

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2018

3:15pm

Rudder 601

<http://facultysenate.tamu.edu>

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Price called the meeting to order at 3:16pm.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Speaker: Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University

President Young stated that the President's office is particularly focused on several issues at this time. The President addressed the "President's Excellence Fund" for which over 200 grant applications were received. Faculty will be receiving a memo soon that addresses the granted distributions which the fund's committee felt allowed for maximum impact. Texas A&M has received \$892M for various research projects last year which puts A&M in the top 15 for granted research money in the nation.

The President said that TAMU has the #1 social media platform of any University in the country right now and our faculty have been using this to let lay audiences know about what work is going on here and about our various successes.

President Young said that the Admissions process is largely complete. Many deadlines were extended for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The President said that we are working to pause growth in the next academic year in an effort to control the availability of classes and majors. Only Veterinary Medicine and Engineering will be increasing their admissions because their new facilities allow for an increase in students.

President Young and the Chancellor will testify at upcoming hearings at the Texas Legislature to reinforce and secure TAMU's budgetary position.

Last week the Board of Regents unanimously passed a system policy change that could curtail faculty influence over and participation in senior academic and administrative appointments across the System. The Regents were concerned that the small percentage who actually voted on candidates was not reflective of the whole body of faculty and may have been precluding worthy candidates from proper consideration and appointment. Faculty Senate Speaker Price addressed the Board of Regents at that meeting and asked that the voting on this resolution be deferred until there could be more collaboration about this issue. The Regents declined and approved the system policy change. President Young and Provost Fierke are working on a solution to include faculty in an enhanced process.

Several questions were asked of President Young by Senators:

Senator Alvarado [ENGR] asked what priorities are considered when scheduling capital improvements. Is the only way to get renovations or new facilities through private donations? The President stated that there is an administrative process that the Board of Regents and the System Chancellor use to figure out what our priority projects are. The majority of improvement capital is from legislative appropriations or "puff money" with some additional contributions from donors. The President mused that legislator interest and money are always key when it comes to prioritizing improvements.

The President said that we currently have significant deferred maintenance challenges and have upped the amount of money we put into that per year (upped from \$6M to \$22M). Additionally, we are putting about \$3M a year in classroom additions and renovations and teaching laboratory improvements.

Senator Daugherty [ENGR] asked if there were other matters that the President is aware of, that the Faculty Senate may or may not be aware of, that the Board of Regents may be considering. The President indicated “No”.

Senator Watanabe [SCNC] asked about the rumored changes to the mechanism used in hiring of research faculty/graduates. President Young had no knowledge of that rumor and indicated that no changes were on the horizon.

Senator Magill [AGLS] asked about the relationship between RELIS and Texas A&M University. The President stated that RELIS was a system initiative which had no relation to the interests of the university.

Speaker: Allison Wilson of Ayers Saint Gross (ASG) [ASG is the consultant updating our Campus Sustainability Master Plan]

Ms. Wilson reported on the TAMU Campus Sustainability Master Plan currently in process. More information and updated progress can be followed at: <http://asg-architects.com/transforming-sustainability-at-texas-am/>

Speaker: Dr. Heather Wilkinson, Associate Dean of Faculties for Faculty Development

Dr. Wilkinson address many faculty opportunities

- 1) “Roadmap Workshop for a Successful Academic Career” March 5-6 from 8am-5pm Rudder 301
This is a tenure track faculty workshop.
- 2) Tier One Program (TOP) Grants are due March 28th. New this year: All faculty from all TAMU campuses can serve as the PI. Department head and dean certification is required.
- 3) Promotion and Tenure Process Workshops scheduled:
03/27/18: “Demystifying the Tenure and Promotion Process”
03/29/18: “Academic Professional Track Faculty Promotions”
04/02/18: “Is this the right time or not? Preparing for Promotion to Full Professor”
- 4) Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference theme: “Student-Centered Innovation”
There are two nationally recognized plenary speakers scheduled: April 17-18 at the MSC

Speaker: Traci E.W. Lacy, Associate Director of Partnership Services [Fulbright Workshop]

Our eighth annual Fulbright Workshop is scheduled for March 8th in Rudder 601.

SPEAKER COMMENTS

Speaker Price advised that we still need several more members for the Election Committee.

Speaker Price asked each Faculty Senate Committee Chair to provide a brief update as to what they are working on in committee. These reports will be verbally presented at the March and April meetings.

Speaker Price detailed her participation at the Board of Regents meeting last week. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be addressing the implications of this change in system policy and how that affects Texas A&M University Rules 12.99.99.M5 and 12.99.99.M6.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 13, 2017, December 11, 2017 and January 22, 2018 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

GRADUATE COUNCIL – GC REPORT – January 2018

NEW COURSES Motion Passed *FS.35.232*

FINC 633	Seminar in Commercial Banking
FINC 636	Marketing Financial Products and Services
MEEN 683	Multidisciplinary System Analysis and Design Optimization
RPTS 674	Administration - Management and Leadership in Youth Programs
SOCI 666	Black Feminist Theory and Intersectionality

CHANGE IN COURSES Motion Passed *FS.35.233*

AERO 602	The Theory of Fluid Mechanics
AERO 655	Helicopter Aerodynamics
BMEN 627	Magnetic Resonance Engineering
BMEN 632	Molecular and Cellular Biomechanics
BMEN 680	Biomedical Engineering of Tissues
BMEN 682	Polymeric Biomaterials
BMEN 683	Polymeric Biomaterials Synthesis
BMEN 686	Biomedical Nanotechnology
COMM 681	Professional Seminar
ECMT 660	Mathematical Economics I
FORS 602	Victimology Clinical Implications and Applications
FORS 603	Impact of Violence Across the Lifespan
GEOG 665	GIS-Based Spatial Analysis and Modeling
ISTM 705	Information Management for Decision Making
MEEN 635	Flow and Fracture of Polymeric Solids
MEEN 645	Mechanics of Compliant Materials
NURS 638	Advanced Clinical Practicum and Project
NUTR 684	Professional Internship
NUTR 685	Directed Studies
PHEB 609	Categorical Data Analysis
PHEB 612	Data Management – Computing
PSAA 608	Cybersecurity Policy Issues and Operations - A Manager's Guide

PSYC 603	Motivation and Cognitive Processes
PSYC 606	Learning
PSYC 607	Experimental Psychology
PSYC 608	Introduction to Clinical Ethics and Techniques
PSYC 609	Physiological Psychology
PSYC 610	Organizational Psychology
PSYC 611	Personnel Psychology
PSYC 614	Practicum in Psychology
PSYC 615	Perceptual Processes
PSYC 618	Psychology of Persuasion
PSYC 619	History and Systems of Psychology
PSYC 620	Theories of Social Psychology
PSYC 623	Psychological Assessment I
PSYC 624	Psychological Assessment II
PSYC 626	Psychopathology
PSYC 630	Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine
PSYC 633	Gender and Minority Issues in Clinical Psychology
PSYC 634	Principles of Human Development
PSYC 635	Behavioral and Cellular Research Seminar
PSYC 636	Seminar in Developmental Psychology
PSYC 649	Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYC 670	Professional Seminar in Social Psychology
PSYC 681	Industrial - Organizational Psychology
PSYC 684	Professional Internship
PSYC 689	Special Topics in...
PSYC 690	Cognoscenti - Professional Issues in Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 697	Seminar in the Teaching of Introductory Psychology

COURSE INACTIVATIONS Motion Passed FS.35.234

BMEN 630 Global Medical Device Regulation

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

College of Engineering Motion Passed FS.35.235

Department of Chemical Engineering

CERT-CG17 Engineering Therapeutics Manufacturing Certificate

College of Engineering Motion Passed FS.35.236

Department of Engineering Technology

MS-ENTC Master of Science in Engineering Technology

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – UCC REPORT – January 2018

NEW COURSES Motion Passed FS.35.237

ANSC 111 Animal Production Systems

AREN 440 Architectural Engineering HVAC Design

BIOL 496 Ethics in Biological Research
COMM 275 Introduction to Social Media

CHANGE IN COURSES Motion Passed FS.35.238

BMEN 211 Biomedical Applications of Circuits, Signals and Systems
CVEN 302 Computer Applications in Engineering and Construction
ENTO 432 Applied Forensic Entomology
INTS 405 War and Memory
ISTM 320 Business Systems Analysis and Design
MATH 142 Business Calculus
MEEN 221 Statics and Particle Dynamics
MEEN 361 Materials and Manufacturing in Design Laboratory
MEEN 436 Principles of Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
MMET 281 Manufacturing and Assembly Processes II
MMET 313 Industrial Welding Processes
MMET 370 Thermodynamics for Technologists
MSEN 320 Deformation and Failure Mechanisms in Engineering Materials
MSEN 401 Materials Research and Design I
OCEN 336 Fluid Dynamics Laboratory
OCEN 344 Reinforced Concrete Structures
VIST 442 Digital Characters - Art and Technology - Uses and Meaning
VIST 465 Art - Culture and Time Based Media

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

Department of Liberal Arts

BA-USLA-SEL University Studies – BA - Society, Ethics and Law Concentration **Motion Passed FS.35.239**

Department of Marketing – Mays Business School

BBA-MKTG-ADS Marketing – BBA - Advertising Strategy Track **Motion Passed FS.35.240**

BBA-MKTG-ANC Marketing – BBA - Analytics and Consulting Track **Motion Passed FS.35.241**

BBA-MKTG-PSS Marketing – BBA - Professional Selling and Sales Management Track **Motion Passed FS.35.242**

BBA-MKTG-RBM Marketing – BBA - Retail Buying and Management Track **Motion Passed FS.35.243**

Department of Mathematics

BS-APMS Applied Mathematical Sciences - BS Math Emphasis **Motion Passed FS.35.244**

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Department of Liberal Studies

BA-BS-USGA-TCC University Studies – BS - Tourism and Coastal Community Development Concentration **Motion Passed FS.35.245**

W AND C COURSES – January 2018 *Motion Passed FS.35.246*

Courses submitted for W Certification:

ESSM 481-W Senior Seminar
VIST 339-W Research in Visualization

Courses submitted for W Recertification:

POSC-FTSC 406 Poultry Further Processing
SPMT 482 Professional Writing Seminar
URPN 330 Land Development I
URPN 493 Urban and Regional Studies Capstone

Courses submitted for C Certification: None

Courses submitted for C Recertification: None

End of Consent Agenda

Committee Reports - None

Old Business - None

Unfinished Business

CHANGE IN COURSES: PSYC 671 Experimental Design for Behavioral Scientists

Motion to pull for further discussion at the department level; motion seconded and confirmed; this item will be sent back to the college for revisions.

CHANGE IN CURRICULUM: Department of Liberal Arts MINOR-JOUR Journalism – Minor

Motion to pull for further discussion at the department level about removing the pre-requisite; motion seconded and confirmed; this item will be sent back to the college for discussions and possible revisions.

New Business - None

Information & Discussion Only (not to be voted upon)

Committee of the Whole

Speaker-Elect Harlin announced that invitations have been sent out regarding the joint meeting. Faculty Senate at Texas A&M will be partnering with the Faculty Council at the University of Texas to explore issues related to academic freedom, freedom of speech, and civility on our campuses. This joint meeting will be held in College Station on March 23, 2018. The Keynote Speaker will be Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of the University of California's Berkeley School of Law. There will be a Joint Faculty Panel Discussion and there are plans to form a "Joint Statement on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Speech, and Civility".

Senator Wolf (LIBA) reiterated that she deeply appreciates the Faculty Senate Executive Committee's efforts in opposing the change in the system rule before the Board of Regents. However, she feels that this change now means that dean's and department heads have no accountability to the faculty anymore. She was concerned that someday deans from industry will be telling faculty what they can research, what they can teach, how many students they need to have in each class and what they are doing is or isn't important. Senator Wolf summarized that she thinks that faculty need to move for more democracy, not less, and keep speaking about it whenever possible and keep attempting to work with the administration for a more equitable solution.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.