CALL TO ORDER
Speaker Price called the meeting to order at 3:16pm.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Speaker: Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University

President Young stated that the President’s office is particularly focused on several issues at this time. The President addressed the “President’s Excellence Fund” for which over 200 grant applications were received. Faculty will be receiving a memo soon that addresses the granted distributions which the fund’s committee felt allowed for maximum impact. Texas A&M has received $892M for various research projects last year which puts A&M in the top 15 for granted research money in the nation.

The President said that TAMU has the #1 social media platform of any University in the country right now and our faculty have been using this to let lay audiences know about what work is going on here and about our various successes.

President Young said that the Admissions process is largely complete. Many deadlines were extended for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The President said that we are working to pause growth in the next academic year in an effort to control the availability of classes and majors. Only Veterinary Medicine and Engineering will be increasing their admissions because their new facilities allow for an increase in students.

President Young and the Chancellor will testify at upcoming hearings at the Texas Legislature to reinforce and secure TAMU’s budgetary position.

Last week the Board of Regents unanimously passed a system policy change that could curtail faculty influence over and participation in senior academic and administrative appointments across the System. The Regents were concerned that the small percentage who actually voted on candidates was not reflective of the whole body of faculty and may have been precluding worthy candidates from proper consideration and appointment. Faculty Senate Speaker Price addressed the Board of Regents at that meeting and asked that the voting on this resolution be deferred until there could be more collaboration about this issue. The Regents declined and approved the system policy change. President Young and Provost Fierke are working on a solution to include faculty in an enhanced process.

Several questions were asked of President Young by Senators:

Senator Alvarado [ENGR] asked what priorities are considered when scheduling capital improvements. Is the only way to get renovations or new facilities through private donations? The President stated that there is an administrative process that the Board of Regents and the System Chancellor use to figure out what our priority projects are. The majority of improvement capital is from legislative appropriations or “puff money” with some additional contributions from donors. The President mused that legislator interest and money are always key when it comes to prioritizing improvements.
The President said that we currently have significant deferred maintenance challenges and have upped the amount of money we put into that per year (upped from $6M to $22M). Additionally, we are putting about $3M a year in classroom additions and renovations and teaching laboratory improvements.

Senator Daugherity [ENGR] asked if there were other matters that the President is aware of, that the Faculty Senate may or may not be aware of, that the Board of Regents may be considering. The President indicated “No”.

Senator Watanabe [SCNC] asked about the rumored changes to the mechanism used in hiring of research faculty/graduates. President Young had no knowledge of that rumor and indicated that no changes were on the horizon.

Senator Magill [AGLS] asked about the relationship between RELLIS and Texas A&M University. The President stated that RELLIS was a system initiative which had no relation to the interests of the university.

**Speaker: Allison Wilson of Ayers Saint Gross (ASG) [ASG is the consultant updating our Campus Sustainability Master Plan]**

Ms. Wilson reported on the TAMU Campus Sustainability Master Plan currently in process. More information and updated progress can be followed at: [http://asg-architects.com/transforming-sustainability-at-texas-am/](http://asg-architects.com/transforming-sustainability-at-texas-am/)

**Speaker: Dr. Heather Wilkinson, Associate Dean of Faculties for Faculty Development**

Dr. Wilkinson address many faculty opportunities

1) “Roadmap Workshop for a Successful Academic Career” March 5-6 from 8am-5pm Rudder 301
This is a tenure track faculty workshop.

2) Tier One Program (TOP) Grants are due March 28th. New this year: All faculty from all TAMU campuses can serve as the PI. Department head and dean certification is required.

3) Promotion and Tenure Process Workshops scheduled:  
   03/27/18: “Demystifying the Tenure and Promotion Process”  
   03/29/18: “Academic Professional Track Faculty Promotions”  
   04/02/18: “Is this the right time or not? Preparing for Promotion to Full Professor”

4) Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference theme: “Student-Centered Innovation”  
There are two nationally recognized plenary speakers scheduled: April 17-18 at the MSC

**Speaker: Traci E.W. Lacy, Associate Director of Partnership Services [Fulbright Workshop]**

Our eighth annual Fulbright Workshop is scheduled for March 8th in Rudder 601.

**SPEAKER COMMENTS**

Speaker Price advised that we still need several more members for the Election Committee.
Speaker Price asked each Faculty Senate Committee Chair to provide a brief update as to what they are working on in committee. These reports will be verbally presented at the March and April meetings.

Speaker Price detailed her participation at the Board of Regents meeting last week. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be addressing the implications of this change in system policy and how that affects Texas A&M University Rules 12.99.99.M5 and 12.99.99.M6.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November 13, 2017, December 11, 2017 and January 22, 2018 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT – January 2018**

**NEW COURSES  Motion Passed  FS.35.232**

- FINC 633  Seminar in Commercial Banking
- FINC 636  Marketing Financial Products and Services
- MEEN 683  Multidisciplinary System Analysis and Design Optimization
- RPTS 674  Administration - Management and Leadership in Youth Programs
- SOCI 666  Black Feminist Theory and Intersectionality

**CHANGE IN COURSES  Motion Passed  FS.35.233**

- AERO 602  The Theory of Fluid Mechanics
- AERO 655  Helicopter Aerodynamics
- BMEN 627  Magnetic Resonance Engineering
- BMEN 632  Molecular and Cellular Biomechanics
- BMEN 680  Biomedical Engineering of Tissues
- BMEN 682  Polymeric Biomaterials
- BMEN 683  Polymeric Biomaterials Synthesis
- BMEN 686  Biomedical Nanotechnology
- COMM 681  Professional Seminar
- ECMT 660  Mathematical Economics I
- FORS 602  Victimology Clinical Implications and Applications
- FORS 603  Impact of Violence Across the Lifespan
- GEOG 665  GIS-Based Spatial Analysis and Modeling
- ISTM 705  Information Management for Decision Making
- MEEN 635  Flow and Fracture of Polymeric Solids
- MEEN 645  Mechanics of Compliant Materials
- NURS 638  Advanced Clinical Practicum and Project
- NUTR 684  Professional Internship
- NUTR 685  Directed Studies
- PHEB 609  Categorical Data Analysis
- PHEB 612  Data Management – Computing
- PSAA 608  Cybersecurity Policy Issues and Operations - A Manager’s Guide
PSYC 603  Motivation and Cognitive Processes
PSYC 606  Learning
PSYC 607  Experimental Psychology
PSYC 608  Introduction to Clinical Ethics and Techniques
PSYC 609  Physiological Psychology
PSYC 610  Organizational Psychology
PSYC 611  Personnel Psychology
PSYC 614  Practicum in Psychology
PSYC 615  Perceptual Processes
PSYC 618  Psychology of Persuasion
PSYC 619  History and Systems of Psychology
PSYC 620  Theories of Social Psychology
PSYC 623  Psychological Assessment I
PSYC 624  Psychological Assessment II
PSYC 626  Psychopathology
PSYC 630  Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine
PSYC 633  Gender and Minority Issues in Clinical Psychology
PSYC 634  Principles of Human Development
PSYC 635  Behavioral and Cellular Research Seminar
PSYC 636  Seminar in Developmental Psychology
PSYC 649  Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYC 670  Professional Seminar in Social Psychology
PSYC 681  Industrial - Organizational Psychology
PSYC 684  Professional Internship
PSYC 689  Special Topics in...
PSYC 690  Cognoscenti - Professional Issues in Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 697  Seminar in the Teaching of Introductory Psychology

COURSE INACTIVATIONS  Motion Passed  FS.35.234

BMEN 630 Global Medical Device Regulation

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

College of Engineering  Motion Passed  FS.35.235
Department of Chemical Engineering
CERT-CG17 Engineering Therapeutics Manufacturing Certificate

College of Engineering  Motion Passed  FS.35.236
Department of Engineering Technology
MS-ENTC Master of Science in Engineering Technology

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT – January 2018

NEW COURSES  Motion Passed  FS.35.237

ANSC 111  Animal Production Systems
AREN 440  Architectural Engineering HVAC Design
BIOL 496  Ethics in Biological Research  
COMM 275  Introduction to Social Media

**CHANGE IN COURSES**  *Motion Passed  FS.35.238*

BMEN 211  Biomedical Applications of Circuits, Signals and Systems  
CVEN 302  Computer Applications in Engineering and Construction  
ENTO 432  Applied Forensic Entomology  
INTS 405  War and Memory  
ISTM 320  Business Systems Analysis and Design  
MATH 142  Business Calculus  
MEEN 221  Statics and Particle Dynamics  
MEEN 361  Materials and Manufacturing in Design Laboratory  
MEEN 436  Principles of Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning  
MMET 281  Manufacturing and Assembly Processes II  
MMET 313  Industrial Welding Processes  
MMET 370  Thermodynamics for Technologists  
MSEN 320  Deformation and Failure Mechanisms in Engineering Materials  
MSEN 401  Materials Research and Design I  
OCEN 336  Fluid Dynamics Laboratory  
OCEN 344  Reinforced Concrete Structures  
VIST 442  Digital Characters - Art and Technology - Uses and Meaning  
VIST 465  Art - Culture and Time Based Media

**CHANGE IN CURRICULUM**

**Department of Liberal Arts**  
BA-USLA-SEL University Studies – BA - Society, Ethics and Law Concentration  *Motion Passed  FS.35.239*

**Department of Marketing – Mays Business School**  
BBA-MKTG-ADS Marketing – BBA - Advertising Strategy Track  *Motion Passed  FS.35.240*  
BBA-MKTG-ANC Marketing – BBA - Analytics and Consulting Track  *Motion Passed  FS.35.241*  
BBA-MKTG-PSS Marketing – BBA - Professional Selling and Sales Management Track  *Motion Passed  FS.35.242*  
BBA-MKTG-RBM Marketing – BBA - Retail Buying and Management Track  *Motion Passed  FS.35.243*

**Department of Mathematics**  
BS-APMS Applied Mathematical Sciences - BS Math Emphasis  *Motion Passed  FS.35.244*

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**

**Department of Liberal Studies**  
BA-BS-USGA-TCC University Studies – BS - Tourism and Coastal Community Development Concentration  *Motion Passed  FS.35.245*
W AND C COURSES – January 2018  Motion Passed  FS.35.246

Courses submitted for W Certification:
ESSM 481-W Senior Seminar
VIST 339-W Research in Visualization

Courses submitted for W Recertification:
POSC-FTSC 406 Poultry Further Processing
SPMT 482 Professional Writing Seminar
URPN 330 Land Development I
URPN 493 Urban and Regional Studies Capstone

Courses submitted for C Certification: None

Courses submitted for C Recertification: None

End of Consent Agenda

Committee Reports - None

Old Business - None

Unfinished Business

CHANGE IN COURSES:  PSYC 671 Experimental Design for Behavioral Scientists
Motion to pull for further discussion at the department level; motion seconded and confirmed; this item will be sent back to the college for revisions.

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM:  Department of Liberal Arts MINOR-JOUR Journalism – Minor
Motion to pull for further discussion at the department level about removing the pre-requisite; motion seconded and confirmed; this item will be sent back to the college for discussions and possible revisions.

New Business - None

Information & Discussion Only (not to be voted upon)

Committee of the Whole

Speaker-Elect Harlin announced that invitations have been sent out regarding the joint meeting. Faculty Senate at Texas A&M will be partnering with the Faculty Council at the University of Texas to explore issues related to academic freedom, freedom of speech, and civility on our campuses. This joint meeting will be held in College Station on March 23, 2018. The Keynote Speaker will be Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of the University of California's Berkeley School of Law. There will be a Joint Faculty Panel Discussion and there are plans to form a “Joint Statement on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Speech, and Civility”. 
Senator Wolf (LIBA) reiterated that she deeply appreciates the Faculty Senate Executive Committee’s efforts in opposing the change in the system rule before the Board of Regents. However, she feels that this change now means that dean’s and department heads have no accountability to the faculty anymore. She was concerned that someday deans from industry will be telling faculty what they can research, what they can teach, how many students they need to have in each class and what they are doing is or isn’t important. Senator Wolf summarized that she thinks that faculty need to move for more democracy, not less, and keep speaking about it whenever possible and keep attempting to work with the administration for a more equitable solution.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.