

**UTPA College of Education College Council Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: March 20, 2007**

**Eighth Official Meeting of the 2006-2007 COE College Council**

**Representatives Present:** Michael Guerrero, Leo Gomez, Francisco Guajardo, Laura Saenz, Santiago Silva, Paul Villas and Jeanne Yanes

**Others Present:** Velma Menchaca, Interim Dean; Ala Qubbaj, Provost Fellow; COE Associate Deans and COE Department Chairs.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

From 10:00 a.m. to approximately 11:15 a.m., Ala Qubbaj addressed the COE Council, Interim Dean, COE Associate Deans, and Department Chairs. During this time, he presented a mentoring plan for first-year tenure track faculty members. After his presentation, he sought feedback from those in attendance.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., the COE Council meeting was officially called to order by Michael Guerrero. At this time, non-Council members, with the exception of Interim Dean, Velma Menchaca, were no longer present.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No announcements were made.

**3. APPROVAL OF PENDING MINUTES**

Paul Villas moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 COE Council meeting contingent on changing Discussion Item #4 from "Paul Villas agreed to email" to "the College Council agreed to email the faculty." Jeanne Yanes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Bylaws:** Santiago Silva reported that only Leo Gomez gave specific feedback regarding necessary revisions to the by-laws. Santiago Silva also sought clarification regarding the deadline for having revisions complete. The Council agreed that some, but not necessarily all revisions, should be ready to be voted on by faculty at the May COE faculty meeting.

**5. DEAN'S REPORT**

The Dean shared the issues discussed by the COE Executive Council at their most recent meeting. Those issues included: (a) redoing the COE webpage, (b) examining teaching load for incoming and tenured faculty, (c) the status of H&K and C&I search committees, (d) staff requests presented as part of the recently submitted budget request for FY 2008, (e) a request made to the Provost for a specific dollar amount to be budgeted for the COE based on department FTE, (f) seeking to remove the COE auditorium from R25 scheduling, and (g) an upcoming symposium launch for the Borderlands Room.

Leo Gomez asked the Interim Dean to identify an issue the College Council should address. Interim Dean Menchaca responded by identifying faculty workload as important matter to be

addressed by the College Council. Interim Dean Menchaca excused herself at the completion of her report.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Follow up College Council report:** Leo Gomez stated that he feels we have yet to prioritize recommendations summarized in the report submitted by the Council the Interim Dean. Michael Guerrero stated that we invite or have a dialogue with the Dean regarding what is already being done. Leo Gomez responded by expressing discontent with how he believes the Council is bypassing its by-laws and made the statement that he would like to resign his position as C&I representative on the Council. Several others gave their views on the purpose of the report and how we should proceed. No motion was made, nor was there a definitive conclusion the discussion.

**b. Faculty voice and decision making:** Limited time, unable to discuss.

**c. C&I Issues:** Limited time, unable to discuss.

**d. Faculty workload:** Limited time, unable to discuss.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation by Dr. Ala Qubbaj:** Done prior the meeting

**b. Recommendations to the Dean regarding participation in department agenda:** Limited time, unable to discuss

## **8. Discussion Items**

None

## **9. Open Forum**

None

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** [done out of order]

Paul Villas moved that our next meeting be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Leo Gomez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Saenz, Secretary

Approved April 10, 2007