

Minutes
Faculty Assembly Meeting | Monday, November 5, 2018
Espino Conference Center, Rooms A&B

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.

Present: Andrew Alegria, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Rosemary Briseño, Betsy Evans, Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Bibiana Gutierrez, Christopher Herrera, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Ryan O’Shaughnessy, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, Francine Richter, Thomas Shiller, Kathy Stein, Jessica Velasco, Joseph Velasco, Filemon Zamora

Not present, but counted in quorum: April Aultman Becker, Melleta Bell, Steve Bennack, Sandra Chambers, Suyu Dong, Jay Downing, Chris Garcia, Amy Gonzales, Ilda Gonzalez, Alex Hardison, Kristofer Jorgenson, Marina Kimball, Ken Laviers, Cynthia McAlister, Jeffrey Meyer, Jennifer Miller, Richard Mrozinski, Samuel Renfroe, Mark Saka, Martin Terry, Julie Vega, Matt Walter, Lisa Zakharova

II. SGA Report (Emily Garcia)

Emily’s report was pushed until after item III. She provided an update on Homecoming Activities that were canceled and reworked due to weather. SGA participants are gearing up for Title IX training and looking forward to participating in more service projects in the spring.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom

Dr. Qvarnstrom brought a handout with information from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (Appendix A). She mentioned that she is proud of how far we have come in the SACSCOC journey and was looking forward to the decision on SRSU accreditation in New Orleans in December. With the

upcoming NSSE survey period, a sub-committee will look at ways to enhance opportunities for engagement from students. Jeanne also announced upcoming dates for QEP Professional Development and encouraged especially those who attended in October to join in again for the December dates.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, October 9, 2018 meeting

Motion: to approve minutes from Tuesday, October 9, 2018 meeting (Herrera). Seconded (Francis). Passed.

V. Approval of Faculty Assembly Membership List

Motion: to approve membership list as it stands for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 (Velasco, Jessica). Seconded (Luna). Passed.

VI. President's Report (Dr. Kathy Stein)

A. Curriculum Alignment Council start date

Dr. Stein discussed the Curriculum Assignment Council, noting that it should be starting ASAP (by Spring 2019). The thought process is that one form is easier for both campuses, as previously discussed. RGC's form is easier to revise so they are working from that. Further, changes to the Catalog Updates Calendar are being discussed.

B. Faculty Affairs Council

Motion: to add to the Faculty Assembly bylaws the following statement: Faculty serving in University Academic Administrative Position of Dean or higher will not serve on the Faculty Affairs Council (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Francis). Passed.

Motion: to add to the Faculty Assembly bylaws the following statement: Department Chairs serving on the Faculty Affairs Council will recuse themselves from voting on matters of promotion or tenure for anyone in their department (Francis). Seconded (Velasco, Jessica). Passed.

Dr. Stein presented on the transitions of Faculty Affairs Council to include a Joint Alpine and RGC Committee with subcommittees for each area. A discussion ensued about changing the name of the Faculty Affairs Council.

Motion: to rename the Faculty Affairs Council to “Tenure and Promotion” Council (Francis). Seconded (Leaver). Passed.

Next meeting will include a motion to change the bylaws, specifically the charge of the Faculty Affairs Council.

C. Task Forces

Dr. Stein discussed Dr. Case’s two task forces: Academic Alignment and Teaching Loads. The Academic Alignment Task Force has met once and the Teaching Loads Task Force will convene following the resolution of the Academic Alignment Task Force.

D. Website

Dr. Stein notified members present of some updates/transitions for the Faculty Assembly website.

E. Provost Search

Dr. Case will resign from the Provost’s office next summer. Dr. Kibler hired a consulting firm (Dr. Rick Artman) to find a new provost. Dr. Stein will be a co-chair on the national search.

F. THECB

Dr. Stein explained the changes that are being passed down from the THECB. Some of these are in conflict with SACSCOC. Defining fields of study

has already begun on campus and is in disarray. This makes lower division major courses transferrable between public universities in Texas. SACSCOC has issued a statement about fields of study.

Programs of study will also be required to define marketable skills sometime beginning in 2019. Dr. Leaver suggested these might overlap with core curriculum.

Dr. Joey Velasco commented that he will compose a resolution to answer to the “fields of study” requirements.

G. Strategic Plan

Dr. Stein explained what is happening with the strategic plan regarding hiring priorities (with information passed to the Provost through Deans). She noted that 11 positions had recently been approved.

Dr. Stein also mentioned a new Task Force: the SRSU Educational Experience Task Force. Members will be selected for this task force in March 2019 and by September 2019 their charge is to identify high impact practices for the SRSU Educational Experience. More information to come.

VII. Vice President’s Report (Dr. Theron Francis)

A. TSUS/CFS report

Dr. Francis reported several items from the TSU/CFS meeting:

- There was much outrage over the THECB “fields of study” requirement
- Christmas Mountains Research Center was discussed as a future meeting place
- Lamar University students are coping following hurricane damage (still)
- Discussions about chair/dean/administration evaluations going up and down the chain (not just one direction)
- Dr. Michael Ortiz also spoke about RGC versus SRSU. His speech included information about TRB requests to build a library and academic building at an RGC campus; that VP Hayek at the system level reported receiving no

help from CIO Gibson; and that RGC's IT would be supported by SHSU instead of Alpine.

- There was also talk about lecturers versus tenure track positions available at universities and how institutions could support lecturers
- There were conversations about the switch between healthcare carriers (from United to Blue Cross Blue Shield)

Dr. Joey Velasco echoed these talking points as he was also in attendance at the meeting. There was a question to create an ad hoc committee to improve lecturer conditions at SRSU but a motion was not officially made. Dr. Stein said that she would put out a call for interest.

VIII. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Betsy Evans)

Nothing to report.

IX. Parliamentarian's Report (Dr. Eric Funasaki)

Nothing to report.

X. Old Business

- A. Medical Notifications from Athletics procedure*
- B. Blackboard attendance function*
- C. Truncating summer sessions*

XI. New Business

- A. Scheduling of classes and athletics conflicts*

Departments need to think about when they are scheduling classes to meet the needs of our student-athletes.

XII. Committee Reports

None

XIII. Council Reports

None

XIV. Announcements

Marfa High School is seeking motivational speakers to encourage college attendance. Contact cbryant@marfaisd.com for more information.

XV. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the Faculty Assembly meeting (Francis). Seconded (Velasco, Jessica). Passed.

Appendix A.



IE Monthly News for Faculty November 2018

Tips from SACSCOC Reviewer Training, San Antonio, November 2, 2018

- solid infrastructure for assessment (Improve)
- internal system of review and feedback (Peer Review)

NSSE Sub-committee

- plan February 2019 implementation
- plan action steps to use NSSE data to increase students' competencies

OEP Professional Development: Assessment Days

- December 6th in Alpine
- December 7th in Del Rio

Core Curriculum

- Online Student Self-Reflection Survey in November
- Embedded Assessment Results for Department Chairs by December 14th

SACSCOC Conference in New Orleans in December

- Decision on SRSU accreditation