

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
MAB 300, 3:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm.

Present: Eric Funasaki, Christopher Herrera, Ryan Luna, Joseph Velasco, and Bonnie Warnock.

Absent: David Leaver and Kathy Stein.

II. Approval of Minutes (10/2/17)

Christopher Herrera moved to approve the minutes from October 2 and Ryan Luna seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. President's Report (Joseph Velasco)

A. Resolution on Deans on Executive Committee

Dr. Case presented the resolution to the Dean's Council and they unanimously endorsed it. The resolution was then submitted to the Executive Committee which recommended it for acceptance. The resolution is now awaiting Dr. Kibler's approval.

B. Meeting Report: Texas State University System Faculty Senate

Fernando Gomez (TSUS Vice Chancellor and General Counsel) gave a presentation on the legality of speech and assembly on campus. The reduction of special item funding was discussed. The state legislature has formed a special committee to study special item funding. Other items mentioned included Hazelwood funding, the state hiring freeze, outcome-based funding, on-line education, and HB 2223. Joseph Velasco will be sending the Executive Council a packet of handouts distributed at the meeting by John Hayek (TSUS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs).

C. Meeting Report: Texas Council of Faculty Senates

Each institution presented a three minute roundup report. State Representative John Raney was the guest speaker. He spoke for 15 to 20 minutes and then held a good discussion with the group. AAUP had a panel discussion about their summer institute which focuses on training members on legal and policy issues that affect faculty. At the meeting was the Texas organization TACT that also helps faculty with legal and policy issues. Joseph Velasco brought up the idea of Faculty Assembly joining both AAUP and TACT.

D. SRSU Employment Update: New Duties and Salaries

Joseph Velasco needs to e-mail Dr. Kibler about changes in salaries due to changes in duties so that the administration salary data chart can be updated.

IV. Vice President's Report (Kathy Stein)

V. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Eric Funasaki)

VI. Parliamentarian's Report (Bonnie Warnock)

VII. Old Business

A. Class Scheduling

Joseph Velasco has talked to Carol Greer about having only Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday classes. Ms. Greer needs to see if this is possible, in particular, are there enough classrooms to fit the current number of Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning classes in a Monday/Wednesday morning schedule. Dr. Velasco also needs to talk to Dr. Case about this.

B. Minor in Diversity Studies

This minor has been approved to start in Fall 2018.

VIII. New Business

A. Rooms for 2/12/18 and 3/5/18 Faculty Assembly Meetings

These two Faculty Assembly meetings need to be moved from the Fishbowl as ARAMARK charges a \$30 delivery fee. Please send Joseph Velasco any ideas for alternative meeting rooms.

B. Border County Doctoral Loan Repayment Program

Joseph Velasco, at the behest of some Behavioral and Social Sciences faculty members, e-mailed Sean Cunningham (TSUS Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations) about this program. Dr. Cunningham replied that no funds had been allocated to the program by the state legislature, but he will continue looking into it.

C. SACSCOC On-site Leadership Team Committee

The SACSCOC on-site visit is scheduled for the beginning of April 2018. Joseph Velasco wants interested faculty members to help out with this visit.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

Ryan Luna moved to adjourn and Christopher Herrera seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.