

TAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021

3:00pm

Via Zoom

<http://facultysenate.tamu.edu>

The full video recording of the meeting can be accessed on the Faculty Senate website:

<https://facultysenate.tamu.edu/Faculty-Senate-Meeting-Recordings>.

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Dale Rice called the first meeting of the 39th Session to order at 3:00pm. Due to ongoing social distancing practices resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Zoom. Speaker Rice reminded Senators of the Zoom features to be used during the meeting.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Speaker Rice presented the Richard Stadelmann Faculty Senate Service Award posthumously to Senator Thomas Sullivan, who passed away May 10, 2021.

GUEST SPEAKER

There was no guest speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jocelyn Widmer, Assistant Provost for Academic Innovation, and **Dr. Juan Garza**, Assistant Vice President for Academic Services & Director of Provost Information Technology Office – [Attachment A](#) – ***For Informational Review – FS.39.001***

Dr. Widmer provided her monthly update on the progress of Canvas (LMS) via a video, and the meeting time was devoted to questions only. The following Senators posed questions or offered comments: Senator Hank Walker, College of Engineering; Senator Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts, and Senator Tracy Vemulapalli; and Senator Clint Magill, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences. Speaker Rice thanked Dr. Widmer for her ongoing reports.

SPEAKER COMMENTS

Speaker Rice began his comments by welcoming Dr. Kathy Banks in her new role of President of Texas A&M University. He expressed the Senate's interest in working with the new leaders in her administration, and thanked outgoing cabinet members for their service and willingness to work with the Senate. He thanked Dr. John Junkins for taking on the role of Interim President and for working with faculty on some tough issues. Speaker Rice then congratulated Steve Oberhelmann of Liberal Arts, a former Speaker of the Faculty Senate, who was appointed to an interim dean position.

Speaker Rice then commented on some Senate issues:

- He heard from faculty who were concerned about students receiving CD credit for courses taken elsewhere, which was intended to be an interim practice until more CD courses were developed. He appointed a small task force of Senators representing the Core Curriculum Council and the Academic Affairs Committee to assess progress in this area and report back to the EC at the end of the summer. Those serving on the task force include Heather Ramsey, College of Science; Tamy Frank-Cannon, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; Janice Epstein, College of Science; and Andrew Klein, College of Geosciences.
- He thanked Senator Greg Heim, Mays Business School, for admirably representing the Faculty Senate on the SEBAC committee the past three years, and thanked Senator David Earnest, College of Medicine, who has agreed to succeed Dr. Heim in this role.
- Last month's report from the Academic Affairs Committee raised concerns related to the bookstore suggesting course material not approved by faculty. The Executive Committee would be meeting with a liaison from the bookstore to discuss this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion passed to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes as distributed. ***Attachment B – Passed – FS.39.002***

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion passed to approve the June 14, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented.

(Full Consent Agenda with FS #'s can be found under Adjournment below.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Core Curriculum Council Course Report – *Attachment C – Passed – FS.39.014*

The motion passed to approve the Core Curriculum Course Report as presented.

(Full CCC Report can be found under Adjournment below.)

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

System Employee Benefits Advisory Committee (SEBAC Report) – *Attachment D – For Informational Review – FS.39.015*

Senator Greg Heim, Mays Business School, presented information from the May 2021 SEBAC meeting, found in Attachment D. Questions were then asked by Senator Hank Walker, College of Engineering; Senator Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts; and Senator Clint Magill, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences.

Other Miscellaneous Item

Speaker Rice recognized Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts, who received the inaugural Hullaballo U Instructor of the Year Award.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to Student Rules

- Student Rules 1.7 and 1.8 Student Registration – ***Attachment E – Passed – FS.39.016***
Student Rule 24.4.1 Dishonesty – ***Attachment F – Returned to Student Rules Committee***
Student Rule 24.4.5 Hazing – ***Attachment G – Passed – FS.39.017***
Student Rule 24.4.14 Weapons and Explosives – ***Attachment H – Passed – FS.39.018***
Student Rule 57 Undergraduate Academic Appeal Panel – ***Attachment I – Passed – FS.39.019***
Student Rule 59 Graduate Academic Appeal Panel – ***Attachment J – Passed – FS.39.020***
Student Rule 62 First Professional Appeal Panel – ***Attachment K – Passed – FS.39.021***

After much discussion of the revisions to Student Rule 24.4.1 found in Attachment F, the Senate voted to return the rule to the Student Rules & Regulations Committee for further revision. All other rule revisions were approved.

Proposed Restructuring and Name Change of Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Sciences (College of Agriculture & Life Sciences) – For Informational Review – *Attachment L – For Informational Review – FS.39.022*

This item was discussed at length, with many Senators feeling the chosen name was vague. Although the Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP) for restructuring departments only requires that the Faculty Senate provide feedback to the college, a motion was made and the Senate conducted an informal vote on the proposed department name: Experience Management. 72% of those voting registered a negative view of the proposed name change.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Speaker-Elect Patti Smith convened the Committee of the Whole.

Senator Clint Magill, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences expressed concern over the computer in his classroom rebooting during class time so he was unable to use the computer. Senator Mark Sicilio, College of Medicine, expressed similar concerns.

Senator Adam Haney, TAMU Galveston, shared that the link to the minutes on the Faculty Senate website was broken and asked that it be fixed.

Speaker-Elect Smith returned the meeting to Speaker Rice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA for June 14, 2021

GRADUATE COUNCIL

New Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.003

[EEBL 600: Populations, Communities, and Ecosystems](#)

[INTA 718: Counterterrorism Financing](#)

[INTA 719: U.S.-Mexico Relations - History, Policy, and the Road Ahead](#)

[MXET 600: Mechatronics II](#)

Change in Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.004

[ATTR 652: Clinical Education II](#)

[ATTR 653: Clinical Education III](#)

[ATTR 655: Clinical Education V](#)

[ATTR 656: Clinical Education VI](#)

[ATTR 661: Essential Clinical Skills](#)

[ATTR 671: Healthcare Administration, Management, and Delivery Strategies in Athletic Training](#)

[BIMS 602: Foundations in Biomedical Graduate Education and Research](#)

[EDCI 656: Learning Theories for Teachers of Young Children](#)

[EPSY 640: Statistical Analysis in Educational Research I](#)

[ESSM 646: Drones for Environmental Remote Sensing](#)

[FORS 601: Foundations of Forensic Healthcare](#)

[FORS 602: Victimology: Clinical Implications and Applications](#)

[FORS 610: Forensic Sexual Assault Examiner](#)

[FORS 611: Application of Clinical Pharmacology to Victims of Violence](#)

[FORS 612: Human Trafficking](#)

[FORS 613: Forensic Photography](#)

[FORS 614: Policy and Ethics of Interpersonal Violence](#)

[FORS 615: Forensic Mental Health](#)

[INTA 705: Biodefense for the 21st Century](#)

[MTDE 611: Enterprise Basics for Technical Entrepreneurs](#)

[MTDE 612: Sales, Operations, and Manufacturing for Technology Companies](#)

[MTDE 621: Technology Company Management, Leadership, and Corporate Culture](#)

[MTDE 652: Engineering Entrepreneurship Hour](#)

[SCMT 611: Statistical Foundation of Data Analytics](#)

Change in Courses – Inactivation Proposal – *Passed* – FS.39.005

College of Engineering

Department of Ocean Engineering

[OCEN 677: Environmental Fluid Mechanics](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.006

College of Engineering

Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering

[MS-INEN: Master of Science in Industrial Engineering](#)

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

New Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.007

[MEEN 435: Compressed Air Systems](#)

Change in Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.008

[AGSM 315: Food Process Engineering Technology](#)

[ARTS 304: Graphic Design II](#)

[BICH 410: Comprehensive Biochemistry I](#)
[CEHD 300: Education and Human Development Study Abroad](#)
[ESSM 446: Drones for Environmental Remote Sensing](#)
[GEOL 102: Principles of Geology Laboratory](#)
[MEEN 260: Mechanical Measurements](#)
[MEEN 344: Fluid Mechanics](#)
[MEEN 357: Engineering Analysis for Mechanical Engineers](#)
[MEEN 442: Computer Aided Engineering](#)
[OCNG 320: Biological Oceanography](#)
[PSYC 105: First Semester Experience](#)
[PSYC 301: Elementary Statistics for Psychology](#)
[PSYC 307: Developmental Psychology](#)
[RPTS 320: Event Management and Operations I](#)
[RPTS 321: Event Management and Operations II](#)
[SPMT 260: Overview of Practices in Sport](#)
[SPMT 262: Human Capital Management in Sport](#)
[SPMT 270: Sport Marketing](#)
[SPMT 272: Sport Marketing Issues](#)

Change in Courses – Galveston – *Passed – FS.39.009*

[DIVE 331: Alternative Diving Technology](#)

Change in Courses – Inactivation Proposal – *Passed – FS.39.010*

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Educational Psychology

[EDTC 489: Special Topics in...](#)

W&C COURSES

Courses Submitted for C Certification – *Passed – FS.39.011*

[ANSC 412-C: Swine Production and Management](#)

[DDHS 4710-C: Applied Research Methods](#)

Courses Submitted for W Certification – *Passed – FS.39.012*

[BAEN 480-W: Biological and Agricultural Engineering Design II](#)

[BMEN 465-W: Biomechanics Experiential Learning Lab](#)

[PHIL 332-W: Social and Political Philosophy](#)

Courses Submitted for W Re-Certification – *Passed – FS.39.013*

[BMEN 450-W: Case Studies](#)

[DDHS 4220-W: Comprehensive Care Seminar](#)

[GERM 315-W: Literary Investigations: German Short Fiction](#)

[VIST 339-W: Research Techniques in Visualization](#)

[WGST 401-W: Feminist Theory](#)

End of Consent Agenda

CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL COURSE REPORT – *Attachment C – Passed – FS.39.014*

Recertification for Foundational Component Area: Communication

[ENGL 203-GE: Writing about Literature](#)

Recertification for Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts

[PERF 324-GE: Music in World Cultures](#)

Recertification for Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy & Culture

[ENGL 222-GE: World Literature](#)

[GEOG 301-GE: Geography of the United States](#)

Recertification for Foundational Component Area: Life and Physical Sciences

[ASTR 109-GE: Big Bang and Black Holes](#)

[RENR 215-GE: Fundamentals of Ecology--Laboratory](#)

Recertification for Foundational Component Area: Mathematics

[MATH 140-GE: Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences](#)

[MATH 150-GE: Functions, Trigonometry and Linear Systems](#)