Minutes
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2015
Espino A, 3:30pm


To be counted in the quorum: Bennack, Steve, Brown, Angela, Dingwell, Heath, Hunter, R.J., Luna, Ryan, Qvarnstrom, Jeanne, Roman, Dona, Rubenser, Lorie, Saka, Mark, Sanchez, Dominique, Schwab, Gregory, Scown, Russell, Tegarden, Gregory, Tucker, Barbara, Ware, Liza, Rubin, Mark, LaCox, Travo

I. Call to order @ 3:37pm

II. SGA Report

  a. Kaitlyn Wood, President SGA reported that donations had been good and that a raffle was scheduled for April 25, 2015.
  b. Student body relations are improving and there are 3 new clubs, 10 clubs created or reactivated including Ches, Kinesiology, Men’s Soccer, BSA and others.
  c. There is action to have sanitary disposal put in all women’s bathrooms and that is going well.
  d. Spring Carnival will be before Spring Break.

III. Chair’s Report

  a. Chair, Joseph Velasco, introduced special guest speakers Helen Crane, Director of Lobo Den and Title V Director, and Dr. Jennifer Penland, Director of Experiential Learning, provided a brief presentation. Dr. Penland presented on her role with the Lobo Road to Success – Title V Grant as well as her goals for working with the faculty. Dr. Penland indicated that her first objective is a career program and second is student success environment. They will be housed in Lawrence Hall.

  b. Meetings with the President:
     i. SACS- Amy Moreland will operate half-time as Director of Institutional Effectiveness.
     ii. New Dean position at RGC- President indicated that monies might not be available in future for salaries if RGC gets this new position. Dr. Guerrero will head the search.
     iii. Online Courses and Student Discipline – policy as written applies to online courses and may validly be applied to discipline students according to the President of SRSU, Dr. Kibler.
iv. Award for Coaching Excellence – Joseph Velasco indicated that he would like FA to consider rewarding coaches who emphasize academic performance.

v. Kibler Family Scholarship - There will be $5,000 set aside and there are plans to set aside enough money to create this Scholarship as a permanent endowment.

vi. Presidential Investiture - Joseph Velasco informed the faculty about a request to pay for the President’s regalia at the Investiture. Other suggestions included a tree and plaque.

vii. Faculty Recognition - Joseph Velasco informed the faculty that Dr. Case has suggested that he would like to do more to recognize faculty and would like to work with faculty assembly to gather ideas.

c. Meeting with the Provost(s):
   i. Core Curriculum – Joseph Velasco indicated that the Coordinating Board no longer has a March deadline and Dr. Case may establish SRSU deadline. SRSU is ready to submit core curriculum changes.
   ii. Academic Calendar – Dr. Case wants to create an Academic Calendar Committee. Carol Greer will serve on this committee and a goal is to create realistic deadlines for Chairs.
   iii. RGC & Intellectual Property Policy - Joseph Velasco indicated that RGC is working on an Intellectual Property Policy and we may want to review the work they have done.

IV. Vice Chair’s Report – the committee and council slate will be ready to go on the website soon and will be presented to Faculty Assembly at March meeting. Vice Chair Kathy Stein requested faculty to look at the list and see where volunteers are needed – and to please volunteer.

V. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – None.

VI. Parliamentarian’s Report – None.

VII. Council reports

a. Mazie Will reported on Budget Oversight. They have called for concerns to be reported and to let the chair know in writing. Liz Measures is the Chair. Chris Rizzi is the Secretary.

b. Donald Freed reported on the Teaching Council which still has funds and requests that faculty submit a proposal. It must say to which courses the professional conference relates and the direct impact on classes taught by that
professor. There is a call for proposals from University Faculty for research as well. The deadline is in March.
c. Faculty Affairs met Feb. 11, 2015 and reminds FA that the deadlines for tenure and promotion dossiers are approaching.

VIII. University committee reports
a. Instructional technology – there was discussion by Mazie Will that there has been no meeting and she will call a meeting to resurrect the committee.
b. Presidential Committee will assist in enrollment management and student support. The first meeting was held and there will be a meeting every month. The goal is to better promote student success and generate enrollment.

IX. Unfinished business – None.

X. New business
a. Name changes for Chair and Vice-Chair position – there was insufficient quorum to vote on these changes and vote was postponed.
b. Possible Resolution: Faculty and Administration raises – Joseph Velasco called for discussion which was long. It was recommended to Joseph Velasco by several faculty that a written resolution would be the best way to proceed and he agreed to draft one for the next meeting.
c. Teacher of the Year Nominations – Faculty Assembly members present voted on a slate. The top 3 nominations were: Fairlie, Carol, Rumsey, Esther, and Estepp, Christopher.

XI. Announcements – Bonnie Warnock indicated that the Advisory Committee met with President to establish long term goals to improve.

XII. Adjourn

      Motion: Carol Fairlie
      Second: Andrew Lopez 2nd
      Motion Carries @ 4:56pm