

Faculty Assembly Minutes

November 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Eric Busby at 3:29 pm. There were 49 members present.

The following guests provided updates and reports.

- Jacob Spurlock, SGA President
 - Thanked all faculty. Great semester and the students appreciate us.
 - SGA filled officer positions. (email for this list)
 - Prelaw debate was an enormous success. Special thank you to Jessica Velasco and the prelaw association for helping to facilitate this.
 - Campus clean up safety walk was held in October.
 - SGA meeting will host 2 votes.
 - SGA Christmas
 - Appreciation to physical plant and faculty breakfast possibility.
- Sully Showcase, Trick or Treat, Anthropology hosted a conference and it was great. Door decoration contest was great.
- Kathy Stein, Associate Dean
 - First Year Experience task force has been meeting. Members of the committee were shared: Bonnie Warnock, Jessica Velasco, and Theron Francis have been meeting with Kathy Stein to explore this. We have been exploring if this can become a core course and we will be seeking feedback from departments and colleges. For fall, SRSU 1101, we want faculty teaching. There will be a workshop provided. There will be mandatory requirements. There will be a stipend provided. This course will be offered 11 am on MWF.
 - Mandatory midterm grades for freshmen for Fall 2024, as research supports this.
 - Deans have asked that Lobo Den not advise juniors and seniors. If you want Lobo Den helping advise juniors and seniors, send an email letting the Lobo Advisor know this. Starting in the spring, we will be transitioning sophomores who are TSI clear so that they can go to their faculty advisors.
 - Dec 6th will be the last registration rally that Lobo Den will be hosting. We are responsible by state law on how we register our TSI students. All faculty teaching freshmen should remind freshmen to get to Lobo Advisor.
 - 8770 to ask about anything or email kstein@sulross.edu.
- Bernie Cantens shared an update on enrollment.
- April Aultman-Becker
 - SACSCOC: We working on the faculty report for the 5-year report. I am hoping to get a copy of the 5 year report to FA in Feb.

II. President's Report

- Update on RGC Faculty Senate was shared by Eric Busby.
- Several RGC faculty have petitioned FA for representation.
- Tom Matula and Veronica Mendez shared their perspectives on FS status. It was decided to table the RGC petition to explore with TSUS system official how to proceed.

II. Vice President Report: No report was provided.

III. Secretary Report: It was requested that committees share website updates

IV. Parliamentarians Report

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Dr. Lisa Sousa and seconded by Billy Jack Ray. Minutes passed unanimously.

V. The following committee reports were made.

FAR REPORT: Jessica Velasco shared thanked everyone who provided grade reports. Basketball schedules were shared. On Nov. 30th letter jacket will be presented. Jessica urged faculty to attend basketball games on Feb. 10th, which is senior night. Jessica shared that she checked with the research office to check status D2 eligibility.

Curriculum Council Report: Kris Jorgenson shared that they are meeting weekly to process changes to implement for this calendar year. They did meet on Nov. 13th. Kris also shared that they had RGC faculty reach out to represent RGC faculty on the curriculum council, requesting representation.

JBO Committee: They are set to meet soon.

Research Council: Lisa Sousa shared that they have worked to update guideline and have sent these recommendations to the provost office. Lisa will be reaching out to share the timeline.

V. Old Business: NO old business was addressed.

VI. New Business

FA Bylaws Subcommittee: Eric requested for faculty to consider serving on a bylaws subcommittee.

A motion was made by Juliana Dean to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm with Jessica Velasco seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.