

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016
Espino Conference Center Rooms A & B, 3:30 pm

I. Call to order

Joseph Velasco called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm.

Present: James Blincoe, Angela Brown, Theron Francis, Donald Freed, Eric Funasaki, Bibiana Gutierrez, Sharon Hileman, Valerie Howard, Kris Jorgenson, Ken Lavers, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Nora Ohnishi, Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Francine Richter, Kathy Stein, Joseph Velasco, Bonnie Warnock, David Watson, Yanfeng Yue, and Filemon Zamora.

Absent, but counted in the quorum: Rafael Azuaje, Steve Bennack, Avrum Dumitrescu, Carol Fairlie, Karrin Ford, Ilda Gonzalez, Robert Hunter, Linda McAnally, Jeffery Meyer, Lorie Rubenser, Mark Rubin, Mark Saka, Gregory Schwab, Marjorie Scott, Russell Scown, Gregory Tegarden, Barbara Tucker, Liza Ware, Mazie Will, and Paul Will.

II. SGA report

Report was given by SGA Vice-president Danielle Lucero. Red Out will be in April. 550 shirts will be given out at the April 16 baseball game and April 23 softball game. Donations for Red Out will be taken until March 8. SGA will host its annual Physical Plant Appreciation on April 15 and provide lunch for Physical Plant employees. SGA will be working on voter registration (of students) and voter awareness in April. SGA is also considering changing its election code bylaws and possibly advocating for weighted (+ or -) grading.

III. Guest Speakers

A. David Gibson (password changes)

David Gibson wanted to remind the faculty that passwords need to be changed by April 28 and every 6 months thereafter. He will be sending out weekly e-mail reminders. He felt it was important for faculty to remind students, in particular online students, to change their passwords before April 28. He also encouraged the faculty to really change their passwords and to stay away from recurring patterns in their passwords. He also suggested using password management software.

B. Jeanne Qvarnstrom (SACS)

Jeanne Qvarnstrom reminded the faculty that the QEP committee will be presenting 3 different proposals on March 28 in the Espino Conference Center Rooms A & B from 12 pm to 2 pm. Staff, students, and faculty are encouraged to attend and provide input. A decision on which proposal to use through 2022 will be made by the end of May. The 2014-2015 academic assessment reports will be sent to SACS at

the end of the month. The 2015-2016 academic assessment reports will begin in April. Please send Jeanne Qvarnstrom any questions about or suggestions for improving the academic assessment report process. The NSE survey that some students have been selected to participate in ends on March 21. In April the ETS student proficiency survey will be conducted.

- IV. Approval of minutes (2/8/16)
Bonnie Warnock moved to approve the minutes from the February 8 meeting and Theron Francis seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. President's report
 - A. Faculty Grievance Policy and Procedure
 - B. Core Curriculum Procedure
 - C. RGC Dean Search
 - D. Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting
 - E. TSUS Faculty Senate Meeting
- VI. Vice-president's report
- VII. Secretary/Treasurer's report
- VIII. Parliamentarian's report
- IX. Old Business
 - A. Sustainability Council
- X. New Business
 - A. Outstanding Teacher Award
Kathy Stein distributed and collected the ballot for nominees for the Outstanding Teacher Award.
 - B. Academic Excellence in Coaching Award
 - C. Donation to American Cancer Society or National MS Society in memory of Josef Schlosser
Joseph Velasco will check whether Faculty Assembly funds can be used to make a donation.
- XI. Committee reports
- XII. Council reports
 - A. Research Council
Bonnie Warnock reminded the faculty that applications were due on Friday.
- XIII. Announcements

A. Graduate Fellowships

Sharon Hileman mentioned that graduate fellowship applications are due on April 1.

B. Sul Ross Ultimate Frisbee

Joseph Velasco noted that the Sul Ross Ultimate Frisbee team had done well in a tournament in Albuquerque. Also, next year Sul Ross will be hosting a tournament in Alpine.

XIV. Adjourn

David Watson moved to adjourn and Filemon Zamora seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.