

Minutes

Faculty Assembly Membership Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 | Zoom, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

Present: Andrew Alegria, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Angie Brown, Jimmy Case, Elizabeth Davis, Kendra DeHart, Jay Downing, Betsy Evans, Karrin Ford, Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Carlos Gonzalez-Gonzalez, Ismail Gunes, Louis Harveson, Patricia Harveson, Rhonda Hayes, Chris Herrera, Kris Jorgenson, Jesse Kelsch, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Liz Measures, Jennifer Miller-Ray, Richard Mrozinski, Laura Payne, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, Lisa Sousa, Kathy Stein, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Alicia Trotman, Barbara Tucker, Jessica Velasco, Joseph Velasco, Dexter Wakefield, Bonnie Warnock, Savannah Williamson

Not Present but counted in the quorum: Steve Bennack, Jamie Boyd, Rosemary Briseno, Hong Young Chang, Chris Garcia, Jeffrey Meyer, Diana Rodriguez, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Julie Vega, Filemon Zamora

II. *Approval of minutes from March 23, 2021 meeting.*

Motion: To approve the minutes from March 23, 2021 meeting. (Williamson). Seconded (Jorgenson). Passed.

III. *Guest Speakers*

1. *Ysabel Aguilera, Student Government Association*

Ysabel reported that they had their last SGA meeting of the semester. Tuesday is the SGA banquet in the Espino Conference Center. SGA is planning their appreciation breakfast for Physical Plant for Wednesday morning. Ysabel will give the gavel to the next President and cording SGA reps for their service. They're seeking a few positions currently. Current Chief Justice will become President.

2. *Kara O'Shaughnessy, Enrollment Services*

Kara is the new Director of New Student Programs. Sully Showcase is June 25, a Friday. Sully Showcase planning meetings are taking place Fridays at 10 AM on Teams. She requests that every department has a representative at the tabling in the morning and an activity or showcase in the afternoon.

Kara has also taken over the Lobo Ambassadors program. They're hosting an Open House for all interested students Wednesday, April 21. This is a scholarship or paid program on campus.

Additionally, housing applications are due now. Room assignments for Fall 2021 are already being processed.

Free summer housing for new students who are registered for summer. Contact Residential Living for more information.

SRSU Promise Scholarship information shared also.

3. *Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Office of Institutional Effectiveness*

Dr. Qvarnstrom shared about the Campus Environment Survey launch and that the NSSE for freshmen and seniors is still accepting data – both surveys run through April 30. She also shared some positive “met and exceeded” targets for the Vision 2020 plan and shared that a new Vision 2025 plan would be made available soon. Finally, she shared about work being done across departments and campuses to strengthen academic programs.

IV. *President's Report*

1. *New SRSU website: Vince Parras*

Contact Vince if you still need access to the production version of pages relevant to your areas on campus for revisions and edits.

2. *Promise Scholarship*

Stein reiterated what Kara shared about this Promise Scholarship.

3. *Title V: Advisor Candidates needed*

Stein shared that Title V is hiring advisors.

4. *Academic Excellence in Coaching Award*

Stein shared that SGA nominated Katie Novak, SAC nominated Katie Novak, and two faculty nominations for Katie Novak.

Vote for Academic Excellence in Coaching Award took place: Katie Novak wins award.

5. *Landscaping Timeline (BAB/MAB/Library)*

Stein shared that landscaping plans for end of June ending, definitely by the time the Regents arrive in August.

6. *Outstanding Teacher Award Timeline*

Still don't know who the award winners on. Plan is to postpone the awarding as a fall award ceremony. May still be announced at commencement.

7. *Registration Open*

Stein asked those present to remind classes that registration is open. Class scheduler is no longer in mySRSU. It's taking longer in Lobo Den.

Academic Planning Committee: Stein had asked for volunteers, and got representation among colleges and low producing programs. This group will be starting soon. Members must sign an NDA.

Ortiz and Stein met with Pete: looking for a current CV from Matt Moore. Pete explained. TSUS requires anyone on EC needs a background check. They've now been reported on all current EC members. Pete is comfortable with Matt's CV at this point. Matt won't be formally named Provost and jobs will get done. It is Pete's plan to put together a search committee for the Provost in the Fall to start Spring 2022.

Re: Professional Development resolution: Pete still wants faculty to input their hours. Discussion took place. Stein announced that Resolutions will be added to the FA Website in the future.

Joey Velasco asked that it was a tabled conversation not an "over" conversation.

V. *Vice President's Report*

1. *Committees and Councils Slate*

Everyone has the summer to email Francis to volunteer for placement on regular Committees and Councils

Francis announced nominations he had received for the EPS and LASS Member-At-Large Positions for FA Executive Council. Receiving no nominations from the floor, a **vote took place** to nominate Joey Velasco and Billy Jack Ray to those positions for LASS and EPS respectively.

Theron will share more via email.

VI. *Committee and Council Reports*

- Teaching Council is pleased to announce extension of deadline for funding, now Friday, April 30 (see email) (Ford)
- Honors Council trying to get scholarships out (Stein)

VII. *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

1. *Updates to Constitution and Bylaws*

Motion: To update Constitution as presented (Evans). Seconded (Velasco, Jessica). Passed.

Motion: To update Bylaws as presented (Evans). Seconded (Jorgenson). Passed.

VIII. *Parliamentarian's Report*

IX. *Old Business*

1. *TCFS Report for Spring 2021 Meeting, including Round Up and meeting with Harrison Keller, Commissioner of the THECB*
2. *Faculty representation in the Athletics Director search*

X. *New Business*

1. *ASC Scholar-Athlete Medal Winner for SRSU (Velasco, Jessica)*

Voters Rights and Transgender Discrimination announcements from ASC.

Scholar-Athlete nominees – Velasco sought feedback for these nominees about these specific students' scholarly records in order to decide about the award.

2. Faculty Handbook (Velasco, Joey)

Handbook changed by Provost in a substantial way in terms of how faculty may be dismissed. Dean Downing shared a revision of a policy. Dean Downing clarified that it was a document for the Academic Planning Committee (Stein clarified it was Section 2.14) Gives APC the tools to address the challenge we're facing. Per Dean Warnock, to Joey's point, changes were made to the Faculty Handbook without participation from the faculty. It was recommended that faculty become more proactive with timely review of the handbook.

Further discussion. Academic Planning Committee recommendations had to be made in January for changes to be made in the fall. Faculty would need to be notified by Jan 15 if they were going to be let go for the fall semester.

XI. *Announcements*

A vote was held and the decision made to work on a hybrid approach for fall meetings.

Honors Convocation tonight

XII. *Adjournment*

Motion: To adjourn (Ray), Seconded (Williamson). Passed.