

Minutes  
Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 12, 2015  
FH 115, 3:30pm

I. Call to order

*Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.*

*Present: Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Kathy Stein, Joseph Velasco, Bonnie Warnock, Scott Wassermann, and Mazie Will.*

*Absent: none*

II. Approval of Minutes (10/5/2015)

*Scott Wassermann moved to approve the minutes from October 5 and Kathy Stein seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

III. President's report

A. Course Evaluations

*Joseph Velasco will be asking Sandy Bogus to fix the pie charts that faculty have on their student evaluation summaries to reflect the actual data. Currently, there is the same incorrect pie chart on all student evaluation summaries. Also, faculty need to be better notified via e-mail about the course evaluation period.*

B. Campus Carry Taskforce

*Dean Jay Downing is currently the faculty representative on the taskforce. There is an open public forum on Campus Carry on November 19 from 11 am to 1:30 pm.*

C. Proposal on Excessive Absences

*Dr. Case wants the faculty to consider a proposal from Mary Beth Marks on having 3 different F grades for financial aid purposes. Discussion indicated a willingness to help in this matter as well as wanting to know what is possible in Banner. Joseph Velasco intends to meet with Mary Beth Marks to discuss what might be possible in Banner.*

D. Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting

E. TSUS Faculty Senate Meeting

*Campus Carry was a hot topic and there was a lot of discussion on this at both meetings including should something about Campus Carry be in syllabi (not legally required) and should faculty check for concealed handgun licenses. The UTEP President, Dr. Diana Natalicio, gave a presentation that included many things that could be helpful for Sul Ross. Joseph Velasco met with Dr. Natalicio last Friday and discussed her working with Sul Ross and building partnerships between UTEP and Sul Ross.*

F. Staff Council

*Joseph Velasco was invited to and attended the most recent Staff Council meeting. A couple of things from that meeting that could also benefit faculty were a wellness initiative for staff and a possible partnership to bring a motivational speaker to campus.*

IV. Vice-President's report

V. Secretary/Treasurer's report

VI. Parliamentarian's report

VII. Old business

A. Student drug arrests

*Joseph Velasco did not have a chance to mention this to Dr. Kibler as they did not meet for very long.*

VIII. New business

A. Sustainability

*Joseph Velasco will form a special committee on sustainability. The special committee will work on developing a charge for a standing committee on sustainability which will require a change in the Faculty Assembly by-laws.*

B. Faculty Grievance Policy

*Dr. Case has not gotten back to Joseph Velasco on what the new policy and procedure for faculty grievances will be.*

C. Comfort Dogs

*Mazie Will was surprised that the residence halls are allowing comfort dogs. She wondered whether this would also apply to faculty and staff offices.*

D. Campus Carry

*Discussion was on designated gun free zones on campus (e.g. child care center and counseling center) and that an action plan for faculty to follow is needed.*

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

*Kathy Stein moved to adjourn and Scott Wassermann seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.*