FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MINUTES
January 23, 2012
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower
http://facultysenate.tamu.edu


Call to Order:
Speaker Benedik called the meeting to order at 3:17 P.M. There were two senators from Galveston present via videoconferencing.

Speaker Comments:
Speaker Benedik discussed the Senate Officers' visit at our Qatar campus. He said they were able to meet with one of the Senators, Ed Brothers, and a large fraction of the TAMU faculty at Qatar to learn about the unique faculty issues they have.

Dr. Benedik then stated President Loftin briefed the EC last week. He has made a request for a substantial tuition hike to meet the increased costs that are anticipated for next year. He acknowledged that Merit increases are well overdue and has gotten that message loudly from the faculty and from the Deans. On top of which are significant increases in unfunded legislative mandates. Once there is a better idea on what the BOR will support, President Loftin has agreed to update the Senate on what that means for next years budget. It is still too early to know.

Speaker Benedik briefly discussed how the Core Curriculum Council has been working hard on developing a plan to meet the new requirements from the Coordinating Board and how he thinks we are still on schedule for that to come to the full Senate in March or April.

He announced that we are still planning to have our regularly scheduled Senate meeting in February on the 13th and the joint UT Faculty Caucus and TAMU Faculty Senate meeting is also scheduled for late February.

Speaker-Elect Stallone previewed the upcoming February 27, 2012, annual joint meeting with the University of Texas' Faculty Council and announced that in addition to the two university presidents, state senators Steve Ogden (Senate Finance Committee Chair) and Judith Zaffrini (Senate Higher Education Committee Chair) will speak in the plenary sessions. There will also be three breakout sessions, on core curriculum, faculty accountability, and faculty rights (academic freedom and speech). The meeting will be held in the Hagler Alumni Center.

Speaker Benedik noted that today the senate office emailed senators proposed changes to the core rule on faculty responsibility, promotion, tenure, and review; he encouraged prompt feedback. He then encouraged senators to come to the second Faculty Night Out at the University Club, Friday, Jan 27.

Guest Speaker:
Speaker Benedik introduced guest speaker Pamela Matthews, who provided an update on the upcoming decennial SACS reaccreditation visit April 2-5, for which our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is mandatory. Ben Wu’s slides from the last meeting are posted at http://provost.tamu.edu/initiatives/QEP. She said Texas A&M won’t be reaccredited without approval of our QEP, and the SACS visitors will ask faculty about it; consequently she urged faculty to see this as an opportunity to focus on all aspects of student learning, and welcomed feedback on our QEP. She is currently preparing Texas A&M’s response to the SACS off-site report; this response is due February 20th. The next Commitment to Excellence Dialogue, to be held at 4:00 P.M. on February 2nd in Rudder Theater, will focus specifically on our QEP, “Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime.”

Kim Hill (Political Science) asked for clarification on her recent message underlining that every course and program change, no matter how small, must go through the full approval process. Pamela Matthews confirmed that this is correct. Kim Hill then asked what the Strategic Plan 2010-2015’s call for increasing our undergraduate graduation rate will mean in practice, and how the college targets were determined. Pamela Matthews said it was by discussion with the deans. It was noted that our target is the four-year graduation rate, while federal statistics track the six-year graduation rate.

Karan Watson elaborated that modeling based on our peer institutions indicated that our annual graduation rate should increase from 11,300 to 12,500 and this has been apportioned to the colleges. Part of that is the number of incoming freshmen and transfers, and part is the rate of progress (which has been for the most part been below that of our peers).

Beth Tebeaux (Liberal Arts) said some states have high requirements for high school graduation. Karan Watson said Texas has kept changing the state tests and requirements, and noted that A&M and UT see a need to distinguish “Tier-1 college ready” from “college ready.”
The December 12 Faculty Senate meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion Passed FS.29.108

**Consent Agenda** The consent agenda was approved as submitted.

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

**New Courses** - December 1, 2011

- ARCH 669 Foundations of Research in Architecture
- EDCI 632 Program Evaluation in Curriculum and Instruction
- GEOL 653 Geobiological Research
- HORT 626 International Floriculture Marketing
- MARB 604 Behavioral Ecology of Marine Mammals and Seabirds of New Zealand
- SCSC 629 Laboratory Quality Systems
- SCSC 634 Regulatory Science: Principles & Practices in Food Systems
- SCSC 635 Comparative Global Standards in Food Systems
- SCSC 636 Regulatory Science Methodology in Food Systems
- VIBS 611 Tumor Cell Biology and Carcinogenesis
- VIZA 630 Contemporary Art Studio/Seminar I
- VIZA 631 Contemporary Art Studio/Seminar II
- VTMI 629 Laboratory Quality Systems
- WFSC 643 Geospatial Technology in Military Land Management

**Course Changes** - December 1, 2011

- AERO 625 Digital Control of Aerospace Systems
- AGEC 605 Rural Real Estate Appraisal and Organization
- ARCH 601 Design Fundamentals I
- ARCH 610 Visual Communications
- ARCH 619 Applied Solar Energy
- ARCH 621 Energy Optimization in Building Design
- ARCH 625 Sustainable Housing Design
- ARCH 631 Architectural Structures III
- ARCH 633 Environmental Systems III
- ARCH 634 Architectural Lighting
- ARCH 647 Recording Historic Buildings
- GENE 643 Quantitative Genetics and Plant Breeding
- SCSC 643 Quantitative Genetics and Plant Breeding

**Course Withdrawals** - December 1, 2011

- ARCH 677 Neuroscience and Architecture
- FLOR 691 Research
- FLOR 693 Professional Study

**Special Consideration** - December 1, 2011

**College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning**

Proposal for a 4+2 Program for BLA + MUP

- Bachelors of Landscape Architecture + Masters of Urban Planning

**College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning**

Proposal for a 4+2 Program for BLA + MSLD

- Bachelors of Landscape Architecture + Masters of Science in Land Development

**College of Liberal Arts**

Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Film and Media Studies.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**New Course - December 8, 2011**

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HIST 360 History of the American Petroleum Industry  
HIST 435 Tudor England, 1450-1603  
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HIST 447 Constitutional History of the United States to 1901  
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MATH 220 Foundations of Mathematics  
MATH 304 Linear Algebra  
MATH 309 Linear Algebra for Differential Equations  
MATH 311 Topics in Applied Mathematics I  
MATH 323 Linear Algebra  
MATH 415 Modern Algebra I  
MATH 416 Modern Algebra II  
MATH 417 Numerical Analysis I  
MATH 491 Research  
MEEN 221 Statics and Particle Dynamics  
MEEN 360 Materials and Manufacturing Selection in Design  
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NVSC 102 Leadership and Management I  
NVSC 203 Naval Ships Systems I: Engineering  
NVSC 302 Naval Operations and Seamanship  
PHYS 101 Freshman Physics Orientation  
PHYS 119 Big Bang and Black Holes: Laboratory Methods  

**Attachment J moved to Committee Reports**

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011  
College of Architecture  
Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning  
B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture  
Motion Passed FS.29.117  
Attachment K

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011  
Dwight Look College of Engineering  
Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution  
B.S. in Engineering Technology  
Electronics Engineering Technology Option  
Motion Passed FS.29.118  
Attachment L

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011  
Dwight Look College of Engineering  
Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution  
B.S in Engineering Technology  
Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology Option  
Motion Passed FS.29.119  
Attachment M

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011  
Dwight Look College of Engineering  
Department of Nuclear Engineering  
B.S. in Nuclear Engineering  
Motion Passed FS.29.120  
Attachment N

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011  
College of Geosciences  
B.S. in Environmental Geosciences  
Motion Passed FS.29.121  
Attachment O
**Attachment P moved to Committee Reports**

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Department of Communication
- B.A. in Communication
- B.A. in Telecommunication Media Studies
- B.S. in Telecommunication Media Studies

Motion Passed FS.29.122
Attachment Q

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Department of Hispanic Studies
- B.A. in Spanish

Motion Passed FS.29.123
Attachment R

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Department of Psychology
- B.A. in Psychology
- B.S. in Psychology

Motion Passed FS.29.124
Attachment S

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011

**College of Science**
- Department of Mathematics
- B.S. in Mathematics

Motion Passed FS.29.125
Attachment T

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011

**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**
- D.V.M. Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine

Motion Passed FS.29.126
Attachment U

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
- Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
- Watershed Certificate – requirement changes

Motion Passed FS.29.127
Attachment V

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
- Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Option
- Natural Resource Collections & Museums Emphasis
- Aquatic Ecology and Conservation Option
- Fisheries Ecology Emphasis
- Aquatic Emphasis
- Vertebrate Zoology Option
- Pre-professional Emphasis
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Emphasis
- Request to remove emphases

Motion Passed FS.29.128
Attachment W

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
- Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Option
- Aquatic Ecology and Conservation Option
- Vertebrate Zoology Option
- Request to change grade requirements

Motion Passed FS.29.129
Attachment X

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011

**College of Architecture**
- Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture and M.S. in Land Development
- Request for a 4+2 Degree Program

Motion Passed FS.29.130
Attachment Y
Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Architecture**  
Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning  
B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture and M. of Urban Planning  
Request for a 4+2 Degree Program

Motion Passed FS.29.131  
Attachment Z

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**Mays Business School**  
Department of Accounting  
Request for a new Certificate in Energy Accounting

Motion Passed FS.29.132  
Attachment AA

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**Mays Business School**  
Department of Information and Operations Management  
BBA in Information and Operations Management  
Request to create two stand-alone degree programs  
(BBA in Management Information Systems and BBA in Supply Chain Management)  
and discontinue the existing degree program

Motion Passed FS.29.133  
Attachment BB

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Geosciences**  
Minor in Earth Science – requirement changes

Motion Passed FS.29.134  
Attachment CC

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Geosciences**  
Minor in Environmental Geosciences  
Request for a new minor

Motion Passed FS.29.135  
Attachment DD

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
General Degree Requirements-Electives  
Request to change number of hours allowed for electives

Motion Passed FS.29.136  
Attachment EE

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
American Studies Program  
B.A. in American Studies  
Request to discontinue degree program

Motion Passed FS.29.137  
Attachment FF

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
Department of Anthropology  
B.A. in Anthropology  
Request for a new Archaeology Track

Motion Passed FS.29.138  
Attachment GG

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures  
B.A. in French  
B.A. in German  
B.A. in Russian  
Request to consolidate degree programs into B.A. in Modern Languages with concentrations in French, German, & Russian

Motion Passed FS.29.139  
Attachment HH

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
Department of Hispanic Studies  
Minor in Spanish – requirement changes

Motion Passed FS.29.140  
Attachment II

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
Minor in Religious Studies – requirement changes

Motion Passed FS.29.141  
Attachment JJ
Special Consideration - December 8, 2011
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Psychology
Minor in Psychology – requirement changes

Special Consideration - December 8, 2011
College of Science
Department of Biology
Minor in Biology – requirement changes

Special Consideration - From November 2011 UCC meeting
Dwight Look College of Engineering
University Studies Degree
Area of Concentration - Telecommunications Technology
Request to discontinue degree program

Special Consideration - From November 2011 UCC meeting
Dwight Look College of Engineering
Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution
B.S. in Engineering Technology
Telecommunications Engineering Technology Option
Request to discontinue degree option

Texas A&M University at Galveston
New Courses - December 8, 2011
MARE 314 Gas Turbine Power Generation
NAUT 200 Basic Communications, Navigation and Seamanship
NAUT 300 Intermediate Communications, Navigation and Seamanship
NAUT 400 Advanced Communications, Navigation and Seamanship

Change in Courses - December 8, 2011
NVSC 203 Naval Ships Systems I: Engineering
NVSC 320 Naval Operations and Seamanship

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Department of Marine Biology
B.S. in Marine Biology-License Option

W-COURSES
December 16, 2011
W certification:
ENGL 481 Senior Seminar: The Cultural Jane Austen
INST 462 Language Acquisition and Development
CLAS 491 Research
ENGL 481 Senior Seminar: History of the Book

W recertification:
ANSC 414 Sheep and Goat Production
ANSC 491 Undergraduate Research with Writing Credit
COMM/WGST 407 Women, Minorities, and Mass Media
COMM 410 Radio, Records and Popular Music
COMM 415 New Media and Civil Society
COMM/AFST 425 Rhetoric of Social Movements
COMM 447 Communication, Group Processes and Collaboration
GEOL 311 Principles of Geological Writing
MATH 220 Foundations of Mathematics
MATH 491 Research
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Proposed Revisions to Student Rules 1.7, 8.4.3, and 14.21

End of Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
B.S. in Environmental Studies
Attachment J was moved and opened for discussion. Janice Epstein (Science) asked why there were two identically named degree programs. Sarah Bednarz (Associate Dean of Geosciences) was recognized; she said when the program was created it was a shared program between the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and of Geosciences, but the programs are now separate. Attachment J was approved.

Change in Curriculum - December 8, 2011
College of Geosciences
B.S. in Environmental Studies
Attachment P was approved.

New Business

Committee of the Whole
Speaker Benedik then turned the chair over to Speaker-Elect Stallone to convene the Committee of the Whole. Clint Magill (Agriculture and Life Sciences) recommended that to improve continuity the membership of the Committee on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure (CAFRT) be changed to three members from each college and the libraries, with one of the three elected each year for a three-year term.

Bob Bednarz (Geosciences) observed that due to construction, the sidewalk between the new Humanities building and Animal Industries serves a large number of pedestrians, who are endangered by bicyclists who ride on the sidewalk instead of walking their bikes or using streets and bicycle lanes. He was able to get “No Riding” signs posted there, and asked that the University Police be requested to enforce that periodically. Clint Magill (Agriculture and Life Sciences) said those signs have been removed and the walkway widened.

Bedford Clark (Liberal Arts) said it is difficult to walk from Blocker to Rudder without being clipped or nearly run over by bicyclists riding carelessly and at high speed, and urged that something be done sooner rather than later to improve pedestrian safety.

Adjourn
There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, Speaker-Elect Stallone returned the chair back to Speaker Benedik who adjourned the meeting at 4:09 P.M.