Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
October 14, 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 3:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker(s)
Dr. John Junkins
Guest speaker John Junkins, director of the Texas A&M University Institute for Advanced Studies, said TIAS had just launched its second year of activity. The goal, he said, is to find world-class talent to attract to A&M that will enhance the academic climate and enrich the university. He briefly described the 2012-13 inaugural class of faculty fellows and the structure of TIAS. Second class of fellows was announced last month, and some already are on campus, he said. TIAS was able to move from six fellows last year to nine fellows this year, all with an outstanding record of collaboration and student mentoring. Nominations are about to open for the third class, he said, with TIAS working its way toward attracting 20 eminent scholars per year.

Chancellor John Sharp
The meeting’s main guest, Chancellor John Sharp, began his remarks by saying the new law school and the Health Sciences Center are now integrated into Texas A&M University. They helped propel A&M to become the largest university in the state with the addition this year of several hundred law students and a couple thousand HSC students, he said.

According to Sharp, the system currently is conducting three reviews. One is a review of the administrative function of the university, conducted by Pricewaterhouse. The second is a review of instructional technology and the third is a review of human resources. All should be finished around the end of the year, he said.

The search for a new president for A&M is underway, Sharp said. A search committee has been appointed and Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm based in Philadelphia, has been engaged to assist. Korn/Ferry is gathering names and looking at potential people, he said. The search committee has met to set the ground rules, including absolute secrecy for initial applicants. Sharp said applicants would be assured their names will not be in the
public domain until the end of the process. Sharp said he would like to have three names of finalists to take to the Board of Regents in January, although it is possible the person might not be able to begin the job here until summer.

In the area of high performance computing, Sharp said A&M is 651st in the nation in computing power for research. He said he is trying to find a way to boost that ranking into at least the 20s and acknowledged that some mistakes had been made in the initial proposal for a new system from IBM. That has been rectified, he said, and a new team is working on a proposal.

Construction plans include new dorms on West Campus, which Sharp called a “brilliant idea” and the remodeling of Kyle Field. The east side of Kyle will be remodeled first, the chancellor said, and pilings already are being drilled for that. South end zone also will be constructed during that time. Then the construction will stop for the next football season. After that, the west side will be imploded and new stands will be built. For one year, he said, Kyle will seat 109,543 people.

On the subject of a reported new branch campus in Israel, Sharp said he could not say anything about it.

**Speaker Comments**
Speaker Daugherity announced a committee was being appointed to examine the outsourcing of email and asked any senator interested in serving on that panel to contact him.

The speaker installed newly elected senators who had not been sworn in yet.

**Approval of September 9, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes - Attachment A**
The minutes of the September 9, 2013, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as submitted.

**Consent Agenda**

**GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT**

**New Course Requests - September 5, 2013**

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**Attachment B**

**FS.31.63**

Motion Passed

**Course Change Requests**

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ENGL 688    Introduction to Comparative Literature
MSEN 602    Advanced Materials Science and Engineering
POLS 603    Quantitative Political Analysis II

Special Consideration Item -
The College of Agriculture and Life Science is proposing a doctoral degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EBB)

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT

New Courses Request – September 13, 2013
ASTR 320    Astrophysical Research Methods
ASTR 401    Stars and Extrasolar Planets
ASTR 403    Extragalactic Astronomy and Cosmology
COSC 284    Introduction to Applied Workplace Ethics, Etiquette and Communications

Change in Courses
SCSC 301    Soil Science
SCSC 405    Soil and Water Microbiology
SPMT 304    Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity

Change in Curriculum
    College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
    Department of Poultry Science
    B.S. in Poultry Science
    Industry Emphasis

Change in Curriculum
    College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
    Department of Poultry Science
    B.S. in Poultry Science
    Technical Emphasis

Texas A&M University at Galveston
New Courses Request
MAST 441    Maritime Piracy

Motion Passed

Motion Passed

Motion Passed

Motion Passed

Motion Passed

Motion Passed
Motion Passed

Special Consideration
Dwight Look College of Engineering
Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Data Center Operations Engineering Certificate
Request for a new certificate program

Attachment I
FS.31.70
Motion Passed

Special Consideration
College of Science
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Minor in Astrophysics
Request for a new minor

Attachment J
FS.31.71
Motion Passed

W-COURSES
Courses submitted for W certification – September 25, 2013
DH4220 Comprehensive Care
ECON 489/EMCT 461 Economic Data Analysis
ECON 489 Program Evaluation
NURS 411 Evidence-based Practice for Nurses
NURS 461 Application of Evidence-Based Practice for the RN
NURS 467 Management and Leadership for the RN

Courses submitted for C certification
DH 4710 Applied Research Methods
MAST441 Piracy
NURS 314 Health Assessment

Courses submitted for W recertification
ANSC 402 Exploring Animal Industries
BICH 414 Biochemical Techniques
BICH/GENE 432 Molecular Genetics
KINE 198 Health and Fitness
MARB 408 Health and Fitness
MAST411 International Maritime Cultures
PHIL 361 Metaphysics

Courses submitted for C recertification
BIOL 388 Principles of Animal Physiology
PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues

Attachment K
FS.31.72
Motion Passed

CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL – Report
### CCC REPORT – September 2, 2013

#### Foundational Component Area: American History
- **AFST 300** Blacks in the US, 1607-1877
- **AFST 301** Blacks in the US since 1877
- **HIST 300** Blacks in the US, 1607-1877
- **HIST 301** Blacks in the US since 1877
- **HIST 304** Mexican-American Frontier to 1848

*Attachment L*

**FS.31.73**

Motion Passed

#### Foundational Component Area: Communication
- **COMM 205** Communication for Technical Professions

*Attachment M*

**FS.31.74**

Motion Passed

#### Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts
- **MUSC 228** History of Electronic Music
- **ARCH 350** History & Theory of Modern & Contemporary Architecture
- **CARC 311** Field Studies in Design Communications
- **KINE 210** The Art of Movement
- **FILM 425** French Film
- **FREN 425** French Film
- **MUSC 386** Evolution of the American Musical
- **THAR 386** Evolution of the American Musical

*Attachment N*

**FS.31.75**

Motion Passed

#### Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture
- **ENGL 253** Introduction to Cultural Studies & Popular Culture
- **LAND 240** History of Landscape Architecture
- **MUSC 201** Music & the Human Experience
- **ENGL 202** Environmental Literature
- **ANTH 316** Nautical Archaeology
- **ANTH 317** Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
- **ENGR 482** Ethics and Engineering
- **FSTC 300** Religious and Ethnic Foods
- **NUTR 300** Religious and Ethnic Foods
- **PHIL 482** Ethics and Engineering
- **RELS 317** Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
- **THAR 156** Dress, Culture and Society

*Attachment O*

**FS.31.76**

Motion Passed

#### Foundational Component Area: Mathematics
- **MATH 152** – Engineering Mathematics II
- **MATH 172** – Calculus
**Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

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**Attachment R**

**FS.31.79**

Motion Passed
CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL – Report

CCC REPORT – September 16, 2013

Foundational Component Area: Communication
ENGL 103 Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric

Attachment S
FS.31.80
Motion Passed

Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture
AFST 345 Modern Africa
CLAS 429 The Roman Empire
COMM 301 Rhetoric in Western Thought
COMM 327 American Oratory
ENGL 228 American Literature: Civil War to Present
GEOG 305 Geography of Texas
HIST 345 Modern Africa
HIST 429 The Roman Empire

Attachment T
FS.31.81
Motion Passed

Foundational Component Area: Life and Physical Sciences
NUTR 222 Nutrition for Health and Health Care

Attachment U
FS.31.82
Motion Passed

Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
ESPY 320 Child Development for Educators
INST 301 Educational Psychology
JOUR 102 American Mass Media
MARS 210 Marine Geography
SOCI 312 Population and Society
SOCI 315 The Marriage Institution
SOCI 319 Sociology of Sport
SPMT 319 Sociology of Sport

Attachment V
FS.31.83
Motion Passed

International and Cultural Diversity
ESPY 320 Child Development for Educators
MUSC 325 Dance in World Cultures
MUSC 326 Dance and Identity in the United States
PERF 325 Dance in World Cultures
PERF 326 Dance and Identity in the United States
RELS 312 Contemplative Practices in the Modern World
SOCI 327 Morality and Society

Attachment W
CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL – Report

CCC REPORT – September 30 and October 7, 2013

Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

HISP 206  Food in the Hispanic World
MUSC 325  Dance in World Cultures
MUSC 326  Dance and Identity in the United States
PERF 325  Dance in World Cultures
PERF 326  Dance and Identity in the United States
RELS 312  Contemplative Practices in the Modern World

Attachment X

FS.31.85
Motion Passed

Foundational Component Area: Life and Physical Sciences

ANSC 107  General Animal Science
SCSC 301  Soil Science
SCSC 405  Soil and Water Microbiology

Attachment Y

FS.31.86
Motion Passed

Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

SPMT 304  Sport Psychology Management and Practice

Attachment Z

FS.31.87
Motion Passed

The consent agenda was approved.

End of Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

Core Curriculum Committee

Core Curriculum Council co-chairs Janice Epstein and Dale Rice reported that 269 courses had been approved for the new core that will begin with students who enter in 2014. The following summary was submitted by the CCC:

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NUMBER OF COURSES APPROVED BY CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL

BY FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT AREA

American History 11
Communication 9
Creative Arts 35
Government-Political Science 2
Language, Philosophy, and Culture 103
Life and Physical Sciences 53
Mathematics 12
Social and Behavioral Sciences 44

NUMBER OF COURSES APPROVED BY CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL

BY LEVEL

Lower Division 185
Upper Division 84

SEBAC
In the report from SEBAC, A&M’s self-insured health insurance program, Speaker Daugherity reported that Chancellor John Sharp had concluded the system could maintain a prudent reserve without raising premiums for most employees. Employees are receiving a letter from the system that states system health insurance program more than meets requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Beginning in September 2014, there will be a new $30 monthly surcharge in the cost of health benefits for anyone who does not have an annual physical.

Unfinished Business
Academic Affairs Committee UCC GC Course Submission Course
Attachment AA
FS.31.88
Motion Passed
Attachment AA, the Academic Affairs Committee endorsement of the UCC/GC Course Submission Checklist, was passed.

New Business
Executive Committee Resolution for the approval of the MSN-FNP Professional Program
Attachment BB
FS.31.89
Motion Passed
Attachment BB, Executive Committee Resolution for the approval of the MSN-FNP Professional Program, was passed.
Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rule 47

Attachment CC
FS.31.90
Motion Passed
Attachment CC, Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rule 47, was passed.

Committee of the Whole
Speaker Daugherity then turned the meeting over to Speaker-elect Jim Woosley for the Committee of the Whole.

Provost Karan Watson addressed the issue of IDC funds. She said the administration had listened to many faculty members who, in essence, had asked why after 10 years of working hard to move the university’s status upward, we were barely holding ground. Watson said that after looking strategically at what public schools above us are doing, there was an attempt to have conversation: What should we do if we had more centralized funds? She said she planned on having that discussion over the next few months “so we can come up with most strategic recommendation for moving forward.”

The Committee of the Whole was completed and the meeting was returned to Speaker Daugherity.

Adjourn
The Faculty Senate was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.