

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

Feb. 17th, 2024

3:30 – 5:00 PM

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Eric Busby at 3:33 pm with 48 faculty members present and 7 requesting to be counted toward quorum.

- **Guests:** Dr. Bernie Cantens shared highlights from the Feb. TSUS Board of Regents meeting with 9 items approved to include new emended Associate degrees, graduate MBA specializations, and other degree programs. A brief update on the progress on the SRSU International campus was shared with Dr. Cantens sharing that Dr. Hernandez will be sharing further details with faculty soon. Searches are under way for several new faculty positions and for the new Dean for the College of Education.

- **Minutes:** There was a motion made by Dr. Tom Matula and seconded by Dr. Joey Velasco to accept the Nov. 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed.

- **President Report:** Dr Eric Busby shared information the FA EC would be sharing at the TCFS meeting in Feb. and invited the faculty to provide input to the roundup report
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- **Vice President Report:** Dr. Jessica Velasco shared that she had reached out to chairs of councils to clean up bylaws to represent all SRSU locations, new colleges, etc. An updated version of the FA bylaws was shared with the FA later in the meeting. Dr. Jessica Velasco also shared that Eric and her met with the staff council to discuss budget concerns.

- **Secretary Report:** Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray shared that she will be working to updated councils' representation and information to align with the revised bylaws over the next month and invited council chairs to reach out with any updates.

- **Council and Committee Reports**
 - **FAR Report:** Dr. Jessica Velasco shared updates with faculty to include the following Fall 2024 Team GPAs and invited faculty to participate in a survey at [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#).
 - Baseball-3.107
 - Football-2.420
 - Men's Soccer-3.050
 - Men's Basketball-3.053
 - Softball-3.211
 - Volleyball-3.570
 - Women's Soccer-3.190
 - Women's Basketball-3.064
 - Dr. Velasco also shared D2 facts and stats information found on [D2 FactsFigures.pdf](#).
 - **Joint Budget Oversight:** Dr. Joey Velasco shared updates from the last meeting to include an update on set budgets and budget proposals. Salary increases will

continue. They are inquiring about payroll processes, processes for banner access to budgets, and the need for training in banner.

- **Curriculum Council:** It was shared that they are working on a calendar to share with faculty.
- **IRB Committee:** Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray shared wo the committee had worked to update forms, improve processes for training, and that the committee will follow up with the Office of Sponsored Programs to check on IRB approvals for any faculty.

Old Business

- **Faculty Workload Faculty Workload (2.08) Special Committee:** Working with administration to identify changes to the final version and hope to share more at the next meeting.

New Business

- **FA Bylaws:** An updated draft of the FA bylaws was shared and revised to remove the term “joint” from any council to represent the unified FA body. Dr. Tom Matula made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Dr. Joey Velasco. The motion carried. Bylaws will be updated on the FA website by our next meeting to reflect these changes.
- **APM Updates:** It was shared that April Autumn-Becker will be invited to the next FA EC meeting to learn about APM updates. Information will be shared with faculty at the March general meeting.
- **Department Research Expectations:** It was strongly suggested that departments try to set expectations for the provost by April 1st.
- **Faculty Awards:** It was shared that we will have a new award for Online Teaching. More information on how to nominate others or yourself for a faculty award and the Coach of the Year will be shared at the March meeting.

Dr. Jessica Velasco made a motion and Dr. Tom Matula seconding to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 pm.