FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes
May 14, 2007


Bazzi (Qatar Senator)
Watson (Dean of Faculties)

Absent: James Aune, Tom Blasingame, Esther Carrigan, Sila Cetinkaya, Keith Chaffin, Richard Curry, Christopher Ellis, Rainer Fink, Anat Geva, Paul Harms, Edward Harris, Richard Hise, Antonio La-Pastina, Alessandra Luiselli, R.N. Mahapatra, Peter McIntyre, William Merrell, Michael Messina, Pete Peterson, David Peterson, Roger Reese, Roger Schultz, Susan Stabile, William Stein, Emil Straube, Hamid Toliyat, John Valasek, Nancy Volkman, Robert Warden, Kirk Winemiller

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

The April 9, 2007 Minutes were approved as submitted. Motion Passed F.S. 24.138

Consent Agenda:
Senator Hobbs asked that SOCI 606, War and Democracy, be removed from the agenda; all other items were accepted as presented:

Executive Committee
Approval of candidates for degrees conferred May 10-12, 2007 Motion Passed F.S. 24.139

Graduate Council
New Course Requests-April 5, 2007 Motion Passed F.S. 24.140

A617 AGRO 613 Ethical Aspects of International Agricultural Systems (3-0)
Credit 3. Diverse theories of morality; ethical dimensions of population
growth, high yielding crop production systems, genetic engineering, and use of land, soil, and water. Prerequisites: Approval of Instructor.

A636  CLAS 692 Readings (3-0) Credit 3. Readings in Greek or Latin literary texts in the original language. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A620  EURO 601 The Formation of the Republic of Letters (3-0) Credit 3. The beginnings of European culture in ancient Greece, its development into a Europe-wide civilization under the Roman Empire, and its survival as a common, Latin-based culture in the Middle Ages and Renaissance; deals with literature, the arts, and politics. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A621  EURO 602 The Rise of Modern Nation States (3-0) Credit 3. Process by which the traditional, Latin-based common culture of Europe is supplemented and supplanted by vernacular cultures tied to the rise of nation states, from the Baroque through the Enlightenment and Romanticism to the nineteenth century; deals with literature, the arts, and politics. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A622  EURO 603 Nationalism and European Integration (3-0) Credit 3. From the breakdown of civilization in the twentieth century to the determination, difficulties, and potential of reconstituting a common European culture in the post-national era; deals with literature, the arts, politics, film, press, and new media. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A623  EURO 604 European Avantgardes (3-0) Credit 3. An interdisciplinary examination of modernist currents in art, culture, and politics. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A624  EURO 605 European Cinema (3-0) Credit 3. An examination of the development of cinematic culture in Europe from the Lumiere brothers’ invention of the cinematograph, to the development of national film cultures, to current trends in transnational filmic coproduction. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A625  EURO 606 History and Memory in Modern Europe (3-0) Credit 3. Explores artistic, cultural, and political representations of fundamental experiences in the shaping of modern Europe, such as the Holocaust, the Nazi occupation of Europe, and Soviet prison camps of the GULag. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A626  EURO 607 Europe and Its Margins (3-0) Credit 3. Explores the interaction between European and neighboring cultures, such as those of North and Central Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Atlantic in history. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A627  EURO 608 European Drama (3-0) Credit 3. Examines literary, social, and historical aspects of dramatic literature and performance in the context of different European cultures. Prerequisite(s) graduate classification.
A628 EURO 610 Seminar in Classical Culture (3-0) Credit 3. Topics in Greek and Roman culture and civilization; readings in English. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A629 EURO 620 Seminar in French Culture (3-0) Credit 3. Topics in French culture and civilization; readings in English. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A630 EURO 630 Seminar in German Culture (3-0) Credit 3. Topics in German culture and civilization; readings in English. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A631 EURO 640 Seminar in Russian Culture (3-0) Credit 3. Topics in Russian culture and civilization; readings in English. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A632 EURO 650 Seminar in Italian Culture (3-0) Credit 3. Topics in Italian culture and civilization; readings in English. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A633 EURO 681 Proseminar (1-0) Credit 3. Student and faculty presentation of research fields, current issues, and research methods. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A634 EURO 685 Directed Studies (4-0) Credit 4. Individual problems or research or scholarly activity not pertaining to thesis or dissertation, or selected instruction not covered by other courses. Final documentation of directed study is required. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification; approval of department head.

A635 EURO 691 Research Credit 1 to 12. Thesis or dissertation research. Credit given only upon acceptance of completed thesis or dissertation. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.
A637 FREN 692 Readings (3-0) Credit 3. Readings in French literary texts in the original language. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A638 GERM 692 Readings (3-0) Credit 3. Readings in German literary texts in the original language. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A641 HIST 666 History of Technology (3-0) Credit 3. Origins of the subfield; historiography; industrial development and labor relations; impact on the military; gender, class, and other social aspects. Prerequisite(s): Graduate classification.

A647 ISEN 609 Probability for Engineering Decisions (3-0) Credit 3. Introduction to probability and stochastic processes for characterization of uncertainty in engineering decisions. Prerequisite(s): Approval of instructor.

A639 ITAL 692 Readings (3-0) Credit 3. Readings in Italian literary texts in the original language. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.
A645 MEEN 619 Conduction and Radiation (3-0) Credit 3. Solutions of steady and transient problems with method of separation of variables, finite difference numerical methods, Duhamel’s Theorem, Green’s function, and Laplace transform, the phase change problems. View factors; radiative properties of surfaces and participating media, radiative exchange; gas radiation; and advanced solution methods for thermal radiation. Prerequisite(s): Heat Transfer (MEEN 461).

A648 NUEN 627 Radiation-Hydrodynamics (3-0) Credit 3. Coupling of the Euler equations of compressible fluid dynamics with the equations of thermal radiation transport; the equilibrium-diffusion limit; radiative shock waves; and numerical methods for one-dimensional calculations. Prerequisite(s) MATH 602.

A642 PHIL 633 Philosophy of Law (3-0) Credit 3. Key issues in normative and analytical jurisprudence, including the concept of law; the relationship between law and morality; civil disobedience; the moral obligation to obey the law; punishment. Prerequisite(s) Approval of Instructor.

A649 PLAN 601 Introduction to Planning (1-0) Credit 1. Will give an overview of the field of planning, the main areas of concentration/employment within the field, the faculty, their areas of expertise, etc. Prerequisite(s): all MUP students in their first semester.

A640 RUSS 692 Readings (3-0) Credit 3. Readings in Russian literary texts in the original language. Prerequisite(s): graduate classification.

A643 SOCI 606 War and Democracy (3-0) Credit 3. Sociological approaches to study of war’s effects on democracy control of the military and the use of force, in comparative-historical context. Prerequisite(s): Graduate classification. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA AT FS MEETING

A646 SOCI 625 Seminar in Comparative & Historical Methods (3-0) Credit 3. This course familiarizes students with methodological debates and strategies of analysis pertinent to the examination of social structures and events across societies and historical time. Prerequisite(s): Graduate Classification.

A644 URSC 641 Analytic Methods in Landscape and Urban Research I (3-0) Credit 3. To explicitly address many issues by offering graduate students who are focusing on research careers in urban and regional planning and landscape architecture with hands on experience in which issues related to theory, measurement, data, analysis are addressed in concert to answer relevant questions. Prerequisite(s): Doctoral Standing or permission from instructor. RETURNED BY EC

New Course Requests—April 5, 2007 RETURNED BY EC

LBAR 698 Writing for Publication
New Course
BMEN 282  Engineering Biology

Withdrawal of Courses
BUSH 470  Cold War Intelligence
BUSH 489  Special Topics In....
CHEM 323  Physical Chemistry
CHEM 324  Physical Chemistry
INFO 332  Business Systems Operating Environment
INFO 430  Advanced Systems Analysis and Design
INFO 438  Emerging Information Technologies

Change in Courses
INFO 374  Business Information Security
Course Title
From: Business Information Security.
To: Business Information Security and Risk Management.

INFO 429  Business Systems Analysis and Design
Course number
From: INFO 429.
To: INFO 330.

PHYS 101  Topics in Contemporary Physics.
Course title
From: Topics in Contemporary Physics.
To: Freshman Physics Orientation.

PHYS 401 Computational Physics

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee
University Curriculum Committee

Special Consideration-April 13, 2007

College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
Dance Teaching Field - Revised

Special Consideration-April 13, 2007

Mays Business School
University Studies Degree
Area of Concentration – Business

Senator Loudder asked that the Mays Business School University Studies Degree Area of Concentration-Business be amended to match the version approved by the Executive Committee, including adding that INFO 309 is a new course being developed specifically and only for
students in the concentration, that a statement saying neither of the 2 minors could be in the Mays school be removed along with a statement that all free electives must be outside of the Mays school. The amendment was seconded and passed as was the amended motion.

Special Consideration-April 13, 2007  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.144**

**College of Science**
Department of Mathematics
University Studies Degree
Area of Concentration – Mathematics for Teaching

Change in Curriculum-April 13, 2007  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.145**

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**
Department of Maritime Administration
B.S. in Maritime Administration

New Courses
- ACCT 316  Intermediate Accounting for Non-Accounting Majors II
- ECON 323  Microeconomic Theory
- MARA 250  Management Information Systems
- MARA 281  Seminar in Undergraduate Research Methods
- MARA 342  Managerial Maritime Finance
- MARA 440  Global Economy and Enterprise Management
- MARA 450  Maritime Supply Chain Management

Senator Strawser asked if there had been discussion with the TAMU-College Station Accounting faculty concerning the teaching of ACCT 316 in Galveston. At the invitation of Senator Linton, Dr. William McMullen, Head of the Maritime Administration Department indicated the packet includes a letter of approval from James Benjamin, Head of Accounting.

New Course-April 13, 2007  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.146**

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**
MARB 414  Toxicology

Special Consideration-April 13, 2007  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.147**

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**
Department of Marine Biology
Minor in Marine Biology

**W Courses – April 24, 2007 Course Additions**  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.148**

- HIST 320  History of the Atlantic World
- HIST 333  Europe in the Age of Absolutism
- HIST 406  The Era of the French Revolution and Napoleon, 1715-1815

Subcommittee of Non-tenure Track Faculty  
**Motion Passed F.S. 24.149**
Election Committee  

Verification of Spring 2007 Election Results

Results of the Senate elections were announced. The College of Architecture had only write-in candidates, not all of who have verified willingness to serve. If the positions are not filled, the Caucus will have the option of appointing Senators to serve until the next election. The amendment to remove term-limits received only 61% support, short of the 2/3 required to amend the constitution.

Old Business

Senator Hobbs moved that SOCI 606, War and Democracy be returned to the Department for clarification, possibly simply adding a comma but perhaps more. The motion was seconded and approved.

Speaker Slack presented his “State of the Senate” address, which is included as Appendix A. Highlighted accomplishments of the year included growing inclusion of Senate representatives on key University committees, the change in the constitution and by-laws that allows for inactive status of members to reduce the number for a quorum, the first Senate-wide retreat, passage (again) of a rule for hiring and revue of Deans and Department Heads, and passage of the University Studies degree and representation, including his position as Chair on the search committee for a new President. Shortcomings remain in the area of increasing diversity of the Senate (although it fairly represents the University), and with the exception of Senators Bednarz (Geosciences) and Grant (Education) better communication of Senate activities with our constituents.

Former Speaker Slack was presented his “keepsake gavel” and a basketball autographed by Coach Mark Turgeon, by the new Speaker, Angie Hill Price.

Speaker Price pointed out that during this time of many changes in the administration, the Faculty represent the constancy for excellence for TAMU, and stressed the need to promote shared governance during the time of transition. One of her goals is to make sure that service as a Senator is valued by colleagues and administrators.

Elections were conducted in the order listed by Senator McGeachin, Chair of the Election Committee:
Candidates for Speaker-Elect: Clint Magill and Richard Carlson
Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer were Richard Feldman, Mathew Whiteacre and Arthur Hobbs
Candidates for At-Large members of the Executive Committee were Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Jim Woosley, Tom Vogel, Robert Bednarz, and Robert Strawser.

Following Senate practice, losing candidates were given the opportunity to be candidates in the elections following.

Clint Magill was elected Speaker-elect, Richard Feldman was elected Secretary Treasurer (eliminating the opportunity for Mathew Whiteacre to compete for an at-large Executive Committee seat since the maximum of 2 per electoral unit (ENGR) were filled by the speaker and Secretary) and Senators Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Jim Woosley, Tom Vogel, Robert Bednarz, Arthur Hobbs and Richard Carlson were elected to the Executive Committee.

Committee of the Whole
Senator Aufderheide indicated that for the first time in his teaching career, students had asked to be given a lower or failing grade in order to take advantage of the “First Year Grade Exclusion” rule and wondered if they realized that the grade will still show up on their transcript. Senator Loudder also indicated the AOC Deans are investigating unexpected negative consequences of the rule as it now stands.

Speaker Price invited Bobby Bisor, Associate Vice President & Chief Of Staff, Sr. Vice President For Finance & Controller and Joe Powell who formerly headed the PTTS system to answer questions concerning Faculty and Staff concerns over large increases.

Mr. Bisor admitted that once a series of meetings discussing potential solutions of the need to increase parking funds to provide the income required for maintaining lots and garages and personnel expenses, the division had failed to keep the TAMU community apprised of the outcome or to justify the raise in revenue required. He invited all to attend an open-discussion to be held in 601 Rudder on Thursday. One of the plans to improve communications is to reinstate the advisory committee and charge them with providing ideas.

Questions: Senator Slack asked if it is true that the West Campus Garage and tunnel were paid from parking fees. Bisor said since the building was built on what had been a large freshman parking lot, it was not anticipated that filling the spaces would be difficult and that approximately $3 million of other revenues had been returned to the division of finance (PTTS-parent auxiliary) to help pay for the tunnel. The new tunnels being planned under the railroad and Welborn road to enhance pedestrian and bus traffic to flow between east and west campus locations will be funded from state, federal matching and railroad contributions.

Senator Carlson stated the points that from his college’s perspectives, communications with faculty had been bad, that student concerns rate higher than faculty concerns and that lower paid staff are really hurt financially with the large increases. Mr. Bisor indicated they are still trying to work out some equitable methods for making the increases less burdensome, in part by raising minimum wages, making pre-tax payment options and perhaps differential rates. In response to the question of elimination of numbered spaces by Senator Feldman, Mr. Bisor indicated that would not happen without a unanimous request to do so by space-holders in a lot. On the question of business permits raised by Senator Woosley, Mr. Bisor said that the large raise reflects an attempt to cut down the number of such permits, thus freeing more spaces for sale.
Part of the problem is due to persons who are abusing the system by business permits to park essentially in any lot on campus. PTTS is also seeking ways to ascertain valid use of these permits.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.