Minutes for January 15, 2004 were approved.

Dr. Sukho Lee was introduced as the newest faculty member in kinesiology.

Dr. Lira read aloud the procedures for setting on-line courses and gave out an attachment.

Dr. Vargas gave an update on the bilingual conference.

Mrs. Coronado gave a presentation on the QuESST program. This program would require that classroom teachers apply to become mentors. The teachers would need 3 years teaching experience & submit to the CPDT office 3 letters of recommendation and a philosophy statement. Currently, mentors and university supervisors are evaluated by students. FUTMs are not & it was recommended that these individuals should be as well.

Dr. Lira continued the presentation by stating that there are not enough funds to pay for the FUTMs. These are individuals that are out in the field observing block 2 students & any student registered in a field based courses. He proposed to the college that all COE students pay an addition fee of $50.00 per block. Dr. Railsback motioned that the College of Education accept a $50-75 fee for any student registering in block courses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Romo. The motioned passed.

The GED to PHD initiative with Laredo ISD currently has $312, 000. The Bruni-Vergara Trust would add another $300,000 if United ISD is included in the initiative. Each school district would be responsible for recruitment of participants.

Dr. Guerra gave an update on the Kappa Delta Pi-Nu Pi Chapter. The first installation of members is on May 07, 2004 at 6:00 pm in SC 236. Drs. Ivy, Linstrum and Mrs. Coronado volunteered to assist Dr. Guerra. She also distributed an attachment.

Dr. Gonzalez announced that TAMU had successfully be accredited through the TExES cumulative and initial cohort passing scores.

The graduate hooding is set for May 14, 2004 at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. The COAS will now be part of the COE hooding ceremony. Dr. Shepherd pointed out that the idea of the hooding was to make the event more personable as a small gathering.

Dr. Gonzalez announced that Dr. M. Vargas’ named was submitted as The Golden Apple nominee for the COE. Dr. Vargas was selected by the Dean & the chairs of each of the departments. It was a nomination made just before the deadline.

The PPP needs to be revisited. Dr. Gonzalez appointed a committee. Dr. Lira is chair and Drs. Greybeck, Lozano, & Shepherd will serve on the committee.