Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College
Faculty Senate Meeting
January 23, 2015
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting held at the Eagle Pass campus was called to order by Dr. Ortiz and teleconferenced to the Del Rio and Uvalde sites a little after 10 a.m. Members present and constituting a quorum included: Adames, Baulch, Carson, Culver, Foley, Gear, Gutierrez, Moore, Moura, Muniz-Quiz, Ortiz, Quiz, Roche, Stitts, Stocks, Stone, Urbina, Walden, and Wynne.

II. Recess

A brief recess was initiated by Dr. Ortiz to allow Dr. Kibler to address members of the senate regarding Dr. Kibler’s position on the resolution adopted at the 10/17/14 faculty senate meeting. Dr. Kibler commented on the following:

(a) he is in agreement that the administrative structure of the College be altered by changing the office of the Associate Provost to Vice President and creating a separate office of Dean of Rio Grande College which would report to the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

(b) if the dean’s position is re-created, this individual would be housed at the Uvalde site and would be filled as a result of a search. In addition, the search committee would be composed of selected faculty from RGC.

(c) this position takes away from other priorities and the faculty senate would have to keep in mind that $100,000.00 plus would have to be considered from the total budget.

(d) he is inclined to re-title Dr. Sorrels to Vice-President and Dean whereas right now he is Associate Provost and regardless of the faculty senate recommendation Dr. Sorrels becomes Vice-President. Dr. Kibler will wait on making any changes until he hears from the faculty senate.

After a brief discussion regarding the faculty senate resolution adopted in October, 2014, Dr. Kibler deferring to the senate’s wishes, indicated that Dr. Sorrels’ position is under senate control. Dr. Ortiz added that the resolution is the voice of the faculty senate.

III. Approval of Minutes

After recess, the 10/17/14 minutes were presented by Dr. Gear for approval by the senate. Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Officers’ Report

Dr. Ortiz discussed that he would not be able to attend an upcoming Texas Council of Faculty Senates spring conference in February. Dr. Foley and Dr. Gear had no comments to add.
V. New Business

Recommendations for committee appointments were made during the spring 2015 meeting for the fall term and will continue from now on. To eliminate the discontinuity in committee work, two year terms will be staggered. Half of the terms will expire each year rather than all of the terms expiring every two years. Therefore, half of the current terms will end in September 2015 and be replaced by terms running from September 2015 until September 2017.

RGC Admissions, Retention, & Equity
Culver’s term to end in 2015, but recommended for reappointment for the 2015-2017 term
Muniz’ term to end in 2016

RGC Budget Advisory Committee
Carson’s term to end in 2016
Culver’s term to end in 2015 with Adames recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Moore’s term to end in 2016
Stitts’ term to end in 2016
Stone’s term to end in 2015 with Roche recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term

RGC Curriculum Council
Adames’ term to end in 2015 with Moura recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Baulch’s term to end in 2016
Ortiz’ term to end in 2016
Stocks’ term to end in 2015 with Culver recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Walden’s term to end in 2016

RGC Financial Aid/Assistance Appeals
Carson’s term to end in 2015 with Foley recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Stocks’ term to end in 2016
Wynne's term to end in 2016

RGC Library Council
Carson’s term to end in 2015 with Stocks recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Roche’s term to end in 2016

RGC Research & Faculty Development Council
Foley’s term to end in 2016
Moura’s term to end in 2015 with Wynne recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
Russell’s term to end in 2016
Walden’s term to end in 2015 with F. Quiz recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term

RGC Student Service Fee Advisory Committee
Nicosia’s term to end in 2015 with Roche recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term

RGC University In-service Technology Committee
Adames’ term to end in 2016
Ortiz’ term to end in 2017

RGC University Scholarship Committee
Gutierrez’ term to end in 2016
Fernando Quiz’ term to end in 2016
Sarah Roche’s term to end in 2015 with Adames recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term
RGC University Web Service Advisory Committee
Stone’s term to end in 2015 with Stocks recommended to fill this vacancy for the 2015-2017 term

A motion was made to accept these recommendations and the motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Maria Gear, secretary