

Minutes

Faculty Assembly Membership Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020 | Zoom Conference, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

Present: Andrew Alegria, Jamie Boyd, Betsy Evans, Elizabeth Davis, Carol Fairlie, Theron Francis, Bibiana Gutierrez, Louis Harveson, Patricia Harveson, Christopher Herrera, Jesse Kelsch, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Cynthia McAlister, Persephone McCrae, Liz Measures, Jennifer Miller, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, Marjorie Scott, Lisa Sousa, Kathy Stein, Alicia Trotman, Barbara Tucker, Jessica Velasco, Joseph Velasco, Matt Walter, Savannah Williamson

Not present but counted in the quorum: April Aultman Becker, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Melleta Bell, Steve Bennack, Sandra Chambers, Mike Fernandez, Chris Garcia, Thea Glenn, Alex Hardison, Emily Huang, Matthew Marsh, Richard Mrozinski, Mark Saka, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Julie Vega, Liza Ware, Filemon Zamora

II. *Approval of minutes from Monday, February 3, 2020 and Tuesday, March 3, 2020 meetings*

Motion: To approve minutes from Monday, February 3, 2020 meeting (Herrera).
Seconded (Williamson). Passed.

Motion: To approve minutes from Tuesday, March 3, 2020 meeting (Gutierrez).
Seconded (Williamson). Passed.

III. *Guest Speakers*

1. *Valerie Baca, Student Government Association President*

Valerie Baca addressed the group, reporting on the changes made for the Red Out game due to the pandemic response; donations will roll over to next year. Further, SGA has moved elections to the fall but is still advertising open positions. Valerie then asked faculty to consider offering feedback for grading options, noting that several students are struggling with the transition to online coursework. She and her cabinet are working on a memo to deliver to the TSUS System (Student Advisory Board to the Regents) in collaboration with other SGAs in the system.

2. *Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness*

Dr. Qvarnstrom provided updates from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness including the announcement of a survey sponsored by the Provost's Office for

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both students and faculty to identify problems and receive feedback about the University's response to the pandemic. She also noted that there would not be student evaluations of courses this semester (Spring 2020).

Dr. Qvarnstrom announced that Innovation Grant applications would be due April 15, the deadline having been extended.

Finally, Dr. Qvarnstrom acknowledged Dean April Aultman Becker and Dr. Dan Foley for their leadership on the QEP which is being recognized and showcased at the national SACSCOC Conference this year. She reported that the QEP is again looking for "navigators" to participate.

IV. *President's Report*

1. *Presidential Search Committee*

Dr. Kathy Stein reported that the Presidential Search is continuing as usual even under pandemic response operation. There is a Presidential Search Committee meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, April 14, 2020) over Zoom and she expects to learn more at that meeting.

2. *Academic Excellence in Coaching Award Nomination*

Dr. Stein announced nominations for the Academic Excellence in Coaching Award from various areas of campus and sought a nominee from the FA Membership.

- The SAC nominated Coach Troy Canaba
- The SGA nominated Coach Cliff Carroll
- The FAEC nominated Coach Antuan Washington

Motion: For the membership of Faculty Assembly to nominate Coach Katie Novak as the official nominee from FA Membership for the Academic Excellence in Coaching Award for 2020 (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Ray). Passed.

3. *Outstanding Teacher Award*

Dr. Stein asked Betsy to bring up the Outstanding Teacher Award document for membership to see who on faculty was eligible for the award. With some discussion from the group, it was decided that instead of voting using Zoom, that voting for nominees for the Outstanding Teacher Award would take place via email with the same ballot being developed by Vice President Dr. Theron Francis

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for the purpose of filling out membership on committees and councils for Fall 2020.

4. *Consequences*

Dr. Stein asked Betsy to bring up a memo she put together related to consequences of grading. She went through the memo and identified some of the various possibilities for grading in May 2020 based on the University's response to the pandemic. After some discussion it was agreed that the memo would be circulated via email to all faculty.

5. *Resolutions*

Dr. Stein asked Betsy to bring up three resolutions submitted anonymously to her mailbox before Spring Break: a Resolution of No Confidence in Dr. Matt Moore, Executive Director of Enrollment Management; a Resolution of No Confidence in Dr. Lisa Harris, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management; and a Resolution of No Confidence in the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan published December 2019.

Dr. Stein asked Parliamentarian Dr. Eric Funasaki to set a timer so that open discussion could take place on the resolutions. After discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To vote to pass the only the Resolution of No Confidence in the Strategic Enrollment Plan to the President's Office (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Kelsch). Passed.

V. *Vice President's Report*

1. *Committee/Council Slate*

Dr. Theron Francis announced the email ballot that would be distributed in response to the pandemic in order to fill vacant committee and council positions. Nominations for these positions are accepted until April 23, 2020.

VI. *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

Nothing to report.

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VII. *Parliamentarian's Report*

Nothing to report.

VIII. *Old Business*

IX. *New Business*

X. *Council Reports*

1. *Athletics Council*
2. *Budget Oversight Council*
3. *Curriculum Council*
4. *Department Chairs Council*
5. *Faculty Assembly Executive Council*
6. *Graduate Council*
7. *Honors Council*
8. *Library and Research Technologies Council*
9. *Promotion and Tenure Council (formerly Faculty Affairs Council)*
10. *Research Council*
11. *Sustainability Council*
12. *Teacher Education Council*
13. *Teaching Council*

XI. *Committee Reports*

1. *ADA Education and Policy Committee*
2. *Alcohol and Other Drug Education Coalition Committee*
3. *Convocations Committee*
4. *Disciplinary Hearing Committee*
5. *Diversity and Inclusion Committee*
6. *Financial Assistance Appeals Committee*
7. *Food Service Committee*
8. *Instructional Technology Advisory Committee*
9. *Marketing Committee*
10. *Orientation Committee*
11. *Risk Management Advisory Committee*
12. *Student Publications Committee*
13. *Student Service Fees Advisory Committee*
14. *Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee*
15. *University Scholarship Committee*

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16. Web Services Advisory Committee

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in due time without motion.