

Minutes

Faculty Assembly Membership Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 | ACR 204 (in person) and Zoom, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

Present: Andrew Alegria, April Aultman Becker, Ogushan Basibuyuk, Rosemary Briseño, Angela Brown, Jimmy Case, Hong Young Chang, Elizabeth Davis, Kendra DeHart, Betsy Evans, Karin Ford, Theron Francis, Eric Funasaki, Carlos Gonzlazes-Gonzalez, Ismail Gunes, Bibiana Gutierrez, Christopher Herrera, Kristofer Jorgenson, Jessica Kelsch, David Leaver, Ryan Luna, Cynthia McAlister, Persephone McCrae, Elizabeth Measures, Jennifer Miller, Richard Mrozinski, Deborah Pendarvis, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Billy Jack Ray, Christopher Ritzi, Gregory Roof, Diana Rodriguez, Marjorie Scott, Thomas Shiller, Lisa Sousa, Mary-Elizabeth Thompson, Alicia Trotman, Barbara Tucker, Kevin Urbanczyk, Jessica Velasco, Joseph Velasco, Dexter Wakefield, Matt Walter, Savannah Williamson, Filemon Zamora

Not Present but Counted in Quorum: Steven Bennack, Jay Downing, Chris Garcia, William Green, Alex Hardison, Elba Lamar, Jeffrey Meyer, DeMetris Reed, Julie Vega

II. *Approval of minutes from April 13, 2020 membership meeting.*

Motion: to accept minutes from April 13, 2020 membership meeting (Basibuyuk). Seconded (Williamson). Passed.

III. *Guest Speaker: Valerie Baca, President, Student Government Association*

Valerie Baca introduced the Vice President Ysabel Aguilera
The Officers are placed for this AY through SGA Congress but the website has not yet been updated. They are ready for another semester and working (as always) to place student representatives in FA Councils.

IV. *Interlude: Academic Excellence in Coaching Award presentation to Antuan Washington*

Antuan Washington accepted the award and thanked the Assembly.

V. *Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness*

Dr. Qvarnstrom presented IE Monthly News for Faculty for September 2020, including information about the Campus Environment Survey, the La Vida Lobo Kick-Off, QEP Training on Academic Language, and the Access and Excellence Committee

VI. *President's Report*

1. *University President's working group updates*

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Dr. Stein explained the new situation with Committees and Councils. All new jobs start October 1. New ones – meet and declare a chair. Also, between May and September, all working groups submit an annual report. Details forthcoming.

2. *Faculty moving to administrative positions in the University*

A discussion took place about whether FA felt that the membership meeting was a safe place to discuss business as an open meeting. The FA Constitution allows for anyone to attend FA membership meetings. The consensus was that such allowance continue.

VII. Vice President's Report

1. Committee/Council Slate

Motion: to approve the AY 20/21 Committee and Council slate (Velasco, Joey).
Seconded (Miller). Passed

As part of the discussion before the vote, a question was asked about the APM 1.07 updated policy. Dr. Stein explained the policy.

VIII. *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

1. Approval of Fall 2020 Membership List

Motion: to approve Fall 2020 Membership List (Leaver). Seconded (Velasco, Joey).
Passed.

IX. *Parliamentarian's Report*

Nothing to report.

X. *Guest Speaker: University President, Pete P. Gallego*

President Gallego spoke about current public health situation and reported on the COVID tests for our student body, two days a week. All athletes are being tested.

Questions were posed about the budget and the ongoing situation with student workers, specifically about the distinction between undergraduate and graduate student workers. President Gallego included Dr. Matt Moore as a secondary responder to these question. Overall, there are some discrepancies in the documentation of student workers in these categories.

Additional budget discussions included Faculty Appointment Letters. President Gallego said the goal was October, and that they would come as soon as possible.

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A question was asked about the new EC Administration and whether minutes will be posted. Dr. Moore commented that a new website will be online within the next two weeks. President Gallego explained changes to EC and his reasoning behind those changes.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

COVID Testing is not criteria for Extra Credit

XIII. Council Reports

1. Stein: Honors council met to begin to include all four campuses and set criteria for the program as it begins in RGC – Dr. Munoz will help recruit more students
2. Stein: Athletics Council met and fall sports are meeting. Athletes are involved in quarantining. They're posting a position for compliance officer. In the spring there is one weekend when all athletic teams are elsewhere – need to get dates before schedules are set for teaching. Because fall sports will be a truncated spring season and the spring season will be pushed back a bit, our trainers will be very pushed and the athletic department will be pushed. AD Jim Goodman is happy to have volunteers with game day administration in the spring as they will be out of student volunteers.

XIV. Committee and Team Reports

1. Herrera: ODE Committee: one brief issue is that part-time staff just for the fall and f-all emails are not getting those emails. Forward to your colleagues as a stop gap measure. Dr. Qvarnstrom brought up the issue with Dave Gibson and got a follow up from Dave Gibson to get an update in place.

XV. Announcements

XVI. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn (Leaver). Seconded (Ford). Passed.