- The Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering is a program that used to be on campus and the College is working to bring it back. New programs were listed on the snapshot handout with their statuses.
- The Rio Grande Valley Engineering Initiative is currently underway with a small cohort, with courses taught at the MITC in Harlingen as well as the Citrus Center in Weslaco. This program has received a lot of attention and hopes to grow to 15 academic programs. The

¾ Dr. Verma opened the floor for old business items.

¾ <u>Motion to accept draft SRI from SRI Committee:</u>
  ¾ Dr. Verma stated that a senator contacted them stating that they would arrive late to the meeting at around 4:00 p.m.  He asked if the Senate would like to hold off until that time.  He also asked Dr. Nestor Sherman to clarify parliamentary procedure.
    ¾ Dr. Sherman stated that a motion would need to be made.
    ¾ It was stated that a motion as made at the subsequent meeting
  ¾ Dr. Verma asked if there was a motion to proceed.  The motion was made by Dr. Ryan Paul and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Janzen. The senate then moved into new business.

™ New Business:
¾ Dr. Verma opened the floor for new business items.

¾ <u>Amendment to the promotion guidelines from Faculty Handbook Committee:</u>
¾ Dr. Maria Ayala-Schueneman stated that the committee was charged with making sure all months are counted.  The suggested text D8(f) en4s003 Tx7 440thsom1.1ex

Associate to Professor, the committee was not aware of a missing year in that area. If the issue is there as well, it will be addressed as a motion later.

¾ It was stated that you cannot count documentation twice so the faculty member will need to decide if they want the information to count for Associate to Full Professor and any appeal.

¾ It was requested to remove the following section:

ƒ The evaluation period for promotion to professor is from the date of portfolio submission for associate professor to the date of portfolio submission for full professor, ~~except in the case of a faculty member hired at the associate professor rank. In the latter case, the evaluation period for promotion to professor is from the date of appointment to the date the faculty member submits his/her materials for review.~~

¾ A motion was made to accept the proposed amended text. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rajab Challoo.

¾ It was asked when this change would come into effect. It was stated that there is a written policy to make changes that the Faculty Senate has not followed in the past few year. The guidelines, located on the Faculty Senate webpage, stated those proposals need to be submitted to the Senate by November 1st. It was stated that the proposal should be given to the Executive Committee by then to be presented to the Senate in the spring semester. It was stated that people were not aware and some were confused. An option to suspend the rules in order to entertain the idea was mentioned since the item was presented in November. It was asked if there was a motion to suspend the November 1st deadline rule to allow the committee to give the proposal to the Executive Committee for presentation to the Senate in the spring.

¾ A motion to withdraw the original motion was made by Dr. Ayala-Schueneman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sherman. The motion carried unanimously.

¾ A motion was made by Dr. Kathleen Rees to suspend the rules to accommodate the promotion draft. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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¾ Dr. Verma informed the Senate that a secret ballot would take place for this vote.

¾ A motion to remove off the table was made by Dr. Nestor Sherman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

¾ A motion to accept the SRI draft presented by the SRI Committee was made and seconded.

¾ It was asked what it would mean to approve this draft. It was stated if the vote is yes that a committee would be formed for the rollout. The