Faculty Council Minutes
08/14/2026

I. Call to order

Faculty Council President called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm on Friday, August 14, 2026.

II. Presentation of Faculty Council to Faculty

a. Joseph Cheavens introduces the faculty council officers (Adriana Estrada (Vice President), Aaron Baksh (Secretary), and Jonathan Espinoza (At large member). He also displayed the full roster of council members and thanked Brad for his service as the previous Faculty Council President.

III. Approve previous minutes

a. Joseph Cheavens emphasized the importance of posting meeting minutes in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) and ensuring that meeting agendas are posted in a publicly accessible location.

b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Review revised bylaws and vote on adoption

a. Joseph Cheavens reviewed key provisions of the bylaws to familiarize members with the Council's roles and responsibilities. He noted that the communication section of the bylaws may warrant further review because it states that agendas will be posted in MyHC, raising concerns regarding public access to documents subject to TOMA requirements.

b. A question was raised regarding whether changes to the bylaws could be made during the current meeting. Members were informed that bylaw amendments could not be made unless the procedures outlined in the bylaws had been properly followed.

c. A question was raised regarding the requirement for meeting minutes to be approved and posted within 30 days, particularly during the period between the spring and fall semesters. It was noted that the minutes should be posted within the required timeframe and may be formally approved when the Council reconvenes in the fall.

V. Open Discussion

A. Joseph Cheavens discussed the need to improve the process for submitting and placing items on the agenda. He also emphasized the importance of pathway representatives engaging with their respective pathways on matters affecting the college. Additionally, he reviewed the types of communication that may occur between pathway representatives in accordance with established procedures.

VI. Adjourn

a. Motion was made by Don Nelson to adjourn, and it was second by John Price. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.