

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2016
FH 115, 3:30 pm

I. Call to order

Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm.

Present: Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Kathy Stein, Joseph Velasco, and Bonnie Warnock.

Absent: Scott Wassermann and Mazie Will.

II. Approval of Minutes (2/29/2016 and 4/4/2016)

Bonnie Warnock moved to approve both sets of minutes and Kathy Stein seconded. Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.

III. President's report

A. Course Evaluations – Posting data online (HB2504)

Sul Ross is not in compliance with HB2504. Dr. Case held meetings this summer to determine how and what course evaluation data would be posted. It was decided that results from 5 of the multiple choice questions addressing teaching and none of the written comments would be posted. Joseph Velasco will send out an e-mail summarizing this work. Dave Gibson and OIT are in charge of putting the course evaluation data on the Sul Ross website.

B. 2016-17 University Budget

Joseph Velasco should be receiving a copy of the 2016-17 university budget soon.

C. Faculty Textbook Policies & Student Grievances

Students have been making complaints about course textbooks: faculty requiring books that are not used in the course, not sticking to the required books, and selecting books late. A discussion on this matter will be held at next week's Faculty Assembly meeting.

D. Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan Committee has revised the Strategic Plan's 5 goals and added a 6th goal. Over 20 subcommittees are being created to work on specific parts of each goal.

E. Experiential Learning Funds available through the Provost's Office

Funds are available to students for experiential or service learning activities related to courses they are taking. Faculty need to inform Dr. Case about courses with an experiential or service learning component for their students to be eligible for these funds.

F. Wellness Program

A wellness program at Sul Ross was an idea that came from Staff Council. Chris Herrera is working on a wellness program for faculty and staff. A wellness program would satisfy part of one goal of the Strategic Plan.

- G. New Dean of Education and Professional Studies: Dr. Hamin Shabazz
Dr. Hamin Shabazz, who has a criminal justice background, has been hired as the Dean of the newly renamed College of Education and Professional Studies.
 - H. RGC Faculty Senate
Last year the RGC Faculty Senate had problems conducting business due to uncooperative faculty members. They have elected new officers, but may still need our help this year.
 - I. RGC Dean: Dr. Veronica Mendez
Dr. Veronica Mendez has been hired as the first Dean of RGC. The RGC faculty seem happy to have her.
 - J. Jim Clouse retired
This position is being changed from a vice-president position to a director position. A search is currently being conducted. Mark Hopper is serving as the interim director.
 - K. Law Enforcement Academy renamed in honor of H. Joaquin Jackson
- IV. Vice-President's report
- A. Changes in Committees and Councils slate
Kathy Stein is working on filling the remaining openings on the 2016-17 Committees and Councils slate due to Faculty Assembly members who left Sul Ross during the summer.
- V. Secretary/Treasurer's report
- A. 2016-17 Budget
The 2016-17 Faculty Assembly budget will not be known until the 2016-17 university budget is released.
 - B. Updating the Fall 2016 Membership List
Eric Funasaki is updating the Fall 2016 membership list. All department chairs were sent an e-mail requesting an update on eligible Faculty Assembly members in their department.
- VI. Parliamentarian's report
- VII. Old business
- A. Donation in memory of Josef Schlosser
Joseph Velasco presented Rebecca Schlosser with a card signed by faculty along with \$100 collected from faculty.
- VIII. New business
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn
Kathy Stein moved to adjourn and Bonnie Warnock seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.