

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017
Library Conference Room, 3:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Present: Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Kathy Stein, Joseph Velasco, and Scott Wassermann.

Absent: Bonnie Warnock and Mazie Will.

II. Approval of Minutes (2/6/2017)

Theron Francis moved to approve the minutes from February 6 with two corrections and Scott Wassermann seconded. The minutes with two corrections were approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

A. "Starving the Beast" Screening

Joseph Velasco has borrowed a copy of "Starving the Beast" from TCFS and wants to have a screening on campus this semester. There was a discussion on where and when to have a screening as well as on who to invite to be on the panel after the screening. This discussion will continue at next week's Faculty Assembly meeting. Keep thinking about dates and venues for a screening.

B. Bookstore Relations Committee

Dr. Case sent an e-mail to faculty announcing the creation of a Bookstore Relations committee and looking for faculty to volunteer to serve on it. Joseph Velasco is considering volunteering to serve on this committee.

C. TCFS meeting

There was a panel discussion by faculty who had moved into administrative positions on the issues they faced and how administrations function with faculty. At the next meeting there will be a panel discussion by legislative liaisons on the current turbulent legislative session. There were reports from member institutions on issues they are facing. These include: immigration related policies, State of Texas hiring freeze, budget oversight, faculty workload policies, and post-tenure review policies. Lastly, there was a discussion on how TCFS can help member institutions with shared governance.

D. TSUS Faculty Senate meeting

There was a long discussion on the current state of the Hazelwood program and how it affects TSUS institutions. There was also a discussion on the proposed Texas Senate and House funding bills on higher education which are dramatically different.

IV. Vice President's Report

A. 2017-18 Committees and Councils slate

Kathy Stein distributed the list of openings on committees and councils for 2017-18. This list will be sent to Faculty Assembly members and nominations for these openings solicited.

V. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

A. Faculty Assembly website

1. Updates

Eric Funasaki is now responsible for updating the Faculty Assembly website.

2. Voting Faculty webpage

The webpage containing the list of current voting Faculty Assembly members has been updated. Please look it over and send any corrections to Eric Funasaki.

VI. Parliamentarian's Report

VII. Old Business

A. Faculty Awards

At the next Faculty Assembly meeting the new award for academic year 2017-18 will be chosen. A special committee may need to be formed to decide on how to administer this new award.

B. Faculty Athletic Advisor

Kathy Stein did not have anything to add.

VIII. New Business

A. Plaque for University Ranch resolution

The resolution was passed at the last Faculty Assembly meeting. There was a discussion on whether the resolution should be posted as a framed document or plaque in the President's office and in the ANRS Dean's office. Some questioned whether this is needed. This will be discussed at next week's Faculty Assembly meeting.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn

Kathy Stein moved to adjourn and Theron Francis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.