

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2017
Espino Conference Center Rooms A & B, 3:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

Present: James Blincoe, Jamie Boyd, Rosemary Briseno, Suyu Dong, Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Bibiana Gutierrez, Jim Hector, Christopher Herrera, Ken Laviers, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Linda McAnally, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, Francine Richter, Rebecca Splan, Kathy Stein, Joseph Velasco, David Watson, and Filemon Zamora.

Absent, but counted in the quorum: Steve Bennack, Avrum Dumitrescu, Christopher Estep, Betsy Evans, Carol Fairlie, Karrin Ford, William Green, Sharon Hileman, Robert Hunter, Kristofer Jorgenson, Jeffery Meyer, Lorie Rubenser, Mark Rubin, Mark Saka, Gregory Schwab, Gregory Teagarden, Martin Terry, Liza Ware, Bonnie Warnock, Scott Wassermann, Mazie Will, and Paul Will.

II. SGA Report (Danielle Lucero)

Brought up campus recycling and sustainability at the Board of Regents meeting and received positive feedback. The desk will be replaced for Sul Ross' 100th birthday, look for an e-mail with the details. All Red Out donations are in and planning of the shirt design is underway. Red Out will be at the April 21 baseball game.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Al Brautigam (HB 2504 website demo)

Joseph Velasco stated that the demo is related to HB 2504 which requires the posting of course evaluation data on the Sul Ross website. No written comments will be posted and a committee has chosen which questions are to be included. Al Brautigam showed what the new website will look like and said that it should be up and running this fall. Faculty will be responsible for editing the personal data on their page and were shown how that is done. Questions and comments from the floor were entertained.

B. Jeanne Qvarnstrom (SACSCOC update)

Thanked those working on getting Sul Ross in compliance with HB 2504. Noted that fractions, instead of percentages, were used to display course evaluation results due to the low number of student responses in most courses. There is now an official Sul Ross CV format. All faculty CV's, including adjunct faculty and dual credit teacher CV's, need to be in this format. All syllabi are being reviewed to make sure that the Student Learning Outcomes are correct. The

academic assessment report deadline is May 31 as three years of reports are needed before the SACSCOC reviewer visits Sul Ross on June 6. Joseph Velasco brought up the idea of orientation packets for adjunct faculty to help them format their CV's and syllabi correctly.

IV. Approval of Minutes (2/13/17)

Kathy Stein moved to approve the minutes from February 13 as presented and Filemon Zamora seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. President's Report (Joseph Velasco)

A. "Starving the Beast" screening

Joseph Velasco has gotten a copy of the film and wants to have a screening on-campus. He hopes to co-sponsor this screening with other on-campus groups (e.g. SGA and Staff Council) and plans on inviting faculty, staff, students, and the community. There was a discussion on locations and times for a screening. The consensus of the floor was April or later on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. He reiterated that Sul Ross and Faculty Assembly are not endorsing the film, but are showing it to facilitate discussion after the screening. As such a panel of facilitators will be needed.

B. Bookstore Relations Committee

Dr. Case sent out an e-mail announcing the formation of this committee and asking for volunteers. Joseph Velasco will be volunteering. This committee will ensure that textbook adoption practices help our students and the bookstore as well as work out issues between faculty and the bookstore. Bibiana Gutierrez pointed out that students should be included on this committee. Send any thoughts or comments to Joseph Velasco.

C. TCFS meeting

Joseph Velasco and Theron Francis both attended this meeting. Faculty were invited to attend the fall meeting with Joseph Velasco. There was a discussion of issues affecting member institutions. In particular, the struggle with writing and revising policy, concern over state legislation, and concern over federal legislation. At the fall meeting there will be a panel of legislative liaisons talking about the climate in the state legislature and how to represent faculty to the state legislature. Theron Francis mentioned that TCFS is willing to visit campuses to help raise faculty awareness on the importance of faculty involvement in shared governance.

D. TSUS Faculty Senate meeting

The new system-wide faculty grievance policy was brought up with the system Vice President. Joseph Velasco sees potential problems with this policy and wants faculty feedback on it.

VI. Vice President's Report (Kathy Stein)

A. 2017-18 Committees and Councils slate

Kathy Stein handed out the list of openings on committees and councils

for the 2017-18 academic year. She will also be e-mailing this list to Faculty Assembly members later this week. Send her an e-mail listing the committees and councils you would like to be considered for.

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

A. Faculty Assembly website

Send any changes or updates to Eric Funasaki who is now taking care of the Faculty Assembly website.

VIII. Parliamentarian's Report (Bonnie Warnock)

IX. Old Business

A. Faculty Awards

New faculty awards will be created, perhaps one a year. At the last Faculty Assembly meeting there was interest in creating a research/artistic endeavor award for the 2017-18 academic year. Joseph Velasco passed around a sign-up sheet for a special committee that would work on this new award.

X. New Business

A. Plaque for University Ranch Proposal

Rob Kinucan would like one plaque presented to Dr. Kibler that would remain in the President's office and one plaque for ANRS. Jerry Johnson of Something Special quoted Joseph Velasco \$35-\$50 for one plaque depending on if it was a framed copy or a wood engraved copy. Theron Francis moved to purchase two plaques and Ryan Luna seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. David Watson then moved to have the Executive Council and ANRS faculty decide on what kind of plaques are to be purchased and Billy Jack Ray seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Committee Reports

XII. Council Reports

A. Teaching Council (Francine Richter)

\$6300 has been awarded and the council is out of money.

XIII. Announcements

A. Texas Academy of Science award (David Leaver)

Adrian Maldonado, a Sul Ross undergraduate student, received the chemistry/biochemistry oral presentation award at the recent Texas Academy of Science annual meeting.

B. President of Texas Bar Association talk (David Watson)

The president of the Texas Bar Association will be giving a talk on-campus the Thursday after spring break.

C. Concerts (Eric Funasaki for Jeffery Meyer)

There will be a Brass Studio Recital on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm in

the Studio Theater and a Concert Choir/Wind Ensemble concert on Thursday March 9 at 7:30 pm in Marshall Auditorium.

D. Cesar Chavez day (Filemon Zamora)

The Spanish Club will be celebrating Cesar Chavez day on March 30.

E. Sul Ross Ultimate (Joseph Velasco)

Sul Ross Ultimate came in second in the Big Bender tournament in Alpine. Thanks to Jim Hector, Chris Herrera, and the kinesiology students for helping with the tournament. This weekend the team will be participating in a tournament at UT which will include teams from 34 universities from all over the country.

XIV. Adjourn

David Watson moved to adjourn and Filemon Zamora seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.