

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College

Faculty Senate Meeting

March 3, 2017

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting convened at the Del Rio campus, with teleconference sites available at Uvalde, Eagle Pass and Castroville. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Monica Gutierrez at approximately 10:05 a.m. Members present and constituting a quorum included: Acevedo, Adames, Carson, Culver, Davis, Foley, Gear, Gutierrez, Matula, Moura, Nacosia, Ortiz, Roche, Stitts, Stocks, Wilson and Young.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 10, 2017 were provided for review. Dr. Matula made the motion that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and all members present voted in favor of approving the minutes.

III. Officer Reports

No reports discussed

IV. Old Business

As previously discussed, Dr. Gutierrez is seeking clarification on the process for making changes to the RGC website. She will provide information as it is made available.

BAS program – Dean Mendez will be calling a meeting with faculty upon the return from spring break.

V. New Business

Three items constituted new business for consideration by the faculty senate:

Dr. Stitts recommended and presented a resolution of support on behalf of Dr. Veronica Mendez. He addressed the senate by reviewing the previous senate efforts that provided for the position and ultimately secured Dr Mendez as Academic Dean at RGC. The motion for adoption was made by Dr. Stitts and seconded by Dr. Matula. The faculty vote was unanimous in support of the resolution.

Program enrollment criteria for the Bachelor of Applied Science with Emphasis in Organizational Leadership was discussed. The current criteria for enrollment into the program states that students will have "***Completed Associate of Applied Science Degree OR Completed an evaluated portfolio of prior learning***". Dr. Gutierrez explained that a recommendation had been made from Dr. Case to include the opportunity for the dean to approve existing placement of students within the program who did not meet either of the required criteria prior to enrollment. There was discussion that presented differences of opinion and further clarification was solicited from President, Dr. Gutierrez. It was shared that this consideration and approval would ensure that students currently enrolled in the

program would not be effected, but that any future students being considered to the program would be required to meet one of the two requirements (degree or portfolio).

Dr. Wilson made the motion to support the inclusion of the statement “*or dean’s approval*”. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gear. The vote carried to support the inclusion of the statement with a distribution of 11 in favor and 6 opposed.

The final item for consideration was regarding the comprehensive oral examination process with regard to the Graduate Program in Education. A phrase was added to the 2016-2017 catalog which excluded the College Teaching specializations from being required to complete a comprehensive exam. Several faculty members inquired about the involvement of the curriculum committee and who approved the written representation in the handbook. Dr. Ortiz and Dr. Roche offered background with regard to the development of the College Teaching Specialization degree plans. Dr. Roche explained that the original intent was for each student to be provided an internship opportunity, but when that was not supported, the provision for a comprehensive exam or “an exit procedure” was not applied. Dr. Ortiz shared his understanding of the unsupported internship experience with regard to graduate students teaching classes. Dr. Ortiz went on to express his support for a comprehensive examination for all students pursuing the College Teaching Specialization. A motion was made by Dr. Young to delete from the catalog the phrasing “*except the College Teaching Specialization*”. The motion was seconded by Dr. Foley and received unanimous support from the senate membership.

Dr. Gutierrez opened the floor to any additional new business. Dr. Culver asked if faculty members had been approached by student, Rosalinda Sunshine Flores-Faught, regarding an RGC Intellectual Pageant. Additional faculty members that had either visited with the student or heard of her pursuit to develop a pageant engaged in a conversation. The conclusive agreement was that the faculty does not feel this effort should be supported at this level, Any consideration should be limited to SGA involvement.

Dr. Moura made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dr. Matula. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Presented by: _____
Gina L. Stocks
Faculty Senate Secretary