FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes
October 8, 2007
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower
http://www.tamu.edu/faculty_senate


Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Speaker Angie Hill Price.

Speaker Comments:
Speaker Price opened the meeting by welcoming guests and Senators. Galveston and Qatar Senators were present via videoconferencing. The Speaker also introduced and welcomed Vanessa Foster, new Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant. New senators not inducted in September were installed at this time.

The September 10, 2007 Minutes were approved as submitted. Motion Passed F.S. 25.41

Consent Agenda
All consent agenda items were approved with the exception of the following:

Magill asked that STAT 631 and 662 be removed from the consent agenda and Feldman asked that SENG 660 be removed from the consent agenda.

Graduate Council
New Courses – August 30, 2007

BUSH 635  Social Welfare and Health Policy
BUSH 636  Contract and Grant Management in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors
CHEM 658  Molecular Modeling
CVEN 631  System Identification and Nondestructive Damage Evaluation of Civil Engineering Structures
ECEN 690  Switching Power Supplies
FINC 669  Titans of Investing
PETE 635  Underbalanced and Managed Pressure Drilling
PETE 667  Petroleum Engineering Reserves and Evaluation
PLPA 601  Fundamental of Plant Pathology
PLPA 614  Pathogens, the Environment, and Society

Change in Courses – August 30, 2007

EHRD 606  Management of Educational Human Resource Development Programs and Departments
OCNG 685  Directed Studies
VTMI 664  Strategies for Manipulating the Mouse Genome
AGRO 627  Soil Fertility Relationships
WFSC 604  Systems Analysis and Simulation in Ecology and Natural Resource Management
NUEN 618  Nuclear Control Systems

Course Withdrawals – August 30, 2007

FLOR 609  Taxonomy of Ornamental Plants
HORT 616  Asexual Plant Reproduction
NUEN 602  Nuclear Reactor Analysis

University Curriculum Committee

New Courses – September 14, 2007

ANTH 439  Gender, Ethnicity and Class in Archaeological Research
BESC 204  Molds and Mushrooms: The Impact of Fungi on Society and the Environment
BESC 320  Water and the Bioenvironmental Sciences
CHEN 282  Engineering Biology
COMM 411  Representations of Motherhood
ECON 436  Environmental Economics
HIST 357  Africa and the African Diaspora
HIST 408  Central Europe During the Long Nineteenth Century
HIST 475  Empire and History
WMST 411  Representations of Motherhood
WMST 439  Gender, Ethnicity and Class in Archaeological Research

Withdrawal of Course – September 14, 2007

ENGL 236  Introduction to Creative Writing: Poetry.
Change in Courses – September 14, 2007
AGRO 428   Turfgrass Culture.
ANTH 302  Archaeology of North America.
ANTH 303  Archaeology of the American Southwest
ENGL 235  Introduction to Creative Writing: Prose
ENGL 347  Writers’ Workshop: Prose.
ENGL 348  Writers’ Workshop: Poetry.

Change in Curriculum – September 14, 2007

College of Education and Human Development
Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture
B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
   Early Childhood-Grade 4 Generalist Certification
   Middle Grades Certification: Mathematics/Science Specialist
   Middle Grades Certification: Language Arts/Social Studies Specialist

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Economics
   B.A. in Economics
   B.S. in Economics

College of Liberal Arts
Department of English
   B.A. in English with Middle School Certification in
   English, Language Arts and Reading

W Courses

Certification:
   CLAS 321   Advanced Latin Readings
   MARE 452   Senior Design Project II
   PHIL 410   Classical Philosophy

Recertification:
   ACCT 320   Improving Critical Communications Skills
   FINC 460   Money and Capital Markets
   GEOG 404   Spatial Thinking, Perceptions & Behaviors
   RPTS 304   Administration of Recreation Resource Agencies

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

University Curriculum Committee
Change in Curriculum – September 14, 2007

College of Liberal Arts
Department of History
B.A. in History

Graduate Council

Other Request – August 30, 2007

Graduate Council approved the Mays Business School, Department of Marketing request that the Master of Science in Marketing program be increased from a 36-hour program to a 38-hour program.

Other Request – August 30, 2007

Graduate Council approved the two proposed agreements between the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University and the College of Education at Texas A&M International University.

Other Request – August 30, 2007

Graduate Council approved the College of Science, Department of Statistics proposal for a graduate certificate in Applied Statistics.

Other Request – August 30, 2007

Graduate Council approves the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) request for graduate degree name changes in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications.

Other Request – August 30, 2007

Graduate Council approved the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) request for approval of the Agriculture eLearning Development Certificate.

Other Request – May 31, 2007 (Revised August 29, 2007)

PhD in European Studies

Senator Magill asked several questions especially related to whether or not there was support for the Ph.D. proposal from the departmental faculty. His questions were answered by the Assistant Department Head, Professor Konrad. Professor Konrad answered Magill's questions and indicated that the departmental faculty extensively discussed the proposal and were in complete agreement in support of it.

University Curriculum Committee
Senator Toby asked what mathematics for pre-professionals would be used for. Vogel indicated that it would primarily be used for students wishing to go to med school who were interested in mathematics but did not want to major in mathematics.

Core Curriculum Council
19 September 2007 Approved courses

Motion Passed F.S. 25.59
Attachment U

Executive Committee

Motion Passed F.S. 25.60
Attachment V

Revisions to Student rules dealing with Section 48.4 & 48.5 and the revision dealing with Section 14.5

Old Business
Senator Magill pointed out that the material for STAT 631 and 662 contained memos to the Finance Department and the Genetics Faculty, but that the memos were not signed. He moved that the two courses be returned to the STAT Department to obtain signed letters. After the letters were obtained, the course should be returned to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary Feldman indicated that SENG 660 covered topics of active research interests to several faculty within the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department and that a letter of support from the ISEN Department would be appropriate. He moved that the course be returned to the Chemical Engineering Department to obtain a letter of support for the course. After the letter is obtained, the course should be returned to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee of the Whole
Former Speaker Slack gave a description of the process that was followed by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee in making their recommendations to the Board of Regents. Senator Slack also answered questions from several Senators regarding the search process.

Senator Blasingame suggested that members from the Graduate Council and the Executive Committee meet to help coordinate the activities of the Graduate Council and the activities
of the Executive Committee. Senator Blasingame also asked some questions about the on-line instructor evaluation system (PICA) and asked about the status of the document that had been passed by the Faculty Senate regarding the status of non-tenure track faculty. During the discussion of PICA, Speaker Price indicated that the Executive Committee had discussed this with MARS and would discuss it further. Senator Riccio indicated that she had used both on-line and hard copy formats and would appreciate seeing results of studies of a comparison of the two systems. With respect to the status of the Faculty Senate approved proposal dealing with non-tenure track faculty, Dean of Faculties Watson indicated that she was on the agenda for next week's Council of Dean's meeting to discuss the document.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.