

Minutes: Faculty Assembly Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011 3:30 p.m.

Espino Conference Center

Faculty Members Present: Rafael Azuaje, Ross Burns, Brad Butler, Travis Clark, Mark Emerson, Roger Grant, Jim Hector, Kathy Johnson, Kris Jorgenson, Ke Koa Kealoha, David Martin, Amy Moreland, Barney Nelson, Robbie Ray, Lorie Rubenser, Esther Rumsey, Greg Schwab, Kathy Stein, Matt Walter, Bonnie Warnock, David Watson, Mazie Will, Paul Will, Fileman Zamora

Faculty Members, Quorum Request: Nancy Antrim, Steve Bennack, Ira Blanton, Jim Case, Don Dowdy, Donald Freed, Sharon Hileman, Rob Matthews, Liz Measures, Tamara Olive, Chris Ritzi, Nelson Sager, Mark Saka, Jim Bob Salazar, Jay Sawyer, Kip Sullivan, Paul Wright

I. Call to order 3:36 pm

II. SGA report (see handout) Elimination of 2nd-job Policy for RAs, This Is Our House, This Is Our Voice, Bleeding Green, Student Payroll Legislation, Lobo Hall of Honor, Go Green Movement, Campus Safety Plan

III. Approval of Minutes 10-10-11

Motion: Kathy Stein

Second: Bonnie Warnock

Approved

IV. Chair's report

- a) Dr. Maestas meetings: There is no new budget news. The new strategic plan process will begin in the spring.
- b) CIO meetings: Mr. Gudena is concerned that the faculty is overwhelmed with the volume of changes. Our answer: "no." There is a new network with three times the bandwidth. He is working on doubling our email capacity. There is an effort to begin integrating videotaping as a Blackboard teaching tool. TaskStream is in the final stages of contract work. CAP is improving—continue to send your comments to Sajitha. There is a push to standardize the hardware and software across all computers on campus. Upgrades are also available.
- c) TCFS: Lorie and Esther went to Austin. There are changes to the core curriculum requirements with increase leeway for individual campuses to make decisions about which course fulfill core curriculum requirements. There was a system meeting with the Chancellor. He procured \$7 million for SR for a new boiler system. System office funding has been restored. The coordinating board is under a "sunset clause" and their continued existence will be reviewed. Concealed carry on campus will be back in the legislature this session. Textbook costs will also be considered. Esther: Why are small schools held to the same "low-performing" program standards as larger schools? This is a financial argument—smaller programs need to be just as cost effective as larger ones. More budget cuts are expected. The AAUP workshop was a day-long commercial for the organization and was quite disappointing.
- d) Strategic plan: It is coming—get ready.
- e) Low-producing programs: The new standard is 25 graduates over any 5-year period. This mandate is coming from the governor and it is likely that the minimum number of graduates will increase again in the near future. There is a new political culture in the coordinating board where "accessibility" arguments for smaller programs don't carry the same weight that they once did. SR will explore the possibility of allowing double majors as a way to boost program numbers.
- f) IDEA faculty form: All the evaluations were conducted online with a low participation rate from students. Dr. Coers and Mr. Gudena are working on a solution to the participation problem. When filling out the faculty form, list only two to three items as high priority. Otherwise, your results will be skewed.

- g) IR search: There was an offer made but the candidate turned down the offer after stating that Alpine was too expensive of a local to live in. The search is renewed with targeted recruitment of candidates from the EC. In the meantime, Dr. Croy will help with the IDEA evaluations.
- h) other

V. Vice Chair's report: none

VI. Secretary/Treasurer's report: none

VII. Council reports: reporting and activity requirements: Roger Grand requests that councils and committees actually meet and then post their minutes/reports to the web. Budget Council (see handout): Bonnie Warnock reported on how frozen positions impact the SR mission. She asks that faculty examine the handout for missing or inaccurate information. Curriculum Council: Kris Jorgenson stated that course changes are ready to be sent to Dr. Coers and asks that faculty look to see if their course changes are on the list. Graduate Council: Nancy Antrim is now chair. Research Council: Bonnie Warnock asked for proposals.

VIII. University committee reports: Scholarship: David Martin states that the committee is working diligently on making their process quite rigorous. IT: Mazie Will states that they have recommended TaskStream.

IX. Special council reports

X. Unfinished business

XI. New business: Esther Rumsey: HEAF funds have not yet been distributed. Greg Schwab: There is \$5000 for recruiting funds for each school available. Barney Nelson: The QEP still has funds available for pilot projects.

XII. Announcements: none

XII. Adjourn

Motion: Rafael Azuaje
Second: Esther Rumsey
4:36 pm