

Minutes: Faculty Assembly Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2011 3:30 p.m.

Espino Conference Center

Faculty Members Present: Ira Blanton, Brad Butler, Travis Clark, Melanie Croy, Jackie Denson, Don Dowdy, Mark Emerson, Linda Epps, Scott Ericson, Carol Fairlie, Roger Grant, Jim Hector, Sharon Hileman, Kris Jorgenson, Md Kalam, David Martin, Linda McAnally, Amy Moreland, Lloyd Moyo, Judith Parsons, Clay Rasmussen, Robbie Ray, Chris Ritzi, Dona Roman, Lorie Rubenser, Nelson Sager, Rebecca Schlosser, Greg Schwab, Kathy Stein, Julie Stephan, Kip Sullivan, Martin Terry, Joseph Velasco, Matt Walter, Bonnie Warnock, David Watson, Fileman Zamora

Faculty Members, Quorum Request: Nancy Antrim, Rafael Azuaje, Steve Bennack, Jim Case, Jay Downing, Donald Freed, Rick Garcia, Ilda Gonzalez, Tyra Manning, Rob Matthews, Tamara Olive, Laura Payne-Butler, Esther Rumsey, Jim Bob Salazar, Michelle Selk, Beverly Six, Mazie Will, Paul Will, Paul Wright

I. Call to order: 3:36 pm

II. Special Guest: Chandragupta Gudena, Chief Information Officer: Dr. Maestas introduced Mr. Gudena after congratulating the faculty on their SACS efforts. Mr. Gudena spoke of his plans to bring Sul Ross quickly forward and also asks for patience and input. He introduced the IT dashboard, which is updated every five minutes. Internet capabilities and speed will be increased; maximum email storage will be increased. The help desk will no longer have to deal with password inquiries; this will now be done online and self-service. CAAP is now ready for testing. The emergency notification system is now online and the university community needs to enter their contact information. TaskStream assessment software will be launched in January of 2012. We will be required to have a complex password for all university online business and this password will need to be updated frequently.

III. SGA report: Jonathan Cruz: There is a new SGA logo and executive mission. Senate elections are complete. The SGA sponsored the 9-11 “never forget” project. RAs will now be able to hold a second job. There is a new “this is our house” initiative to help boost attendance and spirit at games. There will be a concerted effort (banner/plaque) to recognize Dean’s List students. The SGA is working on a beefed-up campus safety plan.

IV. Approval of Minutes 9-12-11

Motion: Jay Sawyer

Second: Carol Fairlie

Approved

V. Chair’s report

- a) Tenure and promotion process for small departments (handout): This is a new policy for “small” departments whereby outside department representatives are brought in to vote on T&P.

Motion: Greg Schwab

Second: Avinash Rangra

Approved

- b) Special Council for Faculty Evaluation: They are charged with working on issues of FE forms, merit recommendations, and T&P. The old council did not complete its work and is now reformed. A report from this council is expected by December or January so that new policies can be in place for next year.
- c) Institutional Research Director: An offer has been made and accepted. Start date is being negotiated and will soon be determined.
- d) TCFS: There is a new format for the meeting. Esther Rumsey and Lorie Rubenser will attend.
- e) Faculty Assembly Executive Council: change to charge #10
Motion: Martin Terry
Second: Jay Sawyer
Approved
- f) Other...

VI. Vice Chair's report: not in attendance

VII. Secretary/Treasurer's report: web updates are ongoing

VIII. Council reports

- a) Faculty Affairs: change to charges 4 and 5 (handout)
Motion: Dona Roman
Second: Joseph Velasco
Approved
- b) Curriculum: dates for curriculum changes: The current timeline is not effective
- c) Teaching: There are funds for faculty enrichment. The form is on the website.
- d) Research: Bonnie Warnock is the new chair.

IX. University committee reports: Web Advisory-- change to web page publishing guidelines, 7.06 (handout)

Motion: Carol Fairlie

Second: Sharon Hileman

Approved

X. Unfinished business: none

XI. New business: none

XII. Announcements: Ultimate Frisbee is selling t-shirts and Frisbees. The fall musical schedule is set—there is free admission for students, faculty, and staff.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion: Avinash Rangra

Second: Greg Schwab

Approved