**Minutes**

**Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting**

**Monday, Feb. 20, 2023** 

I.  Call to Order:  The meeting was called to order by Eric Busby at 3:32 PM.

II. Guests:

Provost Report: Dr. Bernie Canteñs provided an update to the FA and shared the following information.

* 1. Dr. Bernie Canteñs shared that RGC did receive a land donation and that they have met with Eagle Pass officials to produce a master plan for the 100 acrea campus with hopes of the master plan being available in August 2023.
  2. Dr. Bernie Canteñs shared President Hernandez is in Austin and did testify this week requesting funding for both Alpine and RGC campuses, specifically for program development at RGC.
  3. Dr. Bernie Canteñs shared that the RGC faculty senate passed 4 resolutions at their last meeting to include two votes of no confidence on the Vice President of Operations and Associate Provost. Remaining resolutions pertained to a faculty salary increase of 15% and the production of an enrollment plan.

II. Quorum was established with 38 members present.

III. Approval of November 2022 Minutes.

**Motion**:  To approve November 2022 Minutes (Ray). Seconded (Joey Velasco). Passed.

IV. President’s Report

* Enrollment Update data was shared.
* Outstanding Teacher Form available on website. Applications are due March 15, 2023
* Need for policy on faculty handbook for shared governance and academic freedom.
  + A special committee will be formed to explore this issue.
* Proposed Council and Committee addition changes are needed.
  + Teacher Education Council

V:  Secretary/Treasurer Report

* The new website is out of development mode. Jennifer shared that there is a need for council chairs to review their website and can also request editing privileges.

VI. Parliamentarian Report: Carolyn shared the 2023 FA membership list.

**Motion:** To approve the Spring 2023 FA membership list (Jessica Velasco), Seconded (Reed). Passed.

VII. Council and Committee Reports

* FAR/Athletics Report by Dr. Jessica Velasco: Grade check reminder for athletes and the spring schedule is posted on the FA website.
* Curriculum Council: Kris Jorgenson reviewed curriculum form process and example forms will be posted on the website.
* Joint Budget Oversight Council Report
* Academic Integrity Council: March 3rd ChatGPT presentation by Audrey Taylor. They might produce a survey to ask faculty if they are aware of ChatGPT issues and apps to assist in detection.

VIII:  Old Business

* Tenure and Promotion changes will be reviewed by the Joint Special Committee on Faculty Handbook Revisions which has been in the formation process since November to consider other Faculty Handbook changes proposed by Provost Canteñs and Dean Payne. RGC representation includes Michael Ortiz and Audrey Taylor. Alpine representation includes Kendra Dehart, Joseph Velasco, Eric Busby, and Ian Peddie. They are currently waiting to receive their formal committee charge from President Busby to officially activate their work.

X.   New Business

* Resolution from JBOC on SRSU Faculty Salaries.

**Motion:** To pass the resolution from JBOC on SRSU faculty salaries (Joey Velasco), Seconded (Kelsch). Passed.

* Resolution to democratize chairs process.

**Motion:** To adopt the resolution to democratize the process of department chair selection. (Joey Velasco), Seconded (Barrientes, Benjamin). Passed.

* Amend Council List.

**Motion:** To amend the council list to include Teachers Council, (Ray), Seconded (Barrientes, Carolyn). Passed.

XI. Announcements

* Wellness at UC this week
* ChatGPT March 3
* Women’s Conference March 31

XII. Adjournment

**Motion:**  To adjourn (Ray), Seconded (Barrientes, Carolyn). Passed.