—none

XII. Announcements—There are bookstore scholarships available to tri-county students. See Matt Walter for details. Concerts, art shows, and lectures were announced.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion: Donald Freed
Second: Bonnie Warnock
4:38pm