

TAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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 sixth 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. He began the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of one of the founders of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Paul Parrish, who had recently passed. He then proceeded to swear in a new Senator, Derek Halling, from the University Libraries.

GUEST SPEAKER

Speaker Rice welcomed guest speaker Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Tim Scott.

Provost Scott started by thanking the Senate for representing the faculty and the university, and the EC for it's recent guidance. He briefly addressed the issues and pressing needs he saw in the near future:

- Ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic
- Two standard administrative procedures (SAP) were edited due to the input from the Faculty Senate
- The MGT Consulting report and changes to the structure of the Provost Office
- The SACSCOC accreditation currently in process

He shared that these are things that cannot wait for leadership change before pursuing.

Questions and comments were offered by the following Senators: Senator Adam Kolasinski, Mays Business School; Senator Jorge Alvarado, College of Engineering; Senator Raymundo Arroyave, College of Engineering; Senator Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Joan Wolf, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Richard Waer, College of Engineering; Senator Angie Rice, College of Engineering; Speaker Dale Rice, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Stefanie Harris, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Kathryn Falvo, TAMU Galveston; as well as various questions posed via the chat feature in Zoom.

Speaker Rice thanked Interim Provost Scott for speaking to the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Julie Mosbo Ballestro, Interim Dean of the University Libraries

Dr. Mosbo Ballestro provided an update on the *Texas Libraries Coalition for United Action's* success in negotiating a contract with Elsevier for its members' libraries. Senator Joan Wolf, College of Liberal Arts, commended this effort.

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.39.092***

Dr. Widmer provided her monthly update on the progress of Canvas (LMS) via a video, and the meeting time was devoted to questions. The following Senators posed a question or offered comments: Senator Stephanie McCartney, College of Science; Stefanie Harris, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Maria Irene Moyna, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Clint Magill, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Senator Joan Wolf, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Andy Banerjee, College of Engineering; Senator Eduardo Gildin, College of Engineering; and Senator Tony Cahill, College of Engineering.

Speaker Rice thanked Dr. Widmer.

SPEAKER COMMENTS

Speaker Rice began his comments by thanking President Banks for extending the time for feedback on the MGT report by one week. He underscored the depth of anxiety and concern as evidenced by over 700 faculty attending the forum by the Faculty Senate the week prior. He encouraged faculty to provide feedback through both the university and the Faculty Senate portals.

Other items shared by Speaker Rice:

- The university was still working on its response to the federal mandate for federal contractors to receive vaccinations.
- The task force including four senators was continuing work on developing guidelines for the role of academic observers in Canvas.
- Recognition of Senator Ranjana Mehta, College of Engineering, for being named one of the 2021 Presidential Impact Fellows.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion passed to approve the October 11, 2021 minutes as presented. ***Attachment B – Passed – FS.39.093***

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion passed to approve the November 8, 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.39.127*

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

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

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee – *Attachment D – For Informational Review – FS.39.128*

Senator Andrew Klein, College of Geosciences and Dr. Nancy Hutchins, Mays Business School – QEP Faculty Co-Leads – presented on preparations for the upcoming reaccreditation (see attached slides).

Questions were posed by the following Senators: Senator Tracy Vemulapalli, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; Senator Catharina Laporte, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Rob Carpenter, College of Medicine; Dr. Tracy Hammond, College of Engineering; Senator Maria Irene Moyna, College of Liberal Arts; Senator Olbelina Ulloa, TAMU Galveston; and Senator Asha Rao, College of Science. Comments were also provided by Dr. Alica Dorsey, Assistant Provost for Institutional Effectiveness & SACSCOC Liaison.

Report from the University Dining Advisory Committee

Senator Andrew Klein presented a brief report on new dining options on campus. Senator Rob Carpenter, College of Medicine, shared that the Health Science Center is a food desert and there is a great need for dining options there.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Speaker-Elect Patti Smith convened the Committee of the Whole. She reminded the Senate that issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) remain important to the Faculty Senate and the campus community. She encouraged Senators to use Committee of the Whole to report positive actions or items of concern on this issue.

Senator Tracy Hammond, College of Engineering, shared concerns on accessibility for blind students.

Regular business for the Committee of the Whole:

Senator Stefanie Harris, College of Liberal Arts, had several concerns about elements of the recertification process of Core Curriculum courses. Additional comments were made by Senator Maria Irene Moyna, College of Liberal Arts; and Senator Janice Epstein, College of Science.

Senator Jorge Alvarado, College of Engineering, asked how the Executive Committee (EC) would be preparing for their meeting with President Banks the following Monday. This question was seconded by Senator Adam Kolasinski, Mays Business School. Senator Joan Wolf, College of Liberal Arts, also shared concerns about the MGT recommendations. Speaker Dale Rice responded that the EC would be working over the course of the week to prioritize items to discuss with the President and that the Academic Affairs Committee had sent a list of items of concern. Speaker-Elect Patti Smith encouraged caucuses to send items to the EC that they think are important to address.

Speaker-Elect Smith returned the meeting to Speaker Rice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA for November 8, 2021

GRADUATE COUNCIL

New Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.094

[INTA 713: Advanced Cyber Policy](#)

[INTA 722: The Politics of Immigration](#)

[MEEN 697: Innovation Mindset and Skillsets for Design and Research](#)

[PBSI 631: Academic Career Development in Psychological and Brain Sciences](#)

[PBSI 695: Manuscript Development and Publication of Academic Research in Psychological and Brain Sciences](#)

Change in Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.095

[ANSC 621: Issues in the Equine Industry](#)

[STAT 683: Data Science Capstone](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.096

Bush School of Government & Public Service

Department of International Affairs

[CERT-CAIA: Advanced International Affairs - Certificate](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.097

Bush School of Government & Public Service

Department of Public Service & Administration

[CERT-PBMG: Public Management - Certificate](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.098

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Recreation and Youth Development

[MRYD-RYDV: Master of Recreation and Youth Development](#)

Change in Programs – Inactivation Proposal – *Passed* – FS.39.099

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Agricultural Economics

[PHD-ABME: Doctor of Philosophy in Agribusiness and Managerial Economics](#)

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

New Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.100

[DAEN 210: Uncertainty Modeling](#)
[DAEN 300: Data Engineering Coding Experience I](#)
[DAEN 301: Data Engineering Coding Experience II](#)
[DAEN 323: Statistical Learning and Decisions](#)
[DAEN 328: Data Engineering for Humans](#)
[DAEN 331: Optimization of Analytics](#)
[DAEN 399: Professional Development](#)
[DAEN 400: Case Studies in Data Engineering](#)
[DAEN 410: Optimization Algorithms for Data Engineering](#)
[DAEN 420: Smart Manufacturing](#)
[DAEN 429: Data Analytics II](#)
[DAEN 430: Forecasting Using Machine-Learning Approaches](#)
[DAEN 459: Capstone Senior Design Planning](#)
[DAEN 460: Capstone Senior Design](#)
[DCED 410: Dance Teams in Secondary Education](#)
[FILM 470: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Cinemas](#)
[FIVS 215: Forensic Microscopy](#)
[FIVS 220: Impression Evidence](#)
[FIVS 420: Controlled Substances](#)
[FIVS 440: Forensic Communications](#)
[HLKN 101: First Year Experience](#)
[MEEN 497: Innovation Mindset for Design and Research](#)

New Courses – Galveston – *Passed* – FS.39.101

[MARA 347: Launch a Startup](#)

Change in Courses – *Passed* – FS.39.102

[DCED 201: Dance History](#)
[ECON 445: Financial Economics](#)
[ENGR 410: Global Engineering Design](#)
[ENTO 401: Principles of Integrated Pest Management](#)
[ENTO 485: Directed Studies](#)
[HIST 225: Revolutionary America](#)
[HIST 317: Born Country - American Agricultural History](#)
[JOUR 484: Internship](#)
[KINE 406: Motor Learning and Skill Performance](#)
[MMET 206: Nonmetallic Materials](#)
[SPMT 360: Organizational Issues in Sport](#)
[SPMT 362: Sport Leadership](#)
[SPMT 364: Financial Management in Sport](#)
[SPMT 366: Sport Facility and Event Management](#)
[SPMT 370: Fan Behavior in Sport](#)
[SPMT 372: Sales Strategies in Sport Organizations](#)
[SPMT 374: Strategic Sport Marketing](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.103

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BA-CHEM: Chemistry - BA](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.104

College of Science

Department of Chemistry
[BA-CHEM-BCA: Chemistry - BA, Biological Chemistry or Medical, Dental, Pharmacy School Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.105

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BA-CHEM-CET: Chemistry - BA, Chemical Education Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.106

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BA-CHEM-ECA: Chemistry - BA, Environmental Chemistry Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.107

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology

[BS-BESC: Bioenvironmental Sciences - BS](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.108

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BS-CHEM: Chemistry - BS](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.109

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BS-CHEM-BCT: Chemistry - BS, Biological-Chemistry Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.110

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BS-CHEM-ECT: Chemistry - BS, Environmental Chemistry Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.111

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

[BS-CHEM-MCT: Chemistry - BS, Materials Chemistry Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.112

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology

[BS-ENST-AG: Environmental Studies - BS](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.113

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[BS-KINE-AEP: Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Applied Exercise Physiology Concentration](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.114

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[BS-KINE-BEP: Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Basic Exercise Physiology Concentration](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.115

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[BS-KINE-DSC: Kinesiology - BS, Dance Science Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.116

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[BS-KINE-EST: Kinesiology - BS, Exercise and Sport Science Track](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.117

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[BS-KINE-MTB: Kinesiology - BS, Exercise Science Track, Motor Behavior Concentration](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.118

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[MINOR-DANC: Dance - Minor](#)

Change in Programs – *Passed* – FS.39.119

College of Education & Human Development

Department of Health & Kinesiology

[MINOR-SPMT: Sport Management - Minor](#)

Change in Programs – Inactivation Proposal – *Passed* – FS.39.120

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Rangeland, Wildlife & Fisheries Management

[BS-RLEM-RMO+: Rangeland Ecology and Management - BS, Ranch Management Option](#)

Change in Programs – Inactivation Proposal – *Passed* – FS.39.121

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department of Rangeland, Wildlife & Fisheries Management

[BS-RLEM-RRO+: Rangeland Ecology and Management - BS, Rangeland Resources Option](#)

Special Consideration Item – *Passed* – FS.39.122

College of Liberal Arts

Department of English

[MINOR-PWRT: Professional Writing - Minor](#)

W&C COURSES

Courses Submitted for C Certification – *Passed* – FS.39.123

[FIVS 440-C: Forensic Communications](#)

Courses Submitted for C Recertification – *Passed* – FS.39.124

[ALED 340-C: Survey of Leadership Theory](#)

[FIVS 435-C: Case Studies in Problem Solving](#)

[IDIS 330-C: Sales Engineering](#)

Courses Submitted for W Certification – *Passed* – FS.39.125

[ENGL 303-W: Approaches to English Studies](#)

[ESSM 462-W: Advanced GIS Analysis for Natural Resources Management](#)

[PHIL 414-W: Nineteenth Century Philosophy](#)

[WFSC 303-W: Fish and Wildlife Laws and Administration](#)

Courses Submitted for W Recertification – *Passed* – FS.39.126

[ALED 440-W: Leading Change](#)

[COMM 452-W: Cultural Studies of Communication Technology](#)

[INTS 491-W: Research](#)

[INTS 497-W: Independent Honors Study](#)

[KINE 435-W: Physiology of Exercise Lab](#)

[MMET 301-W: Mechanical Power Transmission](#)

End of Consent Agenda

CORE CURRICULUM COUNCIL COURSE REPORT – *Attachment C – Passed* – FS.39.127

New Courses – Cultural Discourse (CD)

[HIST 225-CD: Revolutionary America](#)

Certification for Foundational Component Area: American History

[HIST 225-GE: Revolutionary America](#)