Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
July 8, 2013
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower
http://facultysenate.tamu.edu

Attending:

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:19 p.m.

Guest Speaker(s)
Mr. Reid Joseph, Student Body President
Dr. Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Guest speaker Reid Joseph ‘14, the new student body president and an industrial distribution major, said he was excited about the upcoming year and the potential of working alongside the Faculty Senate.

The third-generation Aggie said he was particularly enthused about two student initiatives. One is BUILD, in which the on-campus student body will come together in the same spirit as Bonfire to build a house on campus on blocks under supervision of Habitat for Humanity. The home will then be moved and donated to a deserving family in the community. The second initiative is 12th Can, an on-campus food pantry. “There is real need for this for students,” Joseph said, noting that Student Government will be working diligently to get the food pantry up and running.

Guest speaker and Provost Karan Watson discussed her committee’s recommendations on MOOCs, Massive Open Online Courses. With an emphasis on caution and faculty engagement, she said, “we should continue to explore the world of MOOCs in a defined and confined fashion.” MOOCs, Watson said, can deepen our students’ educational experience, but those on-line courses are only a very confined part of that experience. Involvement with a consortium of universities delivering MOOCs would enable Texas A&M to have access to materials to use in hybrid courses and to see and study how student learn when use online technology. “We don’t see this form of teaching will replace what we do,” she said. Watson said she was seeking feedback from the Faculty Senate on the way to proceed.

MOOCs Exploratory Committee Report: Executive Summary - Attachment A

Speaker Comments
Speaker Walter Daugherity in his regular comments announced that the Senate Executive Committee would be conducting a two-day retreat at the end of the month at A&M’s branch campus in Galveston to plan for the coming year.
He also noted, from information gleaned in a meeting with the president that morning, that the Law School merger and accreditation process were on track and that the integration of the Health Sciences Center into A&M was proceeding on schedule.

**Approval of June 10, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes - Attachment B**

With no additions or corrections, the minutes of the June Faculty Senate meeting were declared approved as distributed.

**Consent Agenda**

**FS.31.11**

**GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT**

New Course Requests – June 6, 2013 - Attachment C

- CSCE 657 High Performance Computing for Earth Science and Petroleum Engineering
- NRSC 633 Neuropsychopharmacology
- PETE 657 High Performance Computing for Earth Science and Petroleum Engineering
- RDNG 630 Writing: Development, Assessment, and Instruction
- WFSC 654 Amazon Field School

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Change Course Requests – June 6, 2013 - Attachment D

- CVEN 765 Adv Civil Eng Systems
- CVEN 766 Highway Design
- SPSY 683 Field Practicum in...

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**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT - Attachment E**

New Courses Request – June 14, 2013

- DCED 202 Dance Appreciation
- SPAN 403 Advanced Writing in Spanish
- VIBS 424 Biomedical Neuroendocrinology and Endocrine Disorders

Withdrawal of Courses

- ENGL 312 Shakespeare
- ENGL 346 Writers’ Studies: Poetry

Change in Courses

- ALED 350 Global Agricultural Issues
- ENGL 219 Literature and the Other Arts
- ENGL 228 American Literature: Civil War to Present
- ENGL 231 Survey of English Literature I
- ENGL 235 Elements of Creative Writing
- ENGL 241 Advanced Composition
- ENGL 314 The English Renaissance
- ENGL 315 Seventeenth-Century Literature
- ENGL 316 Eighteenth-Century Literature
- ENGL 317 English Renaissance Drama
- ENGL 320 Technical Editing and Writing
- ENGL 321 Nineteenth-Century Literature (Romantic)
- ENGL 322 Nineteenth-Century Literature (Victorian)
ENGL 323  The American Renaissance
ENGL 330  Arthurian Literature
ENGL 331  Fantasy Literature
ENGL 333  Gay and Lesbian Literature
ENGL 334  Science Fiction Present and Past
ENGL 336  Life and Literature of the Southwest
ENGL 337  Life and Literature of the American South
ENGL 338  American Ethnic Literature
ENGL 345  Writers’ Studies: Prose
ENGL 353  History of Rhetoric
ENGL 354  Modern Rhetorical Theory
ENGL 355  The Rhetoric of Style
ENGL 360  Literature for Children
ENGL 361  Young Adult Literature
ENGL 362  Hispanic Literature in the United States
ENGL 365  The Bible as Literature
ENGL 372  American Poetry
ENGL 373  American Realism and Naturalism
ENGL 374  Women Writers
ENGL 375  Nineteenth-Century American Novel
ENGL 376  The American Novel Since 1900
ENGL 378  The British Novel, 1870 to Present
ENGL 401  Critical Theory and Practice
ENGL 412  Studies in Shakespeare
ENGL 414  Milton
ENGL 415  Studies in a Major Author
ENGL 431  Chaucer
ENGL 460  Writing for the Web
ENGL 481  Senior Seminar
HISP 362  Hispanic Literature in the United States
RELS 360  The Bible as Literature
SEFB 311  Assessment of Students with Disabilities
SEFB 312  Effective Reading Instruction for Students with Disabilities
SEFB 471  Classroom Management and Behavioral Interventions
VTPP 424  Endocrine Physiology
WGST 333  Gay and Lesbian Literature
WGST 374  Women Writers

FS.31.14
Change in Curriculum - Attachment F
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
B.S. in Ecological Restoration

FS.31.15
Change in Curriculum - Attachment G
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
B.S. in Forestry

FS.31.16
Change in Curriculum - Attachment H
FS.31.17
Change in Curriculum - Attachment I
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management
  Ranch Management Option
  Rangeland Resources Option

FS.31.18
Change in Curriculum - Attachment J
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
B.S. in Renewable Natural Resources

FS.31.19
Special Consideration - Attachment K
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
  Minor in International Agricultural Development
  Request for a new minor

FS.31.20
Special Consideration - Attachment L
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
B.S. in Agronomy
  Soil and Crop Management Option
  Request to discontinue degree program and option

FS.31.21
Special Consideration - Attachment M
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
  Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Faculty - TAMIN
  Certificate in Neuroscience
  Request for a new certificate program

W-COURSES
The June meeting did not take place. No report was submitted.

CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL – Report
CCC REPORT – May 29, 2013
FS.31.22
Foundational Component Area: American History - Attachment N
HIST 230 American Military History, 1609-Present

FS.31.23
Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts - Attachment O
THAR 101 Introduction to Western Theatre and Drama
ARTS 149 Art History Survey I
ARTS 150  Art History Survey II
ENGL 212  Shakespeare
ENGL 219  Literature and the Other Arts
ENGL 251  Introduction to Film Analysis
FILM 251  Introduction to Film Analysis

FS.31.24
Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture - Attachment P
ENGL 231  Survey of English Lit I

FS.31.25
Foundational Component Area: Life and Physical Sciences - Attachment Q
GEOL 101  Principles of Geology
GEOL 106  Historical Geology
GEOS 210  Climate Change
RENR 205  Fundamentals of Ecology
ASTR 101  Basic Astronomy
ASTR 111  Overview of Modern Astronomy
PHYS 201  College Physics
PHYS 202  College Physics
PHYS 208  Electricity and Optics
PHYS 218  Mechanics
ANTH 225  Introduction to Biological Anthropology
ASTR 119  Big Bang and Black Holes Companion Course
PHYS 119  Big Bang and Black Holes Companion Course
BESC 204  Molds and Mushrooms
CHEM 101/111  Fundamentals of Chemistry I
CHEM 102/112  Fundamentals of Chemistry II
CHEM 106/116  Molecular Science for Citizens/Laboratory
CHEM 107/117  General Chemistry for Engineers
KINE 120  The Science of Basic Health and Fitness
KINE 223  Introduction to the Science of Health and Fitness

FS.31.26
Foundational Component Area: Mathematics  - Attachment R
MATH 131  Mathematical Concepts – Calculus
MATH 141  Business Mathematics I
MATH 142  Business Mathematics II
MATH 147  Calculus I for Biological Sciences
MATH 148  Calculus II for Biological Sciences
MATH 150  Functions, Trigonometry and Linear System
MATH 151  Engineering Mathematics I
MATH 166  Topics in Contemporary Mathematics II
MATH 171  Analytic Geometry and Calculus

FS.31.27
Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences  - Attachment S
AGEC 105  Introduction to Agricultural Economics
ANTH 201  Introduction to Anthropology
FS.31.28
International and Cultural Diversity - Attachment T
THAR 101 Introduction to Western Theatre and Drama
ANTH 201 Introduction to Anthropology

FS.31.29
CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL – Report
CCC REPORT – June 3, 2013
Foundational Component Area: Communication - Attachment U
ENGL 210 – Technical Business Writing

FS.31.30
Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts - Attachment V
MUSC 225 History of Jazz
MUSC 226 History of Rock

FS.31.31
Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture - Attachment W
ANTH 204 Peoples and Cultures of the Ancient World
CLAS 251 Classical Mythology
ENGL 206 21st Century Literature and Culture
GEOG 301 Geography of the United States
HIST 103 World History to 1500
MUSC 227 Popular Music of India
RELS 251 Classical Mythology
THAR 155 History of Western Dress
THAR 280 History of Theater I
THAR 281 History of Theater II
WGST 200 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies

FS.31.32
Foundational Component Area: Life and Physical Sciences - Attachment X
ENTO 322 Insects in Human Society
FIVS 123 Forensic Investigations

FS.31.33
Foundational Component Area: Mathematics - Attachment Y
PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic

FS.31.34
Foundational Component Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences - Attachment Z
ANTH 202 – Introduction to Archeology
SOCI 212 – Sociology of Popular Culture
EPSY 321 – Adolescent Development for Educators

FS.31.35
International and Cultural Diversity - Attachment AA
The consent agenda was declared approved as presented.

End of Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Committee of the Whole
The meeting then moved into the Committee of the Whole section, chaired by Speaker-elect Jim Woosley.

Senator Angie Price, College of Engineering, raised the issue of season football tickets and the reseating that will be occurring. Noting that faculty and staff will be reseated a year ahead of others, she asked, “Why are faculty and staff being discriminated against?”

Woosley said he had a meeting scheduled with athletics officials and would bring that issue up with them.

Clint Magill, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, asked whether it was necessary to continue to bring all the course changes on the consent agenda to the full Senate.

Daugherity responded, “We are the last stop before the president’s desk and we should continue in that role in case there are concerns.” He also noted that it was important, as part of the process, for departments to gain approval from any other department where there was a significant overlap with a course or content.

Adjourn
With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.