

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024
3:30 – 5:00 PM

- The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm with 52 in attendance.
- Guests Speakers
 - a. **Provost Dr. Bernie Canteñs** : Dr. Cantens discussed the impact of moving to D2 and shared that enrollment is projected to increase primarily due to the expansion of dual credit programs. Five RGC faculty lines are open with searches under weigh. The provost shared that they are interested in continuing to work on the faculty handbook with FA, continuing to work together to modernize the tenure process to include a professional track appointment. Bernie shared that the APC committee has been set and would like to use this committee to address a lot of issues. In addition, Bernie shared that faculty can expect to see a faculty salary increase for the 2024-2025 appointment and would also like to revisit work load policies in the faculty handbook. Bernie also shred that there will be travel available from a grant to help faculty interested in presenting or sharing at conferences in the next year.
- There was a motion made by Jessica Velasco approve the minutes, seconded by Minerva Gonzales. The motion passed to approve minutes from March 2024.
- President’s Report: Eric shared an update on the Outstanding Teacher Award. A big congratulations to Dr. Andrew D. Alegría, the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Teacher Award. Eric also shared that the members of the APC committee and shared that the group will be working with the provost and deans over the summer to fulfil the charge Dr. Cantens shared with the faculty.
- Vice President Report: A reminder was shared by Anirban that faculty will be contacted soon to serve for the 2024-2025 slate. Anirban announced that he would be stepping down as FA Vice President and that we would be electing new officers.
- Secretary Report: Councils and committees were encouraged to update their website.
- Parliamentarians Report:
 - a. Election of President: Eric Busby shared that he would like to fulfil another term as FA president. Eric ran unopposed and will serve as the 2024-2026 FA President.
 - b. Vice President: Dr. Jessica Velasco was nominated by Ian Peddie to serve as FA Vice President and Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray was nominated by Melissa Wesney. Jennifer Miller declined to run for Vice President but would prefer to remain FA Secretary.

- c. Both ran unopposed with Jessica serving as FA Vice President and Jennifer Miller-Ray serving as FA Secretary for 2024-2025.
- Committee and Council Reports
 - a. FAR Report was provided by Jessica Velasco.
 - b. Research Council asked faculty to complete a survey
 - c. The Joint Budget Oversight Council update was shared by Joey Velasco.
- Old Business
 - a. Nomination of Coach of the Year: FA took open nominations for Coach of the Year and Jessica shared the SAAC nomination information with faculty. Jessica Velasco made a motion to vote on the nomination for Coach of the Year with Billy Jack Ray seconding. A majority vote supported the nominee for COY. Eric will work with the President's Office to officially recognize the Coach of the Year at a later date.
- New Business:
 - a. There was discussion on the wearing of regalia for Honors Convocation. A motion was made by Kris Jorgensen and seconded by Juliana Dean to not wear regalia for Honors Convocation. 66% of the 32 in attendance voted in support of not wearing regalia to Honors Convocation, with a majority supporting. Motion Passed.
 - b. A request was made to have access to department and program budgets.
- Announcements: Eric announced that he will be calling a special summer meeting to discuss the possibility of expanding FA membership to RGC to be more inclusive and offer representation to those faculty who have requested membership. More information will be shared at a later date.
- Adjournment: Billy Jack Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Anirban Bhattacharjee seconding. All voting to adjourn at 4:36 pm.