

TAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018

3:15pm

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CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Harlin called the meeting to order at 3:15pm

GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speaker Carrie L. Byington, MD; Vice Chancellor for Health Services, The Texas A&M University System; Senior Vice President, Texas A&M University Health Science Center; The Jean and Thomas McMullin Professor and Dean, Texas A&M College of Medicine; was introduced by Speaker Harlin.

Dr. Carrie L. Byington

Dr. Carrie Byington thanked the Senate for the opportunity to speak, and gave a brief overview of the Health Science Center and shared her vision for the HSC:

- The HSC includes five branded campuses: the Colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and the School of Public Health. It includes 26 degree programs and 3200 students engaging in clinical care, education, and research across the state.
- Goals include an integrated practice plan delivering primary care and mental health services, interprofessional education (IPE) such as training students from different disciplines together, and an expanded research portfolio.
- Priorities in College of Medicine: rural population health, military medicine, and innovation through engineering.

(Find Dr. Byington's presentation here.)

Dr. Byington then opened the floor for questions.

Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts

Senator Laporte first sought clarification on the overlap of the Health Science Center and the Department of Health & Kinesiology, and secondly, asked if biomedical engineering would be subsumed by the EnMed program.

Dr. Byington shared that the Health Science Center is still in discussion with the Department of Health & Kinesiology about how to include everyone who is doing research on health. For the second question, the answer was that one department would not be subsumed by the other. The EnMed program allows for a wider range of engineering students, and is a multidisciplinary program.

Eric Rowell, College of Science

Senator Rowell shared his appreciation of the lower co-pays resulting from the CHI St. Joseph-A&M partnership. He asked if there have been any effects on reproductive health services as a result of this partnership.

Dr. Byington discussed one service that may be impacted: an elective tubal ligation at the time of Caesarian Section. This practice can be performed at other hospitals, and occurs very rarely.

Jorge Alvarado, College of Engineering

Senator Alvarado asked if there is a long-term plan for the College of Medicine, in order to be competitive and attract students.

Dr. Byington said that part of the plan is to focus on the priorities, first becoming excellent there. The other is developing their integrated practice plan for growing their practice. There is a 10-year plan in place.

Hank Walker, College of Engineering

Senator Walker raised the issue of lack of mental health services in the area, wondering if the HSC will be addressing this issue.

Dr. Byington stated that mental health is a priority, agreeing that mental health services are very limited and it is their goal to increase services in the region. She introduced Dr. Steve Brown, Vice President for Clinical Strategy and Chief Clinical Office for the Health Sciences.

Dr. Brown shared the Behavioral Health plan that he identified as “integrative.” This plan seeks to make behavioral health available through partnered Primary Care offices, for example, through telemedicine, maintaining records at one source.

Rajesh Miranda, College of Medicine

Senator Miranda asked Dr. Byington to expand on mental health services for A&M students.

Dr. Byington expressed that they are working on a plan, not just for the A&M students, but across the whole A&M System.

Speaker Harlin thanked Dr. Byington who left the podium to applause by Senators.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Heather Wilkinson, Associate Dean, Center for Teaching Excellence was introduced by Speaker Harlin. Dr. Wilkinson announced the 2019 Transformational Teaching & Learning Conference to be held on campus May 1-2, 2019, with the theme of *Active & Inclusive Engagement*. Proposals are due January 11, 2019. More information can be found at ttlc.tamu.edu.

SPEAKER COMMENTS

Speaker Harlin shared some highlights of recent work of the Senate:

- The Student Success Initiative open forum was held one week prior. Dr. Harlin was one of the presenters, and has represented the Faculty Senate on that Task Force. The Initiative will be implemented over the next two years.
- Earlier in the day on November 12, 2018, the Faculty Senate co-hosted a Core Curriculum Mini-conference with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies to discuss the role and value of the Core Curriculum at Texas A&M University. Thanks were given to Senators Dale Rice and Tamy Frank-Cannon who co-chair the CCC, conference co-chair and Associate Provost Ann Kenimer, and the faculty who participated in the conference.
- A few weeks prior, Former Speaker & Senator Jim Woosley and Speaker Harlin attended the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting in Austin. Universities shared their successes and challenges and Congressman Bill Flores spoke and took questions from the group. Senator Woosley, who is President of the TCFS organization, planned an engaging and productive meeting, and was congratulated for his contribution to the successful creation of a National Council of Faculty Senates.
- Prior to the TCFS meeting, Speakers and Presidents of Faculty Senates within the Texas A&M System, came together to discuss the issues on their collective campuses. Members of this group were excited to hear about the Joint Resolution related to the Field of Study Requirements, that our Senate passed with the University of Texas in October.

- At the System meeting, our Executive Committee was invited to meet with their counterparts at Prairie View A&M in November, working to improve shared governance at their universities.
- After the October Senate meeting, the Executive Committee met with the Provost to determine next steps on our Dean & Department Head rules. As a result, a SAP Task Force has been convened for its first meeting on November 26, 2018 with the goal of resolving and improving our processes related to the appointment and review of deans and department heads. Task Force members include: Deb Banerjee, Jose Fernandez-Solis, Angie Hill Price, Claire Katz, Adam Kolasinski, Clint Magill, Jay Ramadoss, Grace Townsend, and Julie Harlin.
- Many Senators have recently received emails from students regarding proposed changes to Student Rule 7, the Attendance rule. The proposal was brought before the Student Rules & Regulations Committee the previous Friday; after discussion the proposal was tabled. Dr. Kenimer is convening a task force with members of our Academic Affairs committee to further discuss the student attendance rule. Thanks to members of our Academic Affairs Committee who have agreed to serve: Jay Ramadoss, Matt Taylor, and Vanita Mahajan.
- Speaker Harlin thanked Catharina Laporte, Angie Hill Price, and Andrew Klein for their service on the Entrepreneurship Minor Task Force led by Dr. Ann Kenimer. The recommendations from the work of this task force will be on our agenda soon.
- The Executive Committee recently requested a report of all special topics courses taught more than three times from the Office of the Registrar. Many thanks were given to Laura Heard and Nick Piwonka who were able to generate that report and provide some context and information. In 1997, the Senate approved a policy that would require special topics courses (289, 489, and 689) only be taught twice. When taught the third time, the course must be in the curricular approval process. Based on the information received, there are a number of courses that have not followed this rule at the undergraduate level. The Senate is working with the Registrar and others to ensure that we follow our policy in this area.
- There are three excellent candidates for the Dean of Faculties position. Faculty were encouraged to participate in the interview process occurring that week.
- The March Faculty Senate meeting date change due to Spring Break was announced. The meeting will be moved from March 11 to March 18.
- Speaker Harlin thanked Senators for their engagement; there have been many requests this semester for Senators to serve on committees and have typically received more volunteers than needed. Engagement by Senators is critical for the success of the Senate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion passed to approve the October 8, 2018 minutes as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. (*Consent Agenda* is found below *Adjournment*.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Core Curriculum Council Course Report

The Core Curriculum Council courses (Attachment GG) were approved as presented. (Approved Core Curriculum Council courses can be found below *Consent Agenda*.)

No further committees reported.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to Student Rules – Attachment HH – *Passed* – FS.36.177

Rule 39 Soliciting on Campus

The motion was passed to approve Attachment HH as presented.

Recommendation of December 2018 Degree Candidates

TOTAL – 5,245

TAMU-Main – 4,789

TAMU-Galveston – 169

TAMU-HSC – 104

TAMU-Law – 20

TAMU-Qatar – 13

TAMU-VMBS – 150

The motion passed to approve the December 2018 Degree Candidates as presented.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Raymundo Arroyave, College of Engineering

Senator Arroyave posed a question related to the hiring and reappointment of Deans & Department Head rules previously tabled: under which rules are current searches operating? Speaker Harlin shared that Provost Fierke is currently piloting new methodology and has moved forward with the new rules.

Adam Kolasinski, College of Business

Senator Kolasinski took issue with this and made a motion to keep the old rules in effect until a new revision is approved by the Faculty Senate.

Former Speaker and Parliamentarian Walter Daugherty clarified that the proper procedure is to report this item back to the Senate (from the Committee of the Whole), at which point someone may call for an Emergency Motion. Senator Kolasinski moved to report this item to the Senate.

Speaker-Elect Klein continued Committee of the Whole with an announcement that he serves on the Dining Services Advisory Committee and solicited any concerns that he could then report back to Chartwells.

Tony Cahill, College of Engineering

Senator Cahill expressed concern regarding the logistics of the Student Success Initiative's "Common Course."

Speaker Harlin, who serves on this Task Force, shared that it is a zero-credit, shared first-year experience course, meaning both faculty and staff can teach it. Also, these courses can happen outside of the usual 8am-5pm course times and many won't be a part of a college. These courses will begin in the fall of 2019.

Mike Stephenson, Vice Provost, affirmed this information and shared that existing first year initiatives such as currently exists in Engineering can be certified as part of the Student Success Initiative. Regarding the timeline, everything is expected to be ironed out by March.

Angie Hill Price, College of Engineering

Senator Price asked if this course will be required for all freshmen and if it would come through the Senate as a curricular requirement. Speaker Harlin affirmed it would be required. There was some confusion on this issue of whether or not the course is a curricular item requiring Senate approval. Dr. Stephenson said it is not been decided yet whether it would be a degree requirement and that there are many implementation details still to be worked out. It was pointed out that the courses can be offered in many small and non-traditional spaces throughout the campus.

Greg Heim, Mays Business School

Senator Heim, shared feedback from faculty having parking issues while getting their exams graded. He asked for any faculty having similar issues to contact him so that these problems can be reported back to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Joan Wolf, College of Liberal Arts; Bruce Neville, Libraries; Bob Strawser, Mays Business School & College of Medicine

Senator Wolf expressed frustrations about the way the First Year Experience (FYEX) is being implemented, questioning the Senate's role and responsibility in approving curricular items. These concerns were also shared by Senator Neville. Senator Strawser expressed the importance of taking time to discuss these issues thoroughly.

EMERGENCY MOTION

Raymundo Arroyave, College of Engineering

Senator Arroyave moved to have Senator Kolasinski's draft resolution reported out of the Committee of the Whole and added to that day's agenda as an emergency item; the motion passed by the required three-fourths vote. The resolution to affirm the current Dean & Department Head rules until such time as the Faculty Senate revises them was then moved, seconded, and discussed, but failed to pass.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.

ATTACHMENTS BELOW: Consent Agenda, Core Curriculum Council

GRADUATE COUNCIL

New Courses – Attachment B – *Passed* – FS.36.145

BAEN 655	Principles of Modern Optical Spectroscopy
COMM 628	Political Communication
COMM 661	Media and Identity
DPHS 620	Dental Public Health Field Experience I
DPHS 625	Dental Public Health Field Experience II
DPHS 630	Dental Public Health Field Experience III
MEID 997	Critical Care – Student Initiated Elective

MEID 998 Acting Internship – Student Initiated Elective
SCSC 638 Hazard Analysis and Preventive Controls for Animal Food
STAT 654 Statistical Computing with R and Python
VIBS 665 Science Editing

Change in Courses – Attachment C – Passed – FS.36.146

AGEC 661 Applied Econometric Methods in Agriculture and Resources I
BAEN 673 Modeling Small Watersheds
CSCE 639 Fuzzy Logic and Intelligent Systems
ECEN 609 Adaptive Control
INTA 609 International Law and its Application to Human Rights, Use of Force and U.S. Law
ISEN 654 Manufacturing Systems Planning and Analysis
ISEN 655 Control Issues in Computer Integrated Manufacturing
MEID 711 Evidence Based Medicine, Scholarship and Research
MEID 850 Practice of Medicine Capstone
MEMA 641 Plasticity Theory
MPHY 633 Advanced Techniques in Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Research
MSEN 640 Thermodynamics in Materials Science
MSEN 656 Mechanical and Physical Properties of Thin Films
MSEN 658 Fundamentals of Ceramics
NFSC 623 Nanotechnology in Food Processing
NFSC 632 Nutrition in Disease
NUEN 677 Aerosol Science
PHEB 606 Survival Analysis
PHEB 614 Analysis of Longitudinal and Multilevel Data
VIBS 641 Principles of Human Health Risk Assessment of Chemicals
VPAT 640 Mechanisms of Disease

Change in Courses – Inactivation Proposal – Attachment D – Passed – FS.36.147

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering
MEEN 606 Polymer Laboratories

Change in Courses - Inactivation Proposal – Attachment E – Passed – FS.36.148

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering
MEEN 620 Kinetic Processes in Materials Science

Change in Courses - Inactivation Proposal – Attachment F – Passed – FS.36.149

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering
MEEN 686 Composite Materials Processing and Performance

Change in Courses - Inactivation Proposal – Attachment G – Passed – FS.36.150

College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science

Department of Veterinary Pathology
VPAT 642 Mechanisms of Metabolic Disease

Change in Programs – Attachment H – Passed – FS.36.151

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Science
MRYD-RYDV Master of Recreation and Youth Development

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

New Courses – Attachment I – Passed – FS.36.152

CLAS 236	War and Violence in the Ancient World
DCED 222	Introduction to Dance Science
DCED 308	Safe Practices in Teaching Dance
DCED 405	Career Preparation in Dance
KINE 340	Essentials of Strength and Conditioning
KINE 407	Motor Control and Learning Lab
PHLT 436	Infectious Disease in the Developing World: Risks, Challenges, and Solutions
RELS 200	Religions of the World
RELS 202	Religion in America
WFSC 413	Problem Solving in Wildlife and Fisheries
WFSC 457	Wildlife Ecotoxicology

Change in Courses – Attachment J – *Passed* – FS.36.153

ACCT 322	Professional Development Seminar – BBA
ACCT 484	Accounting Internship
CHEM 222	Elements of Organic and Biological Chemistry
CHEM 227	Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 231	Techniques of Organic Chemistry
CHEM 234	Organic Synthesis and Analysis
CHEM 237	Organic Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 315	Fundamentals of Quantitative Analysis
CHEM 316	Quantitative Analysis
CHEM 318	Quantitative Analysis Laboratory
CHEM 322	Physical Chemistry for Engineers
CHEM 362	Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry
CHEM 468	Materials Chemistry of Inorganic Materials
COMM 350	Theories of Mediated Communication
COMM 480	Religious Communication
DCED 260	Ballet I
DCED 271	Modern Dance I
DCED 361	Ballet II
DCED 372	Modern Dance II
DCED 462	Ballet III
DCED 473	Modern Dance III
FINC 341	Business Finance
GEOL 203	Mineralogy
GEOL 210	Geological Communication
GEOL 250	Geological Field Methods
GEOL 310	Planetary Geology
GEOL 312	Structural Geology and Tectonics
GEOL 314	Paleontology and Geobiology
HIST 427	The Roman Republic
HIST 428	The Roman Empire: Principate
HIST 429	The Roman Empire: Transformations
MGMT 309	Survey of Management
MGMT 481	Seminar in Management
MKTG 321	Marketing
OCNG 443	Oceanographic Field and Laboratory Methods
PHIL 419	Current Continental Philosophy
PHYS 221	Optics and Thermal Physics
PHYS 222	Modern Physics for Engineers
PHYS 225	Electronic Circuits and Applications
RDNG 373	Teaching Reading Through Children's Literature
VIBS 311	Biomedical Explorations through Narrative
WFSC 303	Fish and Wildlife Laws and Administration

Change in Programs – Attachment K – Passed – FS.36.154
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Horticultural Sciences
BA-HORT Horticulture - BA

Change in Programs – Attachment L – Passed – FS.36.155
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Ag Leadership, Education & Communication
BS-ALED Agricultural Leadership and Development

Change in Programs – Attachment M – Passed – FS.36.156
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology
BS-BESC Bioenvironmental Sciences - BS

Change in Programs – Attachment N – Passed – FS.36.157
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-CHLT Community Health - BS

Change in Programs – Attachment O – Passed – FS.36.158
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
BS-ECOR Ecological Restoration - BS

Change in Programs – Attachment P – Passed – FS.36.159
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-HLTH-AHO Health - BS, Allied Health Track

Change in Programs – Attachment Q – Passed – FS.36.160
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-HLTH-SCH Health - BS, School Health Track

Change in Programs – Attachment R – Passed – FS.36.161
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Department of Horticultural Sciences
BS-HORT Horticulture - BS

Change in Programs – Attachment S – Passed – FS.36.162
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-KINE-AEP Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Applied Exercise Physiology Concentration

Change in Programs – Attachment T – Passed – FS.36.163
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-KINE-BEP Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Basic Exercise Physiology Concentration

Change in Programs – Attachment U – Passed – FS.36.164
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-KINE-MTB Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Motor Behavior Concentration

Change in Programs – Attachment V – Passed – FS.36.165
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-KINE-PEK Kinesiology - BS, All-Level Physical Education Teacher Certification Track

Change in Programs – Attachment W – Passed – FS.36.166
College of Agriculture and Life Science
Department of Poultry Science
BS-POSC-TK1 Poultry Science - BS, Industry Emphasis

Change in Programs – Attachment X – Passed – FS.36.167
College of Agriculture and Life Science
Department of Poultry Science
BS-POSC-TK2 Poultry Science - BS, Technical Emphasis

Change in Programs – Attachment Y – Passed – FS.36.168
College of Agriculture and Life Science
Department of Ecosystem Science & Management
BS-RLEM-RMO+ Rangeland Ecology and Management - BS, Ranch Management Option

Change in Programs – Attachment Z – Passed – FS.36.169
College of Agriculture and Life Science
Department of Ecosystem Science & Management
BS-RLEM-RMO+ Rangeland Ecology and Management - BS, Rangeland Resources Option

Change in Programs – Attachment AA – Passed – FS.36.170
College of Agriculture and Life Science
Department of Ecosystem Science & Management
BS-SPSA Spatial Sciences - BS

Change in Programs – Attachment BB – Passed – FS.36.171
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-USEH-DAN University Studies - BS, Dance Concentration

Change in Programs – Attachment CC – Passed – FS.36.172
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
MINOR-DANC Dance - Minor

Special Consideration Item – Attachment DD – Passed – FS.36.173
College of Education & Human Development
Department of Health & Kinesiology
BS-KINE-EST Kinesiology - BS, Exercise and Sport Science

W&C COURSES

New Core Component Proposal – Attachment EE – Passed – FS.36.174
Courses Submitted for C Certification:
AGSM 440-C Management of Agricultural Systems II
PETE 435-C Technical Presentations II

New Core Component Proposal – Attachment FF – Passed – FS.36.175
Courses Submitted for W Certification:
AGSM 439-W Management of Agricultural Systems I

KINE 403-W	Dance Wellness
MARS 208-W	Coastal and Ocean Resources
RPTS 426-W	Tourism Impacts
RUSS 302-W	Advanced Grammar and Composition II
WFSC 303-W	Fish and Wildlife Laws and Administration

End of Consent Agenda

CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL COURSE REPORT – Attachment GG – *Passed* – FS.36.176

New Courses Submitted for Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts

FILM 299 History of Film

New Courses Submitted for Foundational Component Area: Lang, Phil, Culture

PHIL 255 C.S. Lewis: Faith and Philosophy

RELS 200 Religions of the World

New Courses Submitted for Foundational Component Area: Life & Physical Sciences – Galveston

MAST 250 Archaeological Field Methods

New Courses – Cultural Discourse

RELS 202 Religion in America

New Courses – Cultural Discourse – Galveston

ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric

ENGL 203 Writing about Literature

New Courses – International and Cultural Diversity Designation

BESC 311 International Perspectives on Environmental Issues

NURS 424 Professional Issues

VTPB 411 One Health and Tropical Ecology