FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes
March 19, 2007


Bazzi, Thornton (Qatar Senators)
Watson (Dean of Faculties)

Absent: Arant-Kaspar, Aune, Boyd, Cepeda-Benito, Cetinkaya, Chaffin, Curry, Estrada, Fink, Hall, Harms, Harris, Hise, Ing, Kirkendall, Linton, Luiselli, Mahapatra, Martindale, McIntyre, Merrell, Pearl, P. Peterson, Slack, Toliyat, Vaid, Valasek, Volkman, Ward, Webb-Johnson

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Motion Passed F.S. 24.109
Attachment A

Consent Agenda:
Consent Agenda items all passed unanimously.

Motion Passed F.S. 24.110
Attachment B

Graduate Council
New Course Requests-February 1, 2007
EPSY 652 Theory of Hierarchical Linear Models
POSC 634 Diseases of Poultry
BUSH 648 Performance Management in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors

Motion Passed F.S. 24.111
Attachment C

Change in Courses-February 1, 2007
CPSY 630 Foundations of Counseling – Credit Hours
MATH 611 Ordinary Differential Equations – Title, Prerequisite, Course Description
MATH 612 Partial Differential Equations – Prerequisite and Description Change

Motion Passed F.S. 24.112
Attachment D

University Curriculum Committee
New Course Requests-February 9, 2007
Committee Reports:

Executive Committee
Graduate Council
College of Architecture
   New Department of Visualization  Motion Passed F.S. 24.113
   Attachment E

University Curriculum Committee
Special Consideration – February 9, 2007  Motion Passed F.S. 24.114
College of Education and Human Development
   Department of Health and Kinesiology
      Area of Concentration – Dance
New Courses:
   DCED 161  Visual and Performing Arts – Ballet II
   DCED 162  Visual and Performing Arts – Ballet III
   DCED 168  Visual and Performing Arts – Jazz Dance III
   DCED 172  Visual and Performing Arts – Modern Dance II
   DCED 173  Visual and Performing Arts – Modern Dance III
   DCED 306  Dance Composition I
   KINE 175  Gender Neutral Partnering
Change in Courses:
   DCED 303  Practices for Dancers
   DCED 400  Dance Competition II
   KINE 160  Visual and Performing Arts – Beginning Ballet
   KINE 161  Visual and Performing Arts – Intermediate Ballet
   KINE 162  Visual and Performing Arts – Advanced Ballet
   KINE 166  Visual and Performing Arts – Beginning Jazz Dance
   KINE 167  Visual and Performing Arts – Intermediate Jazz Dance
   KINE 168  Visual and Performing Arts – Advanced Jazz Dance
   KINE 169  Visual and Performing Arts – Beginning Tap Dance
   KINE 170  Visual and Performing Arts – Intermediate Tap Dance
   KINE 171  Visual and Performing Arts – Beginning Modern Dance
   KINE 172  Visual and Performing Arts – Intermediate Modern Dance
   KINE 173  Visual and Performing Arts – Advanced Modern Dance

Special Consideration – February 9, 2007  Motion Passed F.S. 24.115
College of Education and Human Development  Attachment G
   Department of Health and Kinesiology
   Minor in Sport Management
Discussion on Attachment G: Magill asked if it wouldn’t be a good idea to include course names on any similar requests for minors that come forward in the future. The course numbers provide no informational content to those in other fields.

Special Consideration – February 9, 2007  Motion Passed F.S. 24.116
College of Geosciences  Attachment H
   Department of Geography
      Area of Concentration Geography
Motion Passed F.S. 24.117

W Courses – Request for Course Additions – February 22, 2007  Attachment I

ECON 440  Experimental Economics
GEOG 324  Global Climatic Regions
GERM 310  German Conversation and Composition
RUSS 302  Advanced Grammar and Composition
WFSC 201  Wildlife Conservation and Management

Core Curriculum Committee

Motion Passed F.S. 24.118

New courses approved

Attachment J

BIMS 489  History of Veterinary and Human Medicine from the Late 18th to the Late 20th Centuries
MGMT 489  Special Topics in International Transfer Pricing

Recertification of University Core Curriculum Courses

EPSY 320  Child Development
EPSY 321  Adolescent Development
INST 310  Understanding International Populations

Discussion on Attachment J:  Magill stated he appreciated seeing the Coordinating Board documents listing the core category requirements, but wondered if it wouldn’t be appropriate to mention which of the categories the recommended courses fall into. Senator Robin Smith speaking for the Core Curriculum Committee said that the inclusion of the state regulations rather than the standard documents was a mistake. Another member of the committee recollected the two new courses approved were in TAMUs International and Cultural Diversity category.

Graduate Council

College of Engineering at Qatar

Motion Passed F.S. 24.119

Proposed Graduate Programs

Attachment K

University Curriculum Committee

Motion Passed F.S. 24.120

Special Consideration – January 12, 2007

Attachment L

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
Area of Concentration – Leadership Studies

Motion Passed F.S. 24.121

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Area of Concentration – Agriculture and Life Sciences Studies

Old Business

After discussion in favor (institutional memory, lack of concern over power concentration, need to fill slots) and against (need for new ideas, need to encourage broader participation, perception of static power base) a vote was taken on the resolution brought forward by the By-laws committee (via committee Chair Stadelmann) to remove the statement “No senator shall serve more than seven years in a ten year period” from
section I-c of the bylaws. The resolution carried 42-14, providing the 2/3 in favor required to put the issue before the entire faculty for vote.

**New Business**
Senator Geva introduced Dr. Louis Tassinary who asked that the Senate discuss the issue of level of evidence that should be required during Aggie Honor Council hearings. He suggested that the current policy “preponderance of evidence” should be replaced by “clear and convincing”. Having made this request before with no response other than the Executive Committee had considered and decided not to bring it to the full Senate, he asked that it be discussed. Since it was not an agenda item, Senator Blasingame moved that the executive committee should be asked to reconsider the issue, in a motion that was modified to say: I move that the Senate request that a review of the standards and practices of the Aggie Honor Council be initiated by the executive committee of the Faculty Senate”. Most of the discussion concerned the perception that whatever standard the Honor Council is following leads to relatively few convictions and that many faculty were reluctant to report cases of cheating they observed, but dealt with them individually. An argument against this is that repeat offenders will not be detected. Several Senators suggested that we hear a presentation from the director of the Honors Council. Even though the motion failed 24-34, Senator Stadelmann indicated that the Executive Committee was likely to take up the issues raised even though the motion failed and would very likely charge a committee to examine the issues. He also recommended that Senators review the guidelines on the several ways to get an item on the Senate agenda.

**Committee of the Whole**
Senator Carlson suggested that action needs to be taken for the sake of safety since construction fences have forced students onto Ireland Street, in the path of cars attempting to enter the parking garage from University.

Senator Carlson suggested that faculty need to be made aware of and follow the University rule that states make-ups for excused absences should be offered within 30 days

Senator Stewart indicated that Faculty should also be reminded and follow the rule against giving long take-home exams during the final exam period.

Senator Ellis questioned if there is a University policy concerning holding departmental events after 5 pm, when many of the younger faculty with children have a conflict. Dean Watson indicated that while some departments have such a rule, there is no University or System rule in place, despite our claim to offer “family friendly atmosphere”. Senator Stadelmann indicated that 30 years ago, a great deal of effort was put into convincing the administration that faculty positions are not 8 am to 5 pm jobs, which may have contributed to the calling of “after hours meetings.

Senator Blasingame, who recently was appointed to one of 2 Faculty Senate positions on the Graduate Council (GC), asked for advice on how to handle the current situation, where the Graduate Operations Committee (GOC) and the GC hold only joint meetings chaired by the Dean of Graduate Studies. According to Senate Bylaws, the GC should establish policy to be implemented by the GOC and the Chair of the GC must be elected from its membership (this excludes the Dean of Graduate studies who is an ad hoc member). While the committee seems to function, in part because for many colleges the
same individual serves on both committees, either the bylaws should be changed, or the committees should be separated and the GC appointments made to better follow Senate guidelines.

Senator Magill asked anyone with concerns about the Barnes and Noble bookstore operations to pass the word forward. Barnes and Noble is hoping to build a permanent west campus bookstore, but seems to be more interested in sales of items other than books in establishing a prime location.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.