
Bazzi, Thornton (Qatar Senators)

Absent: Abbott, Bangerth, Boyd, Cetinkaya, Collisson, Curry, Estrada, Fink, Gawande, Hall, Harris, Hise, Linton, Loudder, Luiselli, McIntyre, Merrell, Moreira, Pearl, Petersen, Straube, Thornton, Toliyat, Valasek, Warden, Welsh, Whiteacre

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 3:20 by Speaker Slack

Speaker Comments:
The meeting was called to order at 3:20 pm by speaker Slack. The Speaker asked Senators to mark Monday, March 5 on their calendars as the date for the joint meeting with the UT Faculty Council, to be held in Austin. The meeting will begin with a luncheon with administrators and legislators. Bus transportation will be available. He also announced the items EE and FF on the agenda are being delayed for consideration until the next meeting.

James Aune was sworn in as a member of the Senate.

Minutes of the January 22, 2007 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved as distributed and are available on the Senate website. Motion Passed F.S. 24.75

Consent Agenda:
Senator Magill requested that LBAR 698 (Attachment G) and VMID 698 (Attachment I), both courses titled “Writing for Publication” be removed for separate consideration. The remainder of the items were approved as submitted.

University Curriculum Committee
New Course Request-January 12, 2007  
EURO 425   French Film
EURO 443   Contemporary Russian Prose
FILM 425   French Film

Motion Passed F.S. 24.76
Attachment B
FILM 455  Italian Cinema
HIST 221  History of Islam
HIST 322  History of the Iberian World
HIST 329  Modern Mediterranean World
HIST 334  History of Europe in the Nineteenth Century
HIST 353  Modern South Asia
MKTG 327  Retail Merchandising
PHYS 420  Concepts, Connections, and Communication
RELS 221  History of Islam
RUSS 443  Contemporary Russian Prose
SOCI 337  International Migration
WMST 401  Feminist Theory
WMST 463  Gender in Asia

University Curriculum Committee  Motion Passed F.S. 24.77
Withdrawal of Courses-January 12, 2007
ARCH 306  Architectural Design III
ENDS 392  Pre-Professional Residency Experience
Change in Courses-January 12, 2007
ACCT 467  Ethics in Business
FREN 414  Contemporary French Film and Media
WMST 481  Senior Seminar in Women’s Studies

Graduate Council  Motion Passed F.S. 24.78
Change in Courses-January 4, 2007  Attachment D
VIBS 604  Neuroendocrine Anatomy
New Course Request-January 4, 2007  Motion Passed F.S. 24.79  Attachment E
URSC 642  Analytic Methods in Landscape and Urban Research
New Course Request-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.80  Attachment F
ALEC 605  Facilitating Complete Secondary Agricultural Science Programs
ALEC 620  Instrumentation Survey Research Methods
ALEC 693  Professional Study in Agricultural Leadership Education Communications
ALEC 695  Frontiers in Research
ANSC 623  Precision Diet Formulation
BICH 664  Fluorescence Spectroscopy
BUSH 617  State and Local Government: Institutions and Policy
New Course Request-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.81  Attachment G
CVEN 640  Project Development: Methods and Models
EPSY 651  Theory of Structural Equation Modeling
HIST 629  Research Methods and Professional Development
HLTH 669  Professional Skills Development for Health Educators
LBAR 600  Liberal Arts Study Abroad
MARB 656  Tropical Marine Ecology
MEEN 607  Polymer Physical Properties

New Course Request-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.82
Attachment H

OCEN 675  Nonlinear Wave Dynamics
PLAN 629  Neighborhood Revitalization
PLAN 627  Economic Development
PLAN 628  Affordable Housing Development
POLS 625  Seminar in Comparative Race and Ethnic Politics
POLS 644  Seminar in Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Public Policy
POLS 674  Seminar in Race, Ethnicity and American Politics
PSYC 635  Behavioral & Cellular Research Seminar

New Course Request-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.83
Attachment I

STAT 657  Advanced Programming Using SAS
VTPP 623  Biomedical Physiology I
VTPP 625  Pharmacology
VTPP 627  Biomedical Physiology II
VTPP 634  Physiology for Bioengineers I
VTPP 635  Physiology for Bioengineers II
WFSC 619  Wildlife Restoration

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.84
Attachment J

CPSY 633  Introduction to Group Process
CPSY 634  Group Counseling and Psychotherapy
CPSY 639  Counseling Practicum I

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.85
Attachment K

CVEN 458  to CVEN 339
COSC 621  Advanced Topics in Scheduling and Project Management
COSC 624  Project Acquisitions & Control
CPSY 630  Foundations of Counseling

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.86
Attachment L

RLEM 607  Range Plant Ecophysiology
WFSC 630  Ecology for Teachers
HORT 601  Nutrition of Horticultural Plants
CVEN 628  Advanced Hydraulic Engineering

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.87
Attachment M

CPSY 684  Professional Internship
EDTC 651  Computer-Assisted Instruction
EDTC 660  Interactive Video/Multimedia
EPSY 610  Hispanic Bilingual Assessment and Monitoring Students

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.88
Attachment N
CPSY 678  Couples Therapy
CPSY 679  Multicultural Counseling

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.89
Attachment O
CPSY 672  Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
CPSY 673  Advance Psychotherapeutic Skills
CPSY 676  Family Counseling and Psychotherapy

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.90
Attachment P
SPSY 683  Field Practicum

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.91
Attachment Q
SPSY 641  Child Therapy for School Behavior Problems
SPSY 644  Child Therapy: Advanced Theory and Techniques

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.92
Attachment R
EPSY 613  Spanish/English Biliteracy
EPSY 614  Bilingual Education Curriculum Development
EPSY 616  Spanish for Bilingual and Dual Language Programs

Change in Courses-December 7, 2006  Motion Passed F.S. 24.93
Attachment S
EPSY 611  Dual Language Program Methodologies
EPSY 612  Content Area Instruction for Hispanic Bilingual Programs

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

Graduate Council  Motion Passed F.S. 24.94
Attachment T
Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Change INEN course prefix changed to ISEN  Motion Passed F.S. 24.95
Attachment U
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Change ELEN course prefix to ECEN

University Curriculum Committee

Changes in Curriculum – January 12, 2007
College of Architecture  Motion Passed F.S. 24.96
Attachment V
Department of Architecture
Bachelor of Environmental Design
Visual Studies Option
New Courses:
ENDS 474  Design for the Web
VIST 271  Computing Environments
VIST 441  Scientific and Technological Developments in Visual Arts
College of Architecture

Department of Construction Science
B.S. in Construction Science
New Course:
COSC 364 Construction Safety I
Change in Courses:
COSC 321 Structural Systems I
COSC 323 Soils in Construction
COSC 440 Interdisciplinary Capstone
COSC 441 Residential Construction
COSC 442 Commercial Construction
COSC 443 Industrial Construction
COSC 444 Highway/Heavy Construction
COSC 446 Specialty Construction
COSC 464 Construction Safety

College of Liberal Arts

Department of English
B.A. in English
Literture Track
Creative Writing
Rhetoric Track

College of Science

Department of Biology
B.A. in Biology
B.S. in Biology
B.S. in Microbiology
B.S. in Molecular and Cell Biology
B.S. in Zoology

Department of Chemistry
B.A. in Chemistry
B.S. in Chemistry
New Courses:
CHEM 327 Physical Chemistry I
CHEM 328 Physical Chemistry II

Department of Mathematics
B.S. in Applied Mathematical Sciences
Applied Mathematics Emphasis
Computing Science Emphasis
Economics Emphasis
Mathematical Finance Emphasis
B.A. in Mathematics
B.S. in Mathematics

Department of Physics
B.A. in Physics
B.S. in Physics
New Degree Program – January 12, 2007

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Entomology
B.S. in Forensic and Investigative Sciences

New Courses:
- FISC 205 Introduction to Forensic and Investigative Science
- FISC 291 Research
- FISC 316 Biotechnology and Forensics
- FISC 415 Practice and Principles of Science and Law
- FISC 431 The Science of Forensic Entomology
- FISC 432 Applied Forensic Entomology
- FISC 435 Case Studies in Problem Solving
- FISC 481 Seminar
- FISC 482 Occupational and Professional Development
- FISC 484 Professional Internship
- FISC 491 Research

Change in Courses:
- ENTO 435 Problem Solving in Entomology
- ENTO 482 Career and Professional Development in Entomology

Degree Program Name change – January 12, 2007

College of Education and Human Development
Interdepartmental Degree Program
B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
Human Resource Development Option (Non-Certification)
Technology Management Option (Non-Certification)

Other Items – January 12, 2007

New course – August 2006
- AGSC 380 Workshop in Agricultural Science

Change course – September 2006
- ENTC 381 Electronics Manufacturing

W Courses – Request for Course Additions - January 25, 2007

- COMM 435 Rhetoric of Television and Film
- COMM 454 Telecommunication Policy
- POLS 309 Polimetrics: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
- POLS 442 Social Welfare Policy
- PHIL 480 Medical Ethics

Report of the Bylaws Committee
Amendment to the Bylaws
Reapportionment

Agenda item II, Report of the Bylaws Committee: An amendment of the bylaws to allow the use of adjustable multipliers to establish the number of Senators per unit in order to meet the constitutional limit of 100 was introduced by Senator Stadelmann, Chair of the Bylaws Committee. Senator McGeachin, Chair of the Elections Committee provided a handout showing the effects that reapportionment would have in the upcoming election. Basically, the Mays school will lose 1 Senator
seat, Science will gain one while the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Architecture will each gain 2 seats. Comments from the floor included a request that smaller units not be asked to provide a member of every standing committee and the fact that the principle of electing one third of the Senate each year needs to be addressed by each caucus, as errors in the past, often stemming from filling of vacant seats, have led to abnormal distributions. The amendment approving the change in the by-laws was approved unanimously.

Amendment to the Constitution  
Term Limits

Agenda item JJ, Report of the Bylaws Committee: A resolution was offered for discussion only, as it recommends changing the constitution by eliminating the term-limiting phrase “with no senator serving more than 7 years in a 10 year period”. Arguments in favor of the amendment included the fact that there are often seats that are vacant, that in many colleges, anyone who chooses to serve is automatically elected, that former senators would often be willing to serve again and the observation that long-term service would not establish an unhealthy power or monetary base as can be the case in national or state elections. The primary argument against the resolution was the need to introduce fresh faces and ideas into the Senate. Senator Carlson suggested amending the resolution to permit continued service in those cases where no new candidates could be identified. The amendment will be offered at the next meeting for consideration by the Senate where if passed by 2/3 majority the faculty at large will be asked to vote, again with a 2/3 of those voting required for passage.

Old Business
Senator Magill indicated that his basis for requesting that the two “Writing for Publication” courses be considered separately from the consent agenda is that it appears the courses will be taught by the same person at the same time and location, eventually as 698 courses across a number of Colleges. He suggested they should be cross-listed for the following reason: Rule 5 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requires that 5 students be registered for each graduate class, but exception 5.26-5 permits an exception for “cross-listed courses taught as a single class by the same faculty member at the same station”, so long as the combined enrollments do not constitute a small class.” Senator Mahon, LA, indicated that the English Department did not favor cross-listing and the Speaker indicated that it is not the position of the Senate to force unwanted cross-listing. However, Larry Oliver pointed out that neither course is designated as an English course and that the class size issue was likely to create a problem. A motion to return the courses to the GOC for reconsideration was offered, seconded and approved.

New Business
The Senate moved into a closed session for the purpose of evaluating requests for honorary degrees. Two issues that can be reported were a recognized need to change existing regulations concerning timing requirements of the application and review process, and the need to have a representative of the Honorary Degree Committee be available for additional information if needed during the Senate consideration process.

Committee of the Whole
1) Richard Stadelmann spoke in remembrance of Shelby Metcalf, long term coach of the Aggie basketball team. Senator Vedlitz suggested the Senate might want to consider a resolution honoring the memory of Dr. Metcalf.

2) Senator Fike asked that an update be supplied on the current status of the “Deans and Department Heads” rules that were passed by the Senate last fall.

3) Senator Woosley asked Senators to look over a proposal (provided) that will be considered at the next meeting concerning non-tenure-track faculty titles. Any questions, concerns or observations should be directed to him or Dean of Faculties Watson.

4) Senator Aufderheide who serves on the campus Security Awareness Committee reminded the group that the University Police website offers an interactive report system that is monitored all times for use in reporting any unsafe or dangerous conditions.

5) Senator Strawser, speaking on behalf of Senator Blasingame, asked the Speaker for an update on the President search committee. Speaker (and search committee chair) Slack reported that the committee will soon release an advertisement to be published in The Chronicle of Higher Education and other appropriate outlets defining the position. He urged anyone with thought of a good candidate to get the name to him.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.