

## Minutes

### Faculty Assembly Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019 | Espino Conference Center A&B, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM and Dr. Kathy Stein welcomed new members, introducing the FA Executive Council to the full membership.

**Present:** Andrew Alegria, Benjamin Barrientes, Carolyn Barrientes, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Jamie Boyd, Rosemary Briseno, Angela Brown, Jimmy Case, Davis, Elizabeth, Kendra DeHart, Betsy Evans, Jay Downing, Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Carlos Gonzalez-Gonzalez, Ismail Gunes, Christopher Herrera, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Jennifer Miller, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, DeMetris Reed, Francine Richter, Diana Rodriguez, Marjorie Scott, Kathy Stein, Alicia Trotman, Jessica Velasco, Joey Velasco, Bonnie Warnock, and Filemon Zamora

**Not Present but Counted for Quorum Purposes:** April Aultman Becker, Melleta Bell, Sandra Chambers, Avram Dumitrescu, Karrin Ford, Chris Garcia, William Green, Alex Hardison, Anne Marie Hilscher, Kristofer Jorgenson, Marina Kimball, Cynthia McAlister, Jennifer McCormack, Jeffrey Meyer, Richard Mrozinski, Dona Roman, Mark Saka, Lori Schreiber, Barbara Tucker, Julie Vega, Matt Walter

II. *Approval of minutes from Monday, April 1, 2019 meeting*

**Motion:** To approve minutes from Monday, April 1, 2019 meeting (Luna). Seconded (Alegria). Passed.

III. *Guest Speakers*

1. *SGA President Valerie Baca*

SGA President Valerie Baca addressed the membership for the first time. Baca said she was looking forward to getting to work with Student Government and shared that they had meetings scheduled and are seeking feedback for involvement.

2. *Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom*

Dr. Qvarnstrom provided an update from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (handout attached as appendix).

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#### IV. *President's Report*

##### 1. *Family Day, September 28*

Dr. Stein reported to faculty that Family Weekend (Friday and Saturday, Sept 27-28) might mean that students would want to invite their families to class; attendance of family members will be at the discretion of faculty.

##### 2. *SRSU Fight Song*

Dr. Stein shared that Sul Ross Lobo Ambassadors wrote lyrics to the Lobo Fight Song (handout attached as appendix).

##### 3. *Sully Reads Committee*

Dr. Stein shared that she and Dr. Kinucan had drafted a charge for the Sully Reads Committee (University Committee under the President's Office). She introduced the charges, acknowledged the committed committee members and sought volunteers for additional spots. Diana Rodriguez agreed to represent Education and Professional Studies; DeMitriss Reed agreed to represent ANRS. Stein indicated that once the Committee met for the first time she would know more about how faculty input would be sought as the process of selecting a first title for the program evolved.

##### 4. *Motion to approve Fall 2019 membership list*

**Motion:** To approve the Fall 2019 membership list with updates made during the meeting (Ray). Seconded (Trotman). Passed.

#### V. *Vice President's Report*

##### 1. *2019-2020 Slate*

Dr. Francis presented the 2019-2020 slate for faculty involvement on councils and committees. He acknowledged that there are many committees that do not regularly meet or take action and encouraged them to change their ways. He also noted that it was difficult for new faculty to join groups because of the timeline and identified that some faculty are on many working groups and may be able to give something up.

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**Motion:** To accept the 2019-2020 slate of faculty involvement on committees and councils pending a few upcoming changes (Miller). Seconded (Velasco, Joey). Abstaining from vote: Francis. Passed.

#### VI. *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

##### 1. *Website updates*

Betsy provided updates about the website.

**Motion:** For Betsy to work with AI to redirect the old, outdated version of the Faculty Assembly website to the new SR INFO version of the website (Herrera). Seconded (Barrientes, Carolyn). Passed.

#### VII. *Parliamentarian's Report*

Nothing to report

#### VIII. *Old Business*

#### IX. *New Business*

##### 1. *IRB Administrative Policy (Dr. Chris Herrera)*

Dr. Herrera introduced Alejandra Villalobos who shared information about what an IRB is and why Sul Ross needs one. She explained the process and policy and anyone with questions can contact her office.

##### 2. *Exploring the possibility of a Commencement Speaker Committee (Benjamin Barrientes)*

Benjamin Barrientes addressed the membership about his interest in starting a faculty-led committee to nominate commencement speakers. Some discussion took place regarding whether a group that already exists as a University Committee would be an appropriate place for such discussions (Graduation Council) or whether Barrientes should propose a new working group and to whom.

It was also suggested by Dr. Ray that students might be considered as commencement speakers in the future.

Barrientes will put together a charge for a future Assembly meeting.

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Dr. Trotman announced that the Website Redesign Committee is working toward an RFP and will be sending emails to data managers for the website. Anyone who receives an email should follow the instructions within.

Dr. Herrera announced that the ad-hoc Wellness Group welcomes feedback and that his department is hiring a GA for wellness-related work.

Jessica Velasco announced that she will be hosting Constitution Day on September 17 in the UC.

Marjie Scott announced the upcoming theatre programming called (I)sland T(rap), Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, at 7:30 PM, free, in the studio theater.

Dr. Trotman announced Comic Con, taking place Saturday, October 5.

Dr. Luna will be honored as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year on Wednesday, September 25 at 3:30 in the UC.

*XI. Adjournment*

<b>Motion:</b> To adjourn (Leaver). Seconded (Scott). Passed.
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## Measuring Our Success

UPDATE from JEANNE QVARNSTROM  
Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness

### IE Monthly News for Faculty September 2019

#### National Survey of Student Engagement: SRSU Seniors Lowest Ratings in Relation to the SRSU Comparative Group

- - 12 percentage points difference for *discussions with people with political views other than your own*
- -14 percentage points difference for *discussions with people from an economic background other than your own*
- -15 percentage points difference for *discussions with people with religious beliefs other than your own*
- -17 percentage points difference for *worked with other students on course projects or assignments*
- -18 percentage points difference for *discussions with people of a race or ethnicity other than your own*

#### QEP Training on Assessment Design: Open to All Faculty

- October 17 in Alpine and October 18 in Del Rio

#### Marketable Skills

- All academic programs will identify 3 - 5 marketable skills and a dissemination plan for students by December 31, 2019

#### Core Curriculum

- Social Responsibility and Personal Responsibility and Critical Thinking for BGPS Only



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