FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Minutes
June 11, 2012
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower

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20 Senators were officially inactive for this meeting: Ergun Akleman, Jorge Alvarado, Carisa Armstrong, Patrick Burkart, Ron Douglas, L. Paige Fields, Fran Gelwick, Janet Hammer, Mike Hanik, Guido Kanschat, Carol Loopstra, Vanita Mahajan, Christopher Mathewson, Kathryn McKenzie, Stephen Miller, Kathleen Speed, Winfried Teizer, Mike Thornton, B. Dan Wood, Richard Woodman

Call to Order

Speaker Comments:
The speaker reported that: 1) the dining services outsourcing review committee on which he and Manuelita Ureta represented the Senate had submitted its report to the president, 2) he and former speaker Benedik have been appointed to a committee to consider the prospects and problems concerning re-merging the Health Science Center into TAMU, and 3) the Texas Public Policy Foundation has recommended cuts to state funding of higher education and urged Senators to contact legislators with their concerns. Speaker Stallone presented former speaker Michael Benedik with a framed Texas A&M collage from the Benjamin Knox gallery.

Motion Passed FS.30.001

The April 9 Faculty Senate meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Attachment A

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved as submitted

GRADUATE COUNCIL GC Report

New Course Requests - May 3, 2012

CSCE 630 Speech Processing
EDAD 628 Advanced Legal Issues in Higher Education
GENE 677 Genes and Diseases
MARB 605 Air Breathing Marine Vertebrate Research Techniques
MARB 615 Coastal Marine Biology and Geology of Alaska
VIBS 688 Epidemiological Modeling of Infectious Diseases

Motion Passed FS.30.002

Attachment B

Change in Courses - May 3, 2012

EPSY 631 Program Evaluation in School and Clinic Prerequisite(s)
EPSY 647 Adult Development and Aging

Motion Passed FS.30.003

Attachment C

Special Consideration -

Graduate Council approved the Mays Business School: Proposed Certificate in Advertising.

Motion Passed FS.30.004

Attachment D
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  UCC Report
Motion Passed FS.30.005
Attachment E

New Courses - May 9, 2012
POLS 325  African Politics
VIBS 310  Biomedical Writing
VIBS 311  Biomedical Explorations through Narrative

Withdrawal of Courses - May 9, 2012
VTPP 430  Laboratory in Toxicology

College of Education and Human Development
EHRD 345  Computer Applications for Training and Development
EHRD 466  Advanced Television Production for Training and Development
KINE 162  Visual and Performing Arts—Ballet III
KINE 166  Visual and Performing Arts—Jazz Dance I
KINE 168  Visual and Performing Arts—Jazz Dance III
KINE 173  Visual and Performing Arts—Modern Dance III
KINE 230  Outdoor Adventure Programs
KINE 300  Field Experiences in Outdoor Education
KINE 326  Outdoor Education
KINE 408  Theory and Practice of Adventure Education
KINE 409  Logistics and Strategies for Backcountry Expeditions
KINE 430  Data Acquisition and Management in Health and Kinesiology
SAED 201  Promoting Safety by Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse
SAED 485  Directed Studies

Change in Courses - May 9, 2012
BAEN 465  Design of Biological Waste Treatment Systems
ESSM 460  Advanced Remote-Sensing Based Field Survey

Change in Curriculum - May 9, 2012

Dwight Look College of Engineering
Zachry Department of Civil Engineering
B.S. in Civil Engineering

Dwight Look College of Engineering
Zachry Department of Civil Engineering
B.S. in Ocean Engineering
Request to change grade requirements

College of Liberal Arts
Department of English
Minor in English with Emphasis in Creative Writing
Request to withdraw minor

College of Science
Department of Physics and Astronomy
W-COURSES

Courses submitted for W certification - May 16, 2012

- ESSM 415 Range Analysis and Management Planning
- INTS 403 Nations and Nationalisms
- SOCI 299 Qualitative Methods
- SOCI 404 Sociology of the Community
- WSFC 484 Internship in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

Courses submitted for C certification - May 16, 2012

- ACCT 421 Critical Communication Skills for Accountants

Courses submitted for W recertification - May 16, 2012

- ACCT 407 Auditing
- BIOL 491 Research in Biology
- ECEN 405 Electrical Design Laboratory
- GEOG 404 Spatial Thinking
- HIST 327 Caribbean History Since Emancipation
- HIST 481 Senior Seminar
- JOUR 303 Media Writing II
- MARA 440 Global Economy
- MARA 466 Strategic Management
- POLS/WGST 367 Women in Government Around the World
- POLS 481 Comparative Ethnic Politics
- RPTS/RENR 460 Nature, Values, and Protected Areas
- SOCI/WGST 315 The Marriage Institution
- WFSC 406 Conservation Biology and Wildlife Habitat Management

End of Consent

Agenda

Committee Reports

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Special Consideration - May 9, 2012

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- University Studies Degree
- Area of Concentration – Environmental Business
- Request for a new program

Although the request was opposed by the College of Geosciences on the basis that the use of Environmental Business for the proposed program represented only a subset of environmental topics and courses so would be better named ‘Bio-environmental Business or Environmental Business-AG for example, others observed that there are a number of programs that include environmental as a part of the name including two Environmental Studies degree programs, one in Geosciences and another in COALS. After debate ended, the proposed University Studies degree was approved by a narrow margin.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

University Studies Recommendation

The recommendation to transfer oversight of University Studies degrees to the Colleges and Departments and to design degree options with an area of concentration and two defined minors that will permit direct entry of new and transfer students into University studies was passed by voice vote.
New Business

Executive Session - Honorary Degrees

The Senate went into closed executive session to consider the awarding of honorary degrees.

Committee of the Whole

Senator Klein asked for an update on the status of the Senate resolution to end first year grade exclusion and delay the Q-drop deadline. Senator Gaede indicated she had heard that it would not be possible to make the change for this coming year.

A Senator requested that in the future, CVs for prospective Honorary Degree candidates be made available for Senators to examine well before the meeting in which they are to be considered.

Adjourn