

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 6, 2017**  
**FH 115, 3:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

*Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.*

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

*Absent: Mazie Will and Bonnie Warnock.*

II. Approval of Minutes (11/8/2016)

*Scott Wassermann moved to approve the minutes from November 8 and Kathy Stein seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

III. President's Report

A. Strategic Plan

*The timetable for the Strategic Plan along with its current goals and objectives were passed out. Work is being done on firming up the goals, objectives, and strategies in the Strategic Plan as well as how to measure these for different units at Sul Ross. Please send any thoughts or comments to Bonnie Warnock or Ken Durham in the next week.*

B. Mission and Vision Statements

*The mission and vision statements subcommittee has been working for 4 months and at their meeting at the beginning of the semester were close to a final version of the mission statement. However, the Strategic Planning committee changed direction on what it wants for the mission statement. The newly edited version of the mission statement that fits what the Strategic Planning committee wants was handed out. There was a discussion on the mission and vision statements.*

C. Possible "Starving the Beast" Screening

*The film may be available on-line for universities and more affordable. Perhaps a screening can be done in conjunction with Staff Council. Faculty, staff, students, and the community could be invited. Joseph Velasco will look into the details and price.*

D. Statement on Textbook Adoptions

*The Bookstore is concerned about a small number of faculty that are ruining the process. For instance, listing a textbook as required, but not actually using it. A system needs to be set up that tracks issues and problems with faculty and the Bookstore.*

E. Legislative Happenings

*TACT handouts on legislative happenings affecting higher education were passed out. There are a number of things to think about.*

- IV. Vice-President's Report  
*In March the process for filling committee and council openings will begin.*
- V. Secretary/Treasurer's Report  
*Joseph Velasco received a check from TCFS for \$425 since he didn't need to pay the registration fee as a TCFS officer.*
- VI. Parliamentarian's Report
- VII. Old Business
- A. Baseline Salary Regulations  
*The regulations were not implemented.*
  - B. Resolution thanking Dr. Kibler for action taken on the University Ranch  
*This resolution will be presented for approval at next week's Faculty Assembly meeting.*
  - C. Resolution on recommendations for restoring the University Ranch  
*Rob Kinucan has asked that this resolution be tabled until it is needed.*
  - D. Special Committee on First Year Seminar  
*The committee was formed and has met. Brandy Synder is now in charge of First Year Seminar and chairing the committee.*
  - E. Faculty Awards  
*Dr. Kibler established a Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award. At next week's meeting the Faculty Assembly will be asked about what other Faculty Awards should be created.*
- VIII. New Business
- A. Faculty Athletic Advisor
    - 1. Late afternoon scheduling and limited evening scheduling  
*The athletics department is concerned by the increase in afternoon courses and the lack of evening courses. They request not scheduling courses with only one section from 2-5 pm and offering evening courses after 6 pm.*
    - 2. Mandatory field trips in conflict with conference scheduling  
*There have been problems with mandatory field trips conflicting with athletic events, in particular conference meets. Faculty need to work with student/athletes as these are excused absences.*
    - 3. Start of electronic grade checks  
*Dr. Kibler wants electronic grade checks to be a part of the Early Alert System. Thus, electronic grade checks will not occur until Sandra Chambers can see if they can be integrated into the Early Alert System.*
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn  
*Theron Francis moved to adjourn and Kathy Stein seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.*