

Minutes

Faculty Assembly Membership Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021 | WSB 101, 3:30 PM

I. *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

Present: Andrew Alegría, Leinora Alimboyoguen, Ben Barrientes, Carolyn Barrientes, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Jamie Boyd, Rosemary Briseño, Angela Brown, Eric Busby, Elizabeth Davis, Kendra DeHart, Betsy Evans, Carol Fairlie, Theron Francis, Eva Gil, William Green, Ismail Gunes, Louis Harveson, Patricia Harveson, Ronda Hayes, Christopher Herrera, Anne Marie Hilscher, Kristofer Jorgenson, Jessica Kelsch, Robert Kinucan, Elba Lamar, Ryan Luna, Matthew Marsh, Elizabeth Measures, Jennifer Miller, Shanna Moody, Ian Peddie, Billy Jack Ray, DeMetris Reed, Christopher Ritz, Diana Rodriguez, Mark Saka, Bryon Schroeder, Marjorie Scott, Thomas Shiller, Lisa Sousa, Alicia Trotman, Kevin Urbanczyk, Julie Vega, Jessica Velasco, Joey Velasco, Melissa Wesley, Savannah Williamson

Not present but counted in the quorum: Jimmy Case, Karrin Ford, Kathy Stein

II. *Guest Speakers*

1. *President Pete P. Gallego*

President Gallego shared updates concerning the announcement of the new provost, the update sent via email regarding the University Curriculum Committee and Faculty Assembly Curriculum Council, and designated funding for faculty research.

2. *SGA President, Alyssa Salles or delegate*

Secretary Betsy Evans announced SGA updates on behalf of Alyssa Salles who had to miss. SGA will hold Traffic Court on November 30. SGA is surveying the student body to make inform future planning; please encourage your students to take the survey. Officer applications are now open for the next year.

3. *Dr. Jennifer Miller presenting ODE Strategic Plan from ODE Committee*

Dr. Miller presented the ODE Strategic Plan. Her presentation and the plan itself will be made available online.

III. *Determination of Quorum*

A quorum was determined to be present.

IV. *Approval of minutes from October 19, 2021 meeting*

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Motion: To approve minutes (Kelsch). Seconded (Herrera). Passed.

V. *President's Report*

1. *Discuss and take action (if any) on six-hour teaching load for faculty and Faculty Assembly membership*

Motion: To form an ad hoc council to discuss six-hour teaching loads and FA membership (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Ray). Passed.

Interested parties should email Dr. Stein and Dr. Francis.

2. *Discuss and take action (if any) on President Gallego's response to October 19 Resolution*

Dr. Francis pointed to the response on the resolution from President Gallego (posted on the website) and noted the email follow-up from President Gallego on the morning of November 15. Dr. Francis asked Dr. Chris Herrera, Chair of the UCC, to speak on this evolution. Discussion took place.

Motion: To form an ad hoc council to discuss updating the charge of the Faculty Assembly Curriculum Council to better fit with the charge of the UCC, including the membership layout (Herrera). Seconded (Velasco, Joey). Passed.

3. *Discuss and take action (if any) on Post-Tenure Review Ad Hoc Working Group*

Discussion took place. The motion was made at the prior meeting to form this ad hoc group. Dr. Joey Velasco, Dr. Ian Peddie, and Marjorie Scott volunteered to staff this group.

4. *Discuss and take action (if any) on proposed development of policy regarding votes of confidence, censure, and no confidence based on the same by UHV*

Discussion took place.

Motion: To adopt the policy as presented (Measures). Seconded (Ray). Passed.

5. *Vote: Outstanding Teacher Award nominations: Use Qualtrics to vote on top three*
 - i. *Three selected nominees should turn in their packet to the Provost's Office by the second Friday in December (December 10)*

Betsy Evans will distribute the ballot via email.

6. *Discuss and take action (if any) on faculty salaries*

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Discussion took place. It was recommended that this item be further considered by the Budget Oversight Council.

7. *Discuss and take action (if any) on proposed Academic Standing Rules*

Discussion took place. Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Jessica Velasco offered to discuss further, related business regarding this item with Dr. Matt Moore and report back.

VI. *Vice President's Report*

Nothing additional to report.

VII. *Committee and Council Reports*

It was noted that Committee and Council Reports were left off of the agenda. Dr. Francis called for reports:

1. Research Council reported on identifying funding for the Council to distribute by the Council for faculty research (Shiller).
2. Library and Information Research Technologies Council reported meeting. Jesse Kelsch stated she would share helpful library links in the chat for which members to refer back (Kelsch).
3. Budget Oversight Council reported meeting and selecting a Chair. They have been discussing studying HEF (Higher Education Funds), doing a salary study, and proposing a joint council with the Faculty Senate (Velasco, Joey).

VII. *Secretary/Treasurer's Report*

Nothing to report.

VIII. *Parliamentarian's Report*

Nothing to report.

IX. *Old Business*

1. *Resolution on Curriculum Committee [response received, see President's Report]*

No further discussion took place.

2. *Post-Tenure Review Policies [see President's Report]*

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No further discussion took place.

3. *Textbook Selection*

Discussion took place. No further action.

4. *Grade Checks*

Dr. Jessica Velasco again shared the feedback survey for the grade check process.

X. *New Business*

1. *Discuss and take action (if any) on proposal for Academic Integrity Council to add Dean of Students as an ex-officio voting member [Velasco, Jessica]*

Discussion took place.

Motion: To add Dean of Students as an ex-officio voting member to the Academic Integrity Council (Velasco, Jessica). Seconded (Velasco, Joey). Passed.

2. *Discuss and take action (if any) on Academic Integrity Council's proposal of new process for academic conduct violations [Velasco, Jessica]*

Discussion took place.

Motion: To table the item to provide additional time for discussion at a later date (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Herrera). Passed.

3. Dr. Joey Velasco made a motion to vote on a resolution of no confidence as an item of new business. He shared the text of the resolution in the chat of the meeting.

Discussion took place.

Motion: To table the item to provide additional time for discussion at a later date (Evans). Seconded (Busby). The motion was not recognized based on the argument that a motion to vote was already on the floor.

Motion: To vote for continuance of the proposed grievances [drafted resolution of no confidence as submitted by Dr. Velasco] (Velasco, Joey). Seconded (Peddie). Passed. 14 Aye, 12 Nay, 7 Abstain.

XI. *Announcements*

1. *La Vida Lobo applications are due December 8*

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Motion: to adjourn (Measures). Seconded (Francis). Passed.

The meeting was adjourned.