

Minutes

Faculty Assembly Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019 | Espino Conference Center A&B, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

Present: April Aultman Becker, Rob Kinucan, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Matthew Marsh, Liz Measures, Jennifer Miller, Billy Jack Ray, Francine Richter, Chris Ritzi, Diana Rodriguez, Marjorie Scott, Thomas Shiller, Kathy Stein, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Alicia Trotman, Jessica Velasco, Joey Velasco, Matt Walter, Savannah Williamson, Filemon Zamora

Not present but counted: Carolyn Barrientes, Steven Bennack, Rosemary Briseno, Jimmy Case, Sandra Chambers, Kendra DeHart, Betsy Evans, Karrin Ford, Christopher Garcia, Thea Glenn, Alex Hardison, Anne Hilscher, Kris Jorgenson, Cynthia McAlister, Jeffrey Meyer, Richard Mrozinski, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Mark Saka, Barbara Tucker, Julie Vega, Liza Ware, Bonnie Warnock, James Zech

II. *Approval of minutes from Monday, September 16 meeting*

Motion: To approve minutes from Monday, September 16 meeting (Shiller). Seconded (Measures). The motion to approve minutes passed.

III. *Guest Speakers*

1. SGA President Valerie Baca

Valerie Baca talked about homecoming and getting students to volunteer on SRSU committees.

2. David Gibson

David Gibson from OIT talked about the technology issues facing SRSU and his plans to realign his budget with his office's needs. Three main points Mr. Gibson made were 1) Serve the Institution (SRSU), 2) IT Security 3) Support DE/ITV. Only two people work at SRSU Alpine as LTAC technicians (5 LTAC technicians total at all SRSU campuses). Andrew Rohlf is serving OIT in a security capacity. Estella

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Vega relinquished the Helpdesk Coordinator role and was moved back to LTAC, while Paula Arredondo picked up the Helpdesk Coordinator role. Due to financial issues in OIT's budget, Mr. Gibson was forced to remove J. Cisneros and K. Craig's positions and create a new DE/ITV Coordinator position. Dr. Stein stated that the President's Office is prepared to keep K. Craig in his current role to the end of the fall 2019 semester and for someone to shadow S. Bogus for Blackboard duties before S. Bogus retires with Dave Gibson's okay. The possibility of the Provost's office having Blackboard support under Academic Affairs instead of OIT was discussed.

Numerous issues from faculty were voiced to Mr. Gibson including: the lack of current LTAC support; inadequacies in the current DE setup; no WiFi in some classrooms; administrators pay increased while OIT staff positions were cut; long-term consequences to enrollment and retention rates if Director of DE position is cut as it would affect MC/SRSU programs, dual credit, new nursing program etc.; if Blackboard expertise was cut from SRSU then Blackboard student evaluations currently used for tenure and promotion would be unavailable to faculty; the abruptness of these OIT decisions mid-semester; Chrome regularly crashing; unstable network, etc.

Mr. Gibson provided little to no feedback on the points raised by faculty. Some solutions faculty proposed included: freezing administrators' salaries; use Zoom or Blackboard web conferencing instead of current DE/ITV setup; increase DE tuition fees; cancel some of the expensive software subscriptions OIT currently has licenses for; and survey the faculty on what current DE/ITV needs are.

4. Dr. Robert Kinucan

Dr. Kinucan talked about OIT issues and faculty concerns regarding recent OIT decisions and hoped a solution would work out as the Provost's Office works with OIT and the President's Office to address the issues raised. Dr. Kinucan mentioned the importance of strategic planning.

IV. *President's Report*

1. *President's Committees*

a. *Convocation Committee*

i. *Commencement speakers*

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Kendra DeHart will serve as the faculty liaison to the President's Convocation Committee. Benjamin Barrientes will replace Kendra on this committee once he transitions to being a full time faculty member.

b. Sully Reads Committee

Betsy Evans was made chair of the Sully Reads Committee. Student feedback in this committee was terrific and they wanted to read fiction and cover social justice issues.

c. Web Services Advisory Committee

The Web Services Advisory Committee will be frozen due to the specialized Website Redesign Committee that was recently formed.

2. Full Professors and Salary

Assistant Professors salaries start at \$50,000, Associate Professors salaries start at \$60,000 and Full Professors salaries start at \$65,000.

3. Clarification of recent departures

Issues surrounding the vacant or soon to be vacant positions concerning Alejandra Villalobos Melendez, Sandy Bogus, Jonny Cisneros, and Kendall Craig were discussed.

V. Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

VI. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

VII. Parliamentarian's Report

Nothing to report.

VIII. Old Business

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Nothing to report.

IX. New Business

Nothing to report.

X. Council Reports

1. Athletics Council

Academic issues facing student athletes were raised and it was desired that sporting tournaments would be planned better to reduce class absences.

2. Budget Oversight Council

Dr. Joseph Velasco was named Chair of the Budget Oversight Council and Dr. Case took notes from this Council's last meeting, which will be uploaded online shortly.

3. Curriculum Council

Nothing to report.

4. Department Chairs Council

Nothing to report.

5. Faculty Assembly Executive Council

Nothing to report; Meets regularly and minutes are available.

6. Graduate Council

Nothing to report.

7. Honors Council

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Will meet on Oct. 10 to review the Honors Council charge.

8. Library and Research Technologies Council

Avram Dumitrescu is Chair of the Library and Research Technologies Council.

9. Promotion and Tenure Council (formerly Faculty Affairs Council)

Nothing to report.

10. Research Council

Nothing to report.

11. Sustainability Council

Dr. Bibiana Gutierrez and Betsy Evans will attend the AASHE Annual Conference in Washington at the end of October as part of the Strategic Plan.

12. Teacher Education Council

Nothing to report.

13. Teaching Council

Professional development funds will be allocated soon.

XI. Committee Reports

Nothing to report.

XII. Announcements

1. Spanish Club celebrating Wednesday 9th October Spanish holiday
2. Dr. Trotman stated that an email will be coming out this week about things you want changed on your website pages with an expected week turnaround for feedback.

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3. TEA Standard Matrices due December 1, 2019
4. Dr. Joseph Velasco and Dr. Kathy Stein will be attending the TSUS Faculty Senate Meeting on Friday October 18, 2019.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn (Jessica Velasco). Seconded (Zamora). Passed.