Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
November 11, 2013
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower
http://facultysenate.tamu.edu


Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Speaker Walter Daugherity at 3:19 p.m.

The speaker, as the first order of business, installed the new senator from College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, replacing the retiring Ed Funkhauser.

As this day was Veterans Day, Speaker Daugherity recognized the veterans, both senators and visitors, asking them to stand at the meeting.

Guest Speaker(s)
Dr. Pamela Matthews
The first guest speaker, Vice Provost Pam Matthews provided an update on Texas A&M’s QEP, Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime, and asked for participation and support. The commitment to the QEP was a requirement in the reaffirmation of accreditation in 2012 and the university continues to take it seriously, Matthews said. Much of the work in developing the QEP was done through the colleges, Matthews said, so it can be tailored to fit in different ways based on various college strategic plans. There is currently a benchmarking effort underway, she said, and $7 million per year is going to colleges for the QEP effort.

Provost Karan Watson
Provost Karan Watson, the meeting’s main guest speaker, said Texas A&M is and has the potential to be an even greater university. While students are important, with their wonderful traditions, the culture holders of university are the faculty, Watson said. A concerning warning sign, she said, is the slight drop in faculty satisfaction, from high 60s to mid 60s. “One of the big factors in satisfaction is the reduction in faculty feeling they are not appreciated for teaching, research and service,” she said. “I think your faculty leadership have done a good job in turning some of those attitudes, but we’re not done.” The solution in changing the attitudes toward faculty is the faculty themselves, Watson said, thanking faculty for their contributions to the university.
Responding to question on shared governance, the provost said, “We acknowledged that sometimes “we don’t have enough of it.” Super-fast means of communication spread words – sometimes erroneous – before thoughtful full communication can occur, she said. “We need to have deeper, richer dialog about the university, Watson said. “We are struggling with how to improve the opportunities for faculty voices to be heard.”

On the issue of indirect returns, Watson said she had asked the vice president for research and the vice chancellors for engineering and agriculture to explore the issue more fully. “We don’t want to change for change sake,” she said, adding the question is: What can we give to researchers that will make research environment better for them? She said she hoped that proposed changes, if any, could begin being offered by the end of the semester.

On the proposed campus in Israel, Watson said current Israeli law must be changed to permit degrees in branch campus to be recognized. The Texas A&M System needs to raise the required funds from people who would not traditionally give to A&M, she said, to support the proposed operation there. First, she said, “they need to raise money so we can study what we would actually do there. I don’t know which degrees are most needed in Nazareth.”

When asked about the SACS visitation and reaccreditation process, the provost said that when A&M received permission last June for the merger of HSC and university, it was viewed as a significant change that would require a revisit. “This is a complete reaffirmation because in their mind this is a new university,” she said. “A lot of things have to do with compliance. We have to respond as one university. We have to be moving in a direction to function as one university.” In the process, the reaccreditation team will visit Qatar, Fort Worth, Dallas, Galveston and College Station.

In terms of space and classrooms, Watson said, “We are not out of space.” The problem is that faculty do not find potential times or locations convenient. “The discussion we need to have is to look at what we’re missing,” she said. “Ten years ago we needed fewer jumbo classes, not more. Now we’re hearing we need more.” Watson suggested setting up a committee to examine the issue and Speaker Daugherity said the Senate would charge Academic Affairs with that issue.

On the issue of fees, Watson said nothing had been resolved with the Board of Regents. The university must get rid of 7200 separate fees. The question is whether to convert them to tuition or general fees or some combination of both.

**Speaker Comments**

**Approval of October 14, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes** - [Attachment A]
Moving to regular business, the October 14, 2013, minutes were approved as submitted.

**Consent Agenda**

**GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT**

**New Course Requests - October 3, 2013**

- ANSC 615    Comparative Ruminant Animal Nutrition
- ANSC 619    Physiological Chemistry of Livestock Species
- ECMT 681    Econometric Analysis of Financial Data
- ECON 617    Economics of the Multinational Firm
- ECON 618    Behavioral Financial Economics
- ECON 632    Microeconomic Theory IV

[Attachment B]

FS.31.91
Motion Passed
**Course Change Requests**

HORT 681  Seminar
SPSY 617  Emotional Disturbance in Children

*Attachment C*

FS.31.92  Motion Passed

**Course Withdrawal Request**

Removal of Certificate Program in Tree Improvement

*Attachment D*

FS.31.93  Motion Passed

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**GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT**

New Course Requests - August 1, 2013

AERO 661  Optical Methods in Aerospace Engineering
ECEN 715  Physical and Economical Operations of Sustainable Energy Systems
VTPP 651  Epigenetics & Systems Physiology

*Attachment E*

FS.31.94  Motion Passed

**Course Change Requests**

ARCH 657  Advanced Professional Practice and Ethics
MGMT 613  Managerial Macroeconomics

*Attachment F*

FS.31.95  Motion Passed

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**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT**

New Courses Request – October 11, 2013

ARCH 443  Aegean Art and Architecture
ECMT 461  Economic Data Analysis
ECON 414  Health Economics
ECON 470  Program Evaluation
FREN 475  The Francophone World
KINE 386  Sport Physiology

**Change in Courses**

AGEC 217  Fundamentals of Agricultural Economics Analysis
AGEC 429  Agricultural Policy
DCED 160  Ballet I
DCED 161  Visual and Performing Arts--Ballet II
DCED 162  Visual and Performing Arts--Ballet III
DCED 171  Modern Dance I
DCED 172  Visual and Performing Arts--Modern Dance II
DCED 173  Visual and Performing Arts--Modern Dance III
DCED 302  Dance Production
DCED 303  Health Practices for Dancers
DCED 306  Dance Composition I
DCED 400  Dance Composition II
HEFB 322  Teaching and Schooling in Modern Society
HEFB 324  Technology and Teaching Skills for the 21st Century Learner
HLTH 335  Human Diseases
HLTH 353  Drugs and Society
HLTH 421  Elementary School Health Instruction
INST 462  Language Acquisition and Development
INST 463  Second Language Methodology: ESL/Bilingual
KINE 260  Movement Lab: Ballet I
KINE 271  Movement Lab: Modern Dance I
KINE 361  Movement Lab: Ballet II
KINE 372  Movement Lab: Modern Dance II
KINE 425  Tests and Measurements
KINE 426  Exercise Biomechanics
KINE 429  Adapted Physical Activity
KINE 433  Physiology of Exercise
KINE 462  Movement Lab: Ballet III
KINE 473  Movement Lab: Modern Dance III
KNFB 315  Elementary School Physical Activities
KNFB 322  Teaching and Schooling in Modern Society
KNFB 324  Technology and Teaching Skills for the 21st Century Learner
MKTG 438  Strategic Internet Marketing
RDNG 468  Acquisition of Literacy by Culturally Diverse Learners

Attachment G
FS.31.96  
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
   Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
   BS in Agricultural Communications and Journalism

Attachment H
FS.31.97  
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
   College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
   Department of Agricultural Economics
   BS in Agricultural Economics - Finance & Real Estate Option

Attachment I
FS.31.98  
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
   College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
   Department of Agricultural Economics
   BS in Agricultural Economics - Food Marketing Systems Option

Attachment J
FS.31.99  
Motion Passed
Change in Curriculum
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Agricultural Economics
BS in Agricultural Economics - Policy and Economic Analysis Option

Attachment K
FS.31.100
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Agricultural Economics
BS in Agricultural Economics - Rural Entrepreneurship Option

Attachment L
FS.31.101
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Health - Allied Health

Attachment M
FS.31.102
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Health - Community Health Option

Attachment N
FS.31.103
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Health - School Health

Attachment O
FS.31.104
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Kinesiology - Applied Exercise Physiology

Attachment P
FS.31.105
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Kinesiology - Basic Exercise Physiology

Attachment Q
FS.31.106
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Kinesiology - Dance Science

Attachment R
FS.31.107
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Kinesiology - Motor Behavior

Attachment S
FS.31.108
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Kinesiology - PK-12 Certification

Attachment T
FS.31.109
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Sport Management – Internship

Attachment U
FS.31.110
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in Sport Management - Non-Internship

Attachment V
FS.31.111
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in University Studies – Dance

Attachment W
FS.31.112
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in University Studies - Sports Conditioning

Attachment X
FS.31.113
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
BS in University Studies - Sports Leadership

Attachment Y
FS.31.114
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum - Attachment Z
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Health and Kinesiology
Minor in Dance

Attachment Z
FS.31.115
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
Dwight Look College of Engineering
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
BS in Computer Engineering - Computer Science Track

Attachment AA
FS.31.116
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
Dwight Look College of Engineering
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
BS in Computer Engineering - Electrical Engineering Track

Attachment BB
FS.31.117
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Geosciences
Department of Atmospheric Sciences
BS in Meteorology

Attachment CC
FS.31.118
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts General Degree Requirements
Attachment DD
FS.31.119
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
BA in University Studies – Honors
Attachment EE
FS.31.120
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
BS in University Studies – Honors
Attachment FF
FS.31.121
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
BA in University Studies - Race, Gender & Ethnicity
Attachment GG
FS.31.122
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
BS in University Studies - Race, Gender & Ethnicity
Attachment HH
FS.31.123
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
BA in Women's and Gender Studies
Attachment II
FS.31.124
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Anthropology
BA in Anthropology
Attachment JJ
FS.31.125
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Anthropology
BA in Anthropology - Archaeology Track
Attachment KK

FS.31.126
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Communication
BA in Communication
Attachment LL

FS.31.127
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Communication
BA in Telecommunication Media Studies
Attachment MM

FS.31.128
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Communication
BS in Telecommunication Media Studies
Attachment NN

FS.31.129
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Hispanic Studies
BA in Spanish
Attachment OO

FS.31.130
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of History
BA in History
Attachment PP

FS.31.131
Motion Passed
Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in Classics

Attachment QQ
FS.31.132
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in International Studies - Communication & Media

Attachment RR
FS.31.133
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in International Studies - Environmental Studies

Attachment SS
FS.31.134
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in International Studies - International Arts & Culture

Attachment TT
FS.31.135
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in International Studies - International Commerce

Attachment UU
FS.31.136
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of International Studies
BA in International - Politics and Diplomacy

Attachment VV
FS.31.137
Motion Passed
Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of International Studies
      BA in International Studies - BUSH MIA 3+2 Program

*Attachment WW*
FS.31.138
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of International Studies
      BA in Modern Languages – French

*Attachment XX*
FS.31.139
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of International Studies
      BA in Modern Languages – German

*Attachment YY*
FS.31.140
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of International Studies
      BA in Modern Languages – Russian

*Attachment ZZ*
FS.31.141
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of International Studies
      Minor in Classical Studies

*Attachment AAA*
FS.31.142
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of Philosophy
      BA in Philosophy

*Attachment BBB*
FS.31.143
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
   Department of Political Science
BA in Political Science

**Attachment CCC**
FS.31.144
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science
BS in Political Science

**Attachment DDD**
FS.31.145
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science
BA in Political Science - 3+2

**Attachment EEE**
FS.31.146
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science
BA in Political Science - 3+2

**Attachment FFF**
FS.31.147
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Psychology
BA in Psychology

**Attachment GGG**
FS.31.148
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Psychology
BS in Psychology

**Attachment HHH**
FS.31.149
Motion Passed

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**Change in Curriculum**
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
BA in Sociology

**Attachment III**
Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
BS in Sociology
Attachment JJJ

FS.31.151
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
BA in Sociology - 3+2
Attachment KKK

FS.31.152
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology
BS in Sociology - 3+2
Attachment LLL

FS.31.153
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
College of Science General Degree Requirements
Attachment MMM

FS.31.154
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
BS in University Studies - Mathematics for Teaching
Attachment NNN

FS.31.155
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
BS in University Studies - Science for Secondary Teaching
Attachment OOO

FS.31.156
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
Department of Biology
BA in Biology
BS in Biology
BS in Microbiology
BS in Molecular and Cell Biology
BS in Zoology

Attachment PPP
FS.31.157
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
Department of Physics and Astronomy
BA in Physics

Attachment QQQ
FS.31.158
Motion Passed

Change in Curriculum
College of Science
Department of Physics and Astronomy
BS in Physics

Attachment RRR
FS.31.159
Motion Passed

Texas A&M University at Galveston
New Courses Request
MAST 333 Viking Archaeology and Norse Mythology
MAST 354 Ancient Egyptian Seafaring

Attachment SSS
FS.31.160
Motion Passed

W-COURSES
Courses submitted for W certification – October 22, 2013
ECON 489 Health Economics
GEOS 410 Global Change
MGMT 461 Entrepreneurship
SOCI/AFST 317 Sociology of African Americans

Courses submitted for W recertification
ENTO 481 Seminar
ESSM/GEOG 462 Advanced GIS Analysis for Natural Resource Management
FREN 300 Composition
MASE 407 Capstone Design II
NUEN 303 Nuclear Detection and Isotope Technology Laboratory
PSYC 204 Experimental Psychology
RDNG 372 Reading and Writing across the Middle Grade Curriculum

Courses submitted for C recertification
FIVS 435 Case Studies in Problem Solving
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CCC REPORT – October 22, 2013

International and Cultural Diversity
ALED 313 Culture Theory, Orientation and Adaption
CARC 301* Field Studies in Design and Innovation
DDHS 3310 Health Education and Behavioral Science
DDHS 4140 Clinical Dental Hygiene III
DDHS 4240 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV
DDHS 4410 Gerontology
DDHS 4530 Public and Community Health
DDHS 4820 Clinical Dental Hygiene II
ECON 318 Economics of Gender and Race
ECON 452 International Trade Theory and Policy
MARA 440 Global Economy and Enterprise Management
NURS 421 Care of Community Health Clients
NURS 424 Professional Issues
NURS 464 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan for the RN
NURS 466 Community Health for the RN

*Taken Abroad

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business
Executive Committee Resolution Fall Degree Candidates

Committee of the Whole
Speaker Daugherity then turned the meeting over to Speaker-elect Jim Woosley for the Committee of the Whole.
Senator Angie Hill-Price, who serves on the Transportation Committee, noted a significant increase in parking fees had been proposed to cover the planned construction of four new parking garages. She also asked the Executive Committee to invite the interim president who will be appointed after President Loftin retires to January to be on the agenda of the first meeting of 2014 (in February).

Senator Jonathan Coopersmith said he was disturbed that the proposed increase in parking to support a new Kyle Field garage will not benefit students, faculty and staff.

Senator Bob Strawser said ‘doesn’t seem to be a whole lot we can do” to protest for stop the proposed garages and associated fees.

Senator Richard Stadelmann said he had concerns about the length of the consent agenda and the confusing nature of some of the proposed course and degree changes that appear as part of it. He urged committees dealing with consent items to be more careful with the consent agenda.

Adjourn
The meeting was turned back to Speaker Daugherity and adjourned at 4:45 p.m.