CALL TO ORDER
Speaker Harlin called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Speaker Harlin announced the Aggie Spirit Awards were being given to four deserving students, thanks to the generosity of Senators who donated. She read excerpts from the nominators’ letters for the four winners, inviting each recipient up in turn to accept their award.

- **Theresa Coleman**, Dentistry, nominated by Dr. Katie Julien
- **Dillon Duncan**, Agriculture and Life Sciences, nominated by Dr. Leo Lombardini
- **Kyndall Foust**, Education & Human Development, nominated by Dr. Meg Patterson
- **Virginia B. Neese**, Medicine, nominated by Dr. Bryn Esplin

Speaker Harlin then introduced the Richard Stadelmann Faculty Senate Service Award winner, Senator Jay Ramadoss, who was invited to the podium to receive his award.

GUEST SPEAKERS
Speaker Harlin introduced the team of guest speakers from TAMU Human Resources who spoke on Workday issues relevant to faculty.

- **Jeff Risinger**, Vice President of Human Resources & Organizational Effectiveness
- **Ms. Elizabeth Schwartz**, Director of Total Rewards, Human Resources
- **Mr. Bradley Blair**, Executive Director, TAMUS Human Capital Management

VP Risinger expressed appreciation for the Senate survey that solicited feedback from faculty. He believes we are transitioning from stabilization to optimization. Ms. Schwartz spoke to the concerns raised in the survey results, and Mr. Blair spoke more globally about the state of Workday. All communicated that it is their top priority to make sure Workday is working for everyone.

The team then fielded questions from the following Senators:
- David Earnest, College of Medicine
- Angie Hill Price, College of Engineering
- Beverly Irby, College of Education and Human Development
- Jorge Alvarado, College of Engineering

Speaker Harlin thanked the team for their efforts and for speaking to the Senate. She then welcomed Dean Bobby Adieh to the podium.

- **Robert B. Ahdieh**, Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Endowed Dean’s Chair, TAMU School of Law
Dean Ahdieh presented information about the TAMU School of Law: past, present, and future.

- **Past:** The Law School was established in 1989 as a freestanding school, was then acquired by Texas Wesleyan in 1992, and acquired by Texas A&M University in 2013. Since then the Law School has embraced Texas A&M and has flourished.
- **Present:** He shared multiple slides depicting the growth of the Law School in national rankings, outcomes, faculty size and diversity, and reputation and rankings.
- **Future.** There are three particular areas they are focusing on going forward:
  - Expanded Master’s Degree, Executive Education & Distance Programs
  - Partnership possibilities with College Station colleges and departments such as joint degrees, joint appointments and programs, and research collaborations.
  - Texas A&M engagement with the Dallas/Fort Worth area – he invited all to consider holding gatherings such as conferences, symposia, and speakers at the Law School when a metropolitan location is appropriate. Also executive education programs, student externships, etc.

Dean Ahdieh then opened the floor to questions from the following Senators:
- Jay Ramadoss, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.
- Jorge Alvarado, College of Engineering
- Rajesh Miranda, College of Medicine
- David Staack, College of Engineering

Speaker Harlin thanked Dean Ahdieh for speaking to the Senate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
No announcements.

**SPEAKER COMMENTS**
Speaker Harlin had brief comments, as she would be presenting the State of the Senate address later in the meeting:

- Elections for Senate and Committee seats were completed and an email with the results was sent to all faculty. Results can also be found on the home page of the website.
- Senators were encouraged to complete the Inactive Status for the summer form; Betsy would resend that link the following day.
- There would be a reception following the meeting for all Senators, to which deans, department heads and administrators were invited, as well as our distance Senators.
- She met with System Administrators several weeks prior to discuss the MyEvive health assessment requirement. She believes their concerns were heard, but rather than eliminate it, they were working on adding an assessment through Blue Cross Blue Shield, and on how to communicate this to faculty and staff.
- As Speaker-Elect Klein was still in Antarctica, the gavel would be passed to him at the June meeting; Robin Means Coleman will be speaking at the June meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The motion passed to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes as distributed. *Attachment A – Passed*

**CONSENT AGENDA**
The motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda. *(Consent Agenda can be found below Adjournment.)*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
No unfinished business was conducted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Core Curriculum Council Course Report – no report
The motion passed to approve the Core Curriculum Course Report. *(Core Curriculum Course Report can be found after Consent Agenda below.)*

Other Committee Reports

Task Force for SAP: Selection, Evaluation, and Retention of Deans and Department Heads – Appendix – Attachment M – passed – FS.35.529
Speaker Harlin recapped the results of the faculty survey on the Appendix for the SAP on the Selection, Evaluation and Retention of Dean and Department Head Standard Administrative Procedure. The motion then passed to approve the Appendix for the SAP on the Selection, Evaluation and Retention of Dean and Department Heads. The Task Force members stood to applause for their work on the committee.

No further committee reports were heard, but Speaker Harlin requested all committees to submit their spring semester committee report by the June 10 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**
No old business was conducted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recommendation of May 2019 Degree Candidates
Secretary Sicilio moved approval for the following degree candidates:

- TOTAL – 10,903
- TAMU-Main – 9,129
- TAMU-Galveston – 283
- TAMU-HSC – 758
- TAMU-Law – 160
- TAMU-Qatar – 89
- TAMU-VMBS – 484

The motion passed to certify the May 2019 degree candidates.

State of the Senate Address – Speaker Julie Harlin *(full text found at end of minutes)*

Appreciation of Out-going Speaker
Speaker Harlin was awarded with a resolution on her tenure as Speaker, read by Speaker-Elect Andrew Klein via a video recording from Antarctica, and was presented with several gifts.
Appreciation of Out-going Executive Committee Members
Speaker Harlin presented Certificates of Appreciation to all of the year’s Executive Committee Members, and a photograph was taken of the group.

Election of Speaker-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Committee
Elections were handled online for the first time, with Senators being provided the URL’s to ballots for each respective race.

Announcement of Election Results
Speaker-Elect:  
  John Stallone  
Secretary/Treasurer:  
  Alva Ferdinand  
At-Large Members:  
  Dan Collins  
  Catharina Laporte  
  Rajesh Miranda  
  Angie Hill Price  
  Heather Ramsey  
  Dale Rice  
  Mark Sicilio  
  Grace Townsend  
  Jim Woosley

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
New Speaker-Elect John Stallone was invited to the podium for the Committee of the Whole.

Claire Katz, College of Liberal Arts
Senator Katz shared a difficult story of becoming a target for right wing media sites after leading discussions on the intersection of anti-Semitism and Islamaphobia. Senator Katz proposed creation of a code of ethics for the University’s journalism students. She thanked a number of administrators who have been supportive.

Speaker-Elect Stallone turned the meeting back over to Speaker Harlin.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

ATTACHMENTS BELOW: Approved Consent Agenda, Speaker Harlin’s State of the Senate Address

CONSENT AGENDA
GRADUATE COUNCIL

New Courses – Attachment B – passed – FS.36.518
CSCE 711  Introduction to Modern Cryptography
MGMT 682  Seminar in Strategic Entrepreneurship
MGMT 683  Seminar in Organizational and Strategic Leadership
OCNG 680  Paleoclimate

Change in Courses – Attachment C – passed – FS.36.519
ECEN 641  Microwave Solid-State Integrated Circuits
EDAD 623  Advanced Fieldwork Methods
EDCI 604  E-Learning Classroom Management
EHRD 638  Issues in Adult Education
FINC 645  International Finance
ISEN 645  Lean Engineering
PETE 603  Advanced Reservoir Engineering I
PETE 633  Data Integration for Petroleum Reservoirs
PETE 657  High Performance Computing for Earth Science and Petroleum Engineering
SCSC 646  Advanced Studies in Cotton Fiber Quality and Its Measurements
SCSC 654  Analysis of Complex Genomes
SCSC 655  Analysis of Complex Genomes—Lab
STAT 631  Statistical Methods in Finance

Change in Programs – Attachment D – passed – FS.36.520
Mays Business School
Department of Business
  MS-ANLY  Master of Science in Analytics

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

New Courses – Attachment E – passed – FS.36.521
GEOL 208  Life on a Dynamic Planet

New Courses – Attachment F – passed – FS.36.522
Texas A&M University at Galveston
MART 265  Introduction to Dynamic Positioning OSVDPA Phase I

Change in Courses – Attachment G – passed – FS.36.523
ANTH 202  Introduction to Archaeology
ANTH 210  Social and Cultural Anthropology
CHEN 320  Numerical Analysis for Chemical Engineers
CHEN 323  Chemical Engineering Heat Transfer Operations
CHEN 364  Kinetics and Reactor Design
CHEN 451  Introduction to Polymer Engineering
CHEN 459  Gas and Petroleum Processing
COSC 450  Facility Management Principles and Practices
CSCE 110  Programming I
CSCE 221  Data Structures and Algorithms
CSCE 312  Computer Organization
CSCE 313  Introduction to Computer Systems
CSCE 314  Programming Languages
ESET 210  Circuit Analysis
ESET 219  Digital Electronics
HIST 242  United States Maritime History
MKTG 335  Professional Selling
MMET 275  Mechanics for Technologists
MUSC 226  History of Rock
OCEN 201  Introduction to Ocean Engineering
OCEN 221  Engineering Mechanics: Statics
OCNG 443  Oceanographic Field and Laboratory Methods
OCNG 453  Hydrothermal Vents and Mid-Ocean Ridges
POLS 206  American National Government
POLS 207  State and Local Government
THAR 281  History of the Theatre II

Change in Courses – Attachment H – passed – FS.36.524
Texas A&M University at Galveston
MARA 301  Ocean Transportation I
MARA 363  The Management Process
MARA 416  Port Operations, Administration and Economics
MARA 421  Admiralty Law
MARA 424  Economics of Transportation
MARA 450  Maritime Supply Chain Management
MARE 205  Engineering Mechanics I
MARE 207  Electrical Power I
MARE 452  Senior Design Project II
MAST 345  Texas Maritime Culture and History
MAST 441  Maritime Piracy

Change in Programs – Attachment I – passed – FS.36.525
College of Science
Department of Statistics
MINOR-STAT  Statistics - Minor

Change in Programs – Inactivation Proposal – Attachment J – passed – FS.36.526
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Educational Psychology
CERT-CU11  Creative Studies - Certificate

W&C COURSES

Courses Submitted for C Certification – Attachment K – passed – FS.36.527
ECEN 404-C  Electrical Design Laboratory II
ESET 419-C  Engineering Technology Capstone I

Courses Submitted for W Certification – Attachment L – passed – FS.36.528
ANTH 436-W  Ancient Egypt
ATMO 463-W  Air Quality
BUSN 225-W  Business Competency
DCED 401-W  Dance Pedagogy
INTS 409-W  Culture, Neoliberalism and Globalism
ISTM 410-W  Management of Information Systems
RELS 481-W  Senior Seminar
WFSC 485-W  Directed Studies

End of Consent Agenda
The State of the Senate…it sounds like a presidential television special, doesn’t it? For me, the State of the Senate is a reflection of our accomplishments over the past year. When I considered our year together, I am, quite frankly, overwhelmed and humbled by what we have accomplished together. I recall shortly after I was elected Speaker Elect, President Young asked me what my goals for the Senate were. I articulated then that it was to improve the relevance and responsiveness of the Senate for Faculty and Administrators. I feel confident in saying that we have made strides in reaching that goal.

Often we throw around terms like “shared governance,” “collaboration,” and “cooperation.” The big surprise for me this year was to see these terms in action and see the results of what can happen when faculty, administrators, students, and staff work together to solve the issues before us. Not only did we review and approve hundreds of courses, course changes, programs, program changes, and student rules, we also engaged in important dialog regarding issues important to faculty across our institution.

Let me start with some of our highlighted accomplishments, the first being the Entrepreneurship Minor. You will recall that the Faculty Senate rejected the initial proposal. Rather than sit on that, we worked with a task force to develop a framework that not only improved the proposal, but may serve as a framework for a university level minor in the future.

The second major issue we faced were the changes to the Dean and Department Head Rules, first initiated by our System last year. Though we faced some challenging times with this issue last fall, it serves as another example of the Senate functioning in the spirit of shared governance. The Task Force we created worked to develop a document that will serve the best interests of faculty in the selection, evaluation, and reappointment of deans and department heads in the future.

The Senate initiated a number of faculty surveys this year: Student Rule 7, RELLIS Parking, Workday Issues, and the Selection, evaluation, and reappointment of Deans and Department Head. In each case, the results of the surveys and the comments provided by faculty were used to inform our Senate leadership as well as our administrators. I am excited to see the purposeful responses from our administrators to the many issues of concern to faculty. Some of the results include approval of significant changes to Student Rule 7, changes in the process for RELLIS parking, opportunities to work with our administrators to improve Workday, and faculty service on many of the Student Success Initiatives currently underway.

Not only did we work on internal collaborations, we also found ways to collaborate and forge partnerships with colleagues at our System institutions as well as University of Texas at Austin. These opportunities arose as we experienced the challenges associated with the Field of Study requirements at the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the MyEvive Health Assessment.

Our year together was not perfect. We still have some unresolved issues in some of our colleges; occasionally we experience uncivil discourse within the Senate; we still have some questions about partnerships we are working to understand; we still struggle with communicating effectively and efficiently. But, I believe we have moved forward
this year in many of these areas. By creating task forces and ad hoc committees, paired with wide faculty input through the Senate surveys, we have worked to become both relevant and responsive to the faculty we serve. This has helped us become more relevant to many of our administrators. I personally believe that the Senate is well positioned for the future because of your work and participation in the shared governance process.

Quite honestly, not much of this would have been possible without the support of our Executive Assistant, Betsy Peterson, who has had a whirlwind year learning the ins and outs of her position. When I think back to one year ago, when we were without a dedicated support person and were scrambling to do so many of our important functions, I am thrilled at our current situation of Senate support. I look forward to better years ahead with Betsy’s guidance and help to future Speakers.

Personally, this has been a landmark year. I cannot recall a year as busy or productive as this one. I am reminded of the importance and value of service. Though there have been challenges and it hasn’t always been easy, I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve you over this past year. I have learned so much from this experience and from you. Perhaps the best part has been all the friendships I now have with so many of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year. I know I leave the Senate in the capable hands of Speaker Andrew Klein for the year ahead.