CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:22 pm by Dr. Angie Hill Price

SPEAKER COMMENTS
The speaker reminded senators to sit in the designated area, turn off all cell phones, etc., and took the attendance at remote sites.

AGGIE SPIRIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Three students were presented with plaques from the Senate: Astrid Acosta, Campbell Cave, and Stephen Mullens. Award winners will be contacted regarding the monetary award which is funded by the Senators.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2018 AND APRIL 9, 2018 MINUTES
The minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA FROM April 9, 2018
One course, TCMG 402 Instructional Technology and Design, was tabled by Walter Daugherty (ENG)
All other items on the consent agenda were approved.

GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT – March 2018
New Courses – Passed – FS.36.001
GEOP 635 Methods of Geophysical Exploration

Change in Courses – Passed – FS.36.002
ANSC 615 Brazil Comparative Ruminant Animal Nutrition
ATMO 629 Climate Change
BIED 614 Bilingual Education Curriculum Development
BIED 616 Spanish for Bilingual and Dual Language Programs
CPSY 601 Multicultural Counseling in Schools
CPYS 602 School Counseling Theories and Techniques
CPYS 603 School of Counseling Group Interventions
CPYS 630 Foundations of School Counseling
EDAD 637 Administration of Change in Educational Organizations
EDAD 639 Foundations of Educational Administration
EDAD 654 Organizational Learning
EDAD 669 The College Student
EDAD 688 Proseminar – Analysis of Critical Issues in Education
EDCI 620 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teaching and Learning
EDCI 632 Program Evaluation in Curriculum and Instruction
EDCI 633 Educator as Learner
EDCI 637  Urban Education Policy and Analysis
EDCI 639  Grant Writing for Professional Development
EDCI 720  Engineering Design for School Teaching and Learning
EDCI 721  How People Learn STEM
EDCI 726  History and Trends in STEM Education
EDCI 752  21st Century Integration of Theory in Educational Settings
EDCI 754  Trends in Data Management and Analysis
EDTC 613  Integrating Technology in Learning Environments
EDTC 621  Graphic Communication and Interface Design
EDTC 631  Educational Video
EDTC 641  Educational Game Design
EDTC 642  Designing for Mobile Learning
EDTC 646  Emerging Technologies for Learning II
EDTC 655  Instructional Design II
EHRD 605  Principles and Practices of Leadership in HR Development
EHRD 612  Training and Development in Human Resource Development
EHRD 618  Evaluation Models in HR Development
EHRD 622  Training Task Analysis
EHRD 625  Organization Development and Performance in HR Development
EHRD 627  Research and Development in Educational HR Development
EHRD 643  Adult Education Globalization and Social Justice
EHRD 673  Introduction to Distance Learning
EPSY 604  Career Counseling in Schools
EPSY 621  Clinical Neuropsychology
EPSY 624  Creative Thinking
EPSY 631  Program Evaluation
EPSY 673  Learning Theories
EPSY 679  Research on Teacher Effectiveness
HPCH 636  Study in China Global Health Experience
INTA 609  International Law and its Application to Human Rights, use of Force and U.S. Law
PHEO 613  Introduction to Environmental Health Disparities
PHEO 625  Environmental and Occupational Health Survey Methods
RDNG 604  Reading Diagnosis
RDNG 612  Children's Literature and Literacy
RDNG 613  Multicultural Children's Literature and Literacy
RDNG 620  Literacy and Language
SPED 618  Preparation for the Professoriate in Special Education and Allied Fields
TEED 682  Seminar

Change in Courses – Passed – FS.36.003

Texas A&M University at Galveston

MARA 604  Marine Natural Resource Economics
MARA 616  Management of Port Facilities and Infrastructure
MARA 624  Intermodal Transportation Operations
MARA 627  Marketing of Transportation Services
MARA 636  Managerial Decision Making
MARA 640            Global Logistics
MARA 650            Supply Chain Management
MARA 652            Marine Transportation System Design and Policy
MARA 658            Port Design, Planning and Security
MARB 607            Research and Conservation in Greece-Dolphins, Fisheries and Cultural Heritage
MARB 617            Research Diving Methods
MARB 654            Coastal Plant Ecology
MARB 656            Tropical Marine Ecology

Change in Curriculum – Passed – FS.36.004
College of Engineering
   Department of Civil Engineering
      MS-CVEN Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Change in Curriculum – Passed – FS.36.005
College of Engineering
   Department of Engineering
      MS-ITDE Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering

Change in Curriculum – Passed – FS.36.006
College of Engineering
   Department of Materials Science and Engineering
      MS-MSEN Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering

Change in Curriculum – Passed – FS.36.007
College of Engineering
   Department of Engineering
      MS-SENG Master of Science in Safety Engineering

Special Consideration Item – Passed – FS.36.008
College of Education & Human Development
   Dept. of Education Admin & HR Development
      CERT-AEDU Adult Education - Certificate

Special Consideration Item – Passed – FS.36.009
College of Education & Human Development
   Dept. of Education Admin & HR Development
      CERT-CLTE College Teaching - Certificate

Special Consideration Item – Passed – FS.36.010
Mays Business School
   Department of Marketing
      CERT-ANLY Analytics - Certificate

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT – March 2018
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ISEN 302  Economic Analysis of Engineering Projects
ISEN 440  Systems Thinking
ISTM 420  Web-Enabled Applications
JAPN 201  Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN 202  Intermediate Japanese II
JAPN 301  Upper Level Japanese I
JAPN 302  Upper Level Japanese II
JAPN 325  Japanese Language and Culture through Manga
MKTG 402  International Marketing Study Abroad
MKTG 403  International Market Entry Strategies
MKTG 426  Advanced Retail Case Study
MUSC 280  Ensemble Performance University Concert Bands
MUSC 283  Ensemble Performance University Orchestras
NFSC 320  Understanding Obesity A Social and Scientific Challenge
NFSC 417  Food Process Engineering Technology II
NFSC 420  Supervised Research in Mediterranean Nutrition and Food Processing in Italy
NFSC 422  Food Processing for Sustainable Nutrition in Brazil
NURS 312  Introduction to Pathophysiology
OCNG 252  Oceanography Laboratory
PERF 301  Performance in World Cultures
PHIL 352  Africana Philosophy
PSYC 450  Clinical Psychology
PSYC 485  Directed Studies
SCSC 421  International Agricultural Research Centers – Mexico
SENG 310  Industrial Hygiene Engineering
SENG 321  Industrial Safety Engineering
SENG 430  Risk Analysis in Safety Engineering
SPAN 221  Field Studies Abroad I
SPAN 222  Field Studies Abroad II
SPAN 413  Hispanic Culture through Art
SPAN 460  Topics in Hispanic Literature
SPMT 483  Practicum in Sport Management
TCMG 402  Instructional Technology and Design
WFSC 314  Down River Biology of Gulf Coastal Fishes
WFSC 444  Aquaculture I Principles and Practices
WGST 210  Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality

Change in Courses – Passed – FS.36.012
Texas A&M University at Galveston
MARA 250  Management Information Systems
MARA 440  Global Economy and Enterprise Management
MARA 493  International Maritime Management Experience
MART 200  Deck Sea Training I Basic Communications, Navigation and Seamanship
Program Inactivations – Passed – FS.36.013
   College of Liberal Arts
       Department of Liberal Arts
           MINOR-LDLA Leadership - Minor

Change in Curriculum – Passed – FS.36.014
   College of Liberal Arts
       Department of Anthropology
           MINOR-MUST Museum Studies - Minor

W&C COURSES - March 2018
No Courses Submitted

College of Dentistry – Program Change Request
CERT-PEDD Pediatric Dentistry – Certificate – Passed – FS.36.017
MS-OBIO Master of Science in Oral Biology – Passed – FS.36.018

______________________________End of Consent Agenda____________________________________

Informational Review Items
Information Items were reviewed

College of Medicine – Course Change Request – Passed – FS.36.019
MEID 691 Research
MEID 712 Practice of Medicine III
MPHY 631 Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Biology
MPHY 632 Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Pathobiology
Proposed Revisions to Student Rules
Jonathan Coopersmith (Secretary) moved approval of the student rules. Clint McGill (Agriculture) wanted to note that the Honor Council is not in Henderson Hall, but is in Rudder Tower.

Revisions to student rules were approved.

- Student Rule 8.2.4 Examinations – Passed – FS.36.021
- Student Rule 20.1.2.3.8 Violation of College, Program, Departmental or Course Rules – Passed – FS.36.022
- Student Rule 28 Student Conduct Files and Records – Passed – FS.36.023

Committee Reports

Core Curriculum Committee – April 2018, May 2018
No Courses Submitted

Other Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee
No Report

Core Curriculum Committee
No Report

Personnel & Welfare Committee
No Report

Research Committee
Open Access Policy has been distributed on the Library website. Please share with faculty members to look for unintended consequences. Please send comments by email. We will discuss this at the June Meeting.

System Employee Benefits Advisory Committee (SEBAC)
Walter Daugherity (ENGR) shared the following report: The TAMUS self-insured health plan continues to be in good shape, with a typical surplus for the middle of the academic year. This should cover the typical rise in claims through August. Both medical and prescription plan costs are increasing, although about 4% below the national rate of increase, which is remarkable in itself. These increases in cost are being offset from System reserves, and the new Express Scripts contract has a 14% lower administrative cost. Long-term disability premiums will also decrease due to a new contract. The Flexible Spending Plan will change from Payflex to Navia, but you can still run out this year’s contributions through November 15th, as
usual. For the dental plan, a small surplus is projected. PPACA (“Obamacare”) taxes are also lower this year ($135,932), since the transitional insurance tax has expired. January 1st the retiree and A&M 65-Plus plans will qualify for a higher federal subsidy and shift prescriptions to Express Scripts as “creditable Medicare Part D coverage” with no other discernable change. This very positive outlook should translate into little or no change to premiums for next year, with the exception of the graduate student employee plan. Their premiums will increase but will still be lower than comparable plans elsewhere.

As previewed in my last report, I expect that to continue receiving the $30 per month wellness incentive next academic year, each employee and spouse will now have to complete a brief 18-question health risk assessment questionnaire on Evive, in addition to having an annual wellness exam. The purpose of the health risk assessment questionnaire is to help you identify areas for improvement and give you resources to address them you may not have known about, with the overall goal of better employee health, leading to lower costs. The current $50 health risk assessment questionnaire credit may be eliminated, so if you haven’t claimed it for this year you and your spouse still can.

The next “Naturally Slim” weight-loss program starts July 9th; they are developing an on-demand version too. New benefits coming up include the Brazos Valley Network, which will be listed in the Blue Cross provider finder but have reduced co-pays of $5 for a general practitioner and $15 for a specialist; hospital co-insurance will be 10% instead of 20%. Another provider will be MDLive, offering virtual digital doctor visits for simple, non-emergency conditions 24/7/365, with an average wait time of 20 minutes. There is a problem with summer insurance premiums for faculty teaching three months this summer, but I will address that later in the Committee of the Whole. I am still looking for a volunteer to take over representing the Faculty Senate on SEBAC when my term ends. Please let the Senate Office know if you are interested.

Once again, a final reminder: June 30th is the deadline for wellness exams for you and your spouse for this academic year. You can verify your completion status on myEvive or on Workday under Benefit Elections.

Hank Duncan Walker (Engineering) commented that Express Scripts was featured on a 60 minutes episode and had concerns. Daugherity commented that they are doing a good job to reduce costs.

Unfinished Business

Old Business

New Business

State of the Senate Address by Angie Hill Price

Dr. Hill Price expressed that she ran for speaker because she had concerns about the Senate and shared governance. Because of her past experience, she ran to bring the Senate back up to where it was in the past. She began by looking at what the senate did in the past and examined where we were. Over time, we had lost the historical knowledge in the Senate. We do not work in a vacuum. We represent the faculty who elected us and ensure their voice is heard in shared governance.

Her goals were to gain back our office space, gain a full time support staff for the senate, and ensure faculty have the ability to grieve annual reviews. Currently it depends on the department head. Faculty members should have a recourse in the annual review process.
She also worked to get our Q drops done online. Our computer system should do this for us. We are moving in the right direction, but more conversations are needed, especially with University Advisors and Counselors and administrators.

Dr. Hill Price expressed disappointment that she was unable to bring more rewards and recognition to senators such as wall plagues and

We need to follow our bylaws, committees, and processes. Using our own committee structure is important. We also need to understand that we provide valuable input to our administrators, but we do not get to make those decisions. We need to temper our expectations as faculty with what is best for the university.

We need to have passion, balanced with reason, and maintain perspective. We need to hear multiple sides of the story. By working together we will become even stronger in the future.

**Presentation of Speaker Gifts**

Dr. Harlin thanked Dr. Hill Price for her persistence in keeping us afloat in the midst of personal tragedy and her tireless effort in working for the senate.

Many thanks to Mark Sicilio and Sharon Alderete in the College of Medicine and to Mike Caruso in athletics for helping Dr. Harlin with the speaker gifts.

**Passing of the Gavel**

Dr. Hill Price passed the gavel to Dr. Harlin, thanking her for her work over the last few weeks.

**Recommendation of Spring 2018 Degree Candidates – Passed – FS.36.024**

Jonathan Coopersmith moved to certify the May 2018 Degree Candidates. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

TOTAL: 10,478
TAMU-Main – 9212
TAMU-DVM – 126
TAMU-Galveston – 269
TAMU-Qatar – 80
TAMU-Health Science Center – 684
TAMU-LAW – 107

**Election of Speaker Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Committee**

Dr. Harlin started by thanking Jay Ramadoss (Vet Med), our elections chair, for his efforts to make sure that elections go well today. She also reminded senators that elections for senate seats have been completed and are posted on the website. The election committee was asked to help pass out the ballots.

Candidates for Speaker Elect were provided two minutes to address the senate:
Geoffrey Booth (ARCH), Andrew Klein (GEO), and John Stallone (Vet Med) were the candidates for speaker elect.
Andrew Klein was announced the winner.

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer were provided two minutes to address the senate:
Claire Katz (Liberal Arts) and Mark Sicilio (MED) were the candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Sicilio was announced the winner.

Candidates for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee were provided two minutes to address the senate:
After the first round of voting, a run off occurred between John Stallone and Jorge Alvarado.

New members of the Executive Committee were announced as:
Jorge Alvarado (Engineering), Alva Ferdinand (Public Health), Jose Fernandez-Solis (Architecture), Catharina LaPorte (Liberal Arts), Rajesh Miranda (Medicine), John Stallone (Veterinary Medicine), Grace Townsend (Galveston), Duncan “Hank” Walker (Engineering), Joan Wolf (Liberal Arts), Jim Woosley (Education)

While the Elections Committee counted votes, caucuses met to determine a caucus leader and turn in preferences for committee assignments for 2018-2019 to the Speaker.

Caucus Leaders received were:

Committee of the Whole
Angie Hill Price (Engineering) recognized Arun Srinivasa, a faculty member from Engineering. Several issues were brought up including the way the Dean of Faculties office processes Visas and Title 9 decisions made by the Dean of Faculties. He suggested a review of the operations related to Visa processing and how we compare to other institutions.

Speaker Elect Andrew Klein announced that the Executive Committee would look into the issues raised.

Jorge Alvarado (Engineering) suggested that our grading scheme is outdated. He suggested moving to a more graduated scale (A+, A, A-, etc.).

Walter Daugherity (Engineering) gave an update on issues related to insurance premiums being taken out of the June paycheck for less than 12 month faculty. The change to Workday has impacted many faculty.

Joanne Wolf (Liberal Arts) expressed concern over the issues brought up by Arun Srinivasa. Marian Eide (Liberal Arts) suggested that we have a speaker at a future senate meeting to address issues related to Title 9.

Clint McGill (Agriculture) expressed concern that there was a runoff for Honor Council in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Since more help is needed on this committee, he suggested contacting the Honors Office to see if faculty in the runoff could both serve.

Geoffrey Booth (Architecture) addressed the senate relative to his role as chair of the University Grievance Committee. He shared that this committee is a deliberative body that makes recommendations and tries to treat all faculty fairly, typically spending several hours of discussion to ensure fairness and equity to all.

John Hubbard, Rajesh Miranda, Mark Sicilio (Medicine) addressed the senate regarding the issues in the College of Medicine. As a result of the survey results done by the caucus, the Chancellor called a meeting with all College of Medicine faculty on May 3, 2018. The President and Provost were also
in attendance. The caucus members were concerned with some misstatements that were made at that meeting. They expressed thanks to the Provost for spending many hours in meetings to address the issues and concerns of faculty. The caucus members look forward to working together with their administration.

Adjourn
Julie Harlin reminded the senate that a reception would take place immediately following the meeting at the University Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.