FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes
April 9, 2007


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


Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Speaker Douglas Slack.

Speaker Comments:
The Speaker informed the Senators of a memorial service for former speaker and Senate benefactor, Dr. Sam Black.

The Executive Committee met with President Davis to discuss selection of an interim Provost to replace Dr. Prior who is moving to a position in the UT system. Speaker Slack acknowledged President Davis for this demonstration of his commitment to shared governance.

Cooperation between two former speakers, Associate Provost for Information Technology Dr. Pierce Cantrell, and Dr. Mark Weichold, who last month was formally installed as Dean and CEO of the Qatar Campus, means that by next month the Senate meeting will have video telecommunications capacity for the off-campus sites in Qatar and Galveston.
March 19, 2007 Minutes were approved after minor editing. Motion Passed F.S. 24.122

Attachment A

Consent Agenda:
Senator Magill asked that Math 615 be removed from the agenda; all other items were accepted as presented:

University Curriculum Committee

Motion Passed F.S. 24.123

New Course Requests-March 9, 2007 (Attachment B)
CHEN 450 Microfabrication and Microfluidics Technology
CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese I
CHIN 102 Beginning Chinese II
CHIN 201 Intermediate Chinese I
CHIN 202 Intermediate Chinese II
ECEN 440 Introduction to Thin Film Science and Technology
ENGL 379 Postcolonial Studies
SOCI 310 Motherhood in Society
WMST 310 Motherhood in Society

Change in Courses
BIOL 360 Microbial Biotechnology
FNC 309 Survey of Finance Principles
JAPN 201 Intermediate Japanese I
JAPN 202 Intermediate Japanese II
MKTG 309 Introduction to Marketing

Graduate Council

Motion Passed F.S. 24.124

New Course Requests-March 1, 2007 (Attachment C)
AGEC 676 Frontiers in Markets and Information Economics
AGEC 677 Frontiers in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
BUSH 610 Ethnic Religious Conflicts in Nation Building
BUSH 613 Diplomatic Negotiations: A U.S. Embassy Perspective
BUSH 614 Protection of the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure
BUSH 618 Government and Homeland Security
BUSH 619 Weapons of Mass Destruction

Motion Passed F.S. 24.125

New Course Requests-March 1, 2007 (Attachment D)
BUSH 630 Program Evaluation in Public and Nonprofit Organizations
BUSH 633 Philanthropy: Fundraising in Nonprofit Organizations
BUSH 649 Transatlantic Relations: Security, Markets & Technology
BUSH 677 Political Islam and Jihad
BUSH 678 Interstate War: Theory & Hist. Implications for the 21st Century
BUSH 679 Homeland Security and Business

Motion Passed F.S. 24.126

New Course Requests-March 1, 2007 (Attachment E)
BUSH 686 Russia in International Politics
MATH 615 Introduction in Classical Analysis

Motion Passed F.S. 24.127
Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

University Curriculum Committee
Change in Curriculum-March 9, 2007

Motion Passed F.S. 24.128

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Forest Science
B.S. in Forestry

Motion Passed F.S. 24.129

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 F.S. 24.131

Special Consideration-March 9, 2007

Dwight Look College of Engineering
Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Minor in Industrial Engineering

Motion Passed F.S. 24.130

College of Liberal Arts
University Studies Degree
Area of Concentration – Race, Gender, and Ethnicity

Motion Passed F.S. 24.132

Administrative Change – New Department

College of Architecture
Department of Visualization

Motion Passed F.S. 24.134

New Course-March 9, 2007

Texas A&M Univ at Galveston

Motion Passed F.S. 24.133

ENGL 415 Studies in a Major Author

Motion Passed F.S. 24.135

COMM 446 Communication, Organizations, and Society
COSC 463 Introduction to Construction Law
MARA 440 Global Economy

Graduate Council

Graduate Council Approved the Bush School proposed Graduate Certificate Program in Nonprofit Management and additional Bush School Nonprofit Management Courses.

Motion Passed F.S. 24.134

W Courses – April 4, 2007 Course Additions

Motion Passed F.S. 24.135

COMM 446 Communication, Organizations, and Society
COSC 463 Introduction to Construction Law
MARA 440 Global Economy
Diversity Committee  
Motion Passed F.S. 24.136  
Parental Teaching/Workload for Faculty  
Attachment O

Discussion on Agenda Item O

Senator Meagher from the Diversity committee explained that the proposal to formalize the frequently used practice of allowing teaching credits of new parents to be met by using flexible options without requiring classroom teaching would be a family-friendly statement that would aid in recruiting tenure track prospects, while protecting Department Heads who already do so. In response to questions she explained that other types of care, such as for a parent with a disabling disease, would require future action since these cannot be addressed with set one or two semester limits.

Subcommittee of Non-tenure Track Faculty  
Motion to Postpone  
Attachment P

Guideline to Tenure-Track, Tenured, and Non Tenure-Track Faculty Titles and all relevant documents

Discussion of Attachment P (Non-tenure track ranks)

After Senator Loudder pointed out several cases of unclear meaning due to lack of clarifying punctuation and a nonsensical sentence, Senator McIntyre moved that consideration of the proposed guidelines be postponed until the next meeting after the proponents have had an opportunity to confer with Senator Loudder on clarifying the document. Dean of Faculties Watson indicated that in any case, further editing would be involved in formulating the guidelines that are officially posted. The motion to delay for one month passed.

Old Business  
Motion Passed F.S. 24.137  
Attachment Q

Math 615 was accepted with editing to replace the incorrect statement of time allowed to request a makeup exam and corrections in the Title and course description

Committee of the Whole

Senator Linton (Galveston) requested that major committee meeting held in the future be held in rooms that permit at least teleconferencing if not video conferencing.

Senator Vogel reminded the Senate that the problem of fences around Blocker forcing pedestrians onto the street has not been addressed.

Senator McGeachin, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported that ballots for the Senate elections will be available electronically between April 16 and 27. Nominations for Senate offices and Executive Committee positions will be solicited for elections to be held in the May meeting. The ballot will include the proposed amendment to eliminate term limits for Senators.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.