Minutes
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Espino A, 3:30pm


To be counted in the quorum: Case, Jim, Downing, Jay, Fairlie, Carol, Green, William, Hileman, Sharon, Lopez, Andrew, Luna, Ryan, Roman, Dona, Rubenser, Lorie, Saka, Mark, Schwab, Gregory, Scott, Bret, Stein, Kathy, Warnock, Bonnie, Wright, Paul

I. Call to order @ 3:39pm

II. Chair’s Report – Part 1.

   a. President Velasco introduced guest speakers Provost, Dr. Quint Thurman, and David Gibson, Director OIT. Speakers discussed points regarding Blackboard. Last semester’s course evaluations are available on Blackboard. John Jones will arrange for reports to Chairs and Deans.
   b. Qvarnstrom, Jeanne: Requested that the course name be put on the reports
   c. Glenn, Thea: Requested that term be placed on reports
   d. Schlosser, Rebecca: Asked when the Fall course evals would launch.
   e. Quint Thurman indicated they would be turned on November 1st and that students would get emails. Professors will not see the results till after the end of the semester when grades are in. He recommended incentives to get better return rates and left the specifics to each professor to decide. He further indicated that he had no problem giving bonus points and had done so himself in the past.

III. SGA Report:

   a. SGA cookout will be at the football game; and RGC will send representative.
   b. There will be a breast cancer awareness pie in the fact contest; $70.00 was raised
   c. Red out campaign will begin
   d. There will be a campus-wide art contest for T-shirt
   e. Bike program is in the works in which students check-out bikes and return to rec
   f. Public relations officer is looking at social media for clubs to add info

IV. Approval of Minutes for 9/8/14: Motion to approve: Rebecca Schlosser. 2nd: Carol Fairlie. Motion carries.

V. Chair’s Report- Part 2
a. The President is creating 3 committees
   i. Standing Executive Committee
   ii. Enrollment Manage and Student Success Committee
   iii. Campus Master Plan Development Effectiveness Innovation

Send recommendation to President Velasco. Executive Planning Committees will end once planning is complete, there are several:
   i. Centennial Planning Committee – will be a 3-year celebration beginning in 2014-2020
   iii. Presidential Investiture Committee (Spg.2015)

b. Meeting with Provost (2 this month) The meetings focused on Blackboard evaluations and will get the set of questions that the former committee developed. Paper is still an option and flexibility is built into the system.

VI. Vice Chair’s Report:
   a. The Vice Chair, Kathy Stein, was at another meeting and not present.

VII. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:
   c. Minutes and Chair reports are now being sent to the website.

VIII. Parliamentarian’s Report: Bonnie Warnock was absent.

IX. Council reports:
   a. Teaching Council – Donald Freed reported: There is money available and the dates for applications are flexible.
   b. Curriculum Council - Mazie Will: reported: Large amount of curriculum changes, they have just started reviewing. Please get minor changes in now. Laura Payne is the chair. Forms are on the webpage.

X. University Committee reports: No report.

XI. Unfinished business: None.

XII. New Business: None.

XIII. Announcements: a. Paul Will: The Federal Reserve Bank, El Paso Branch will partner with Animal Sciences and Industrial Arts for economic incentives for the Big Bend area on Oct. 29th.
   a. The Watercolor Gallery has special exhibit.
   b. Dona Roman – Productions still playing

Dona Roman

XIV. Adjourn
Motion: Paul Will
Second: Donald Freed
Motion Carries @ 4:24pm