

FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
**MINUTES**  
**December 8, 2003**  
3:15 p.m., 601 Rudder Tower

**Present:** Annamalai, Aufderheide, Battle, Bednarz, Bies, Buffa, Busch, Carhart, Carrigan, Cassone, Clark, Clayton, Cobb, Engler, Fackler, Fike, Glover, Gunn, Hall, Halter, Han, Harris, Heilman, Hobbs, Hunter, Hyman, Jennings, Kaplan, Kettleborough, Klutke, Kolari, Lard, Loudder, Machann, Magill, McCann, McGeachin, Moreira, Myer, L. Parrish, P. Parrish, Pillai, Portales, Presley, Price, Rich, Ruoff, Scott, Slack, Stoica, Swearingen, Tiffany-Castiglioni, Villalobos, Woosley

Strawser, Watson

**Not Present:** Alston, Anthony, Baldauf, Barrow, Bassichis, Berghman, Boyd, Collisson, Daripa, Dorsey, Eldin, Feldman, Finlay, Flagg, Harding, Hassan, Haupt, Hellriegel, Isett, Johnson, Kulm, Lewis, Martin-Rodriguez, Miller, Moyer, Murphy, North, Ochoa, Peters, Pugh, Rauchwerger, Sharkawy, Sirakaya, Snell-Witt, Thomas, Thompson, Whiteacre

### **Call to Order**

The 7th meeting of the 21<sup>s</sup> Session of the Faculty Senate at Texas A&M University was called to order by Speaker Martha Loudder, presiding, Senator Martyn Gunn, Secretary.

### **Guest Speaker**

Director of Transportation Services Rodney Weis presented an overview of his proposed plans to make more efficient use of parking spaces on campus, including a provision to eliminate most individually reserved parking spaces. Weis said accommodating faculty would be the highest priority, but concern was expressed among the senators that no forum for faculty input has been scheduled, as has been the case for students.

### **Speaker Comments**

Former Speaker Carlson was congratulated on receiving the designation of Regents Professor at the Board of Regents December 5, 2003 meeting.

Voluntary contributions were collected from Senators in support of the Faculty Senate Aggie Spirit Award program.

Speaker Loudder read an excerpt from her letter to her students on academic integrity, honor, and respect. A copy of the letter is available on her web site.

Speaker Martha Loudder and Former Speaker Bob Strawser voiced support Monday for the university's new admissions policies, and Loudder circulated a sign-up sheet among fellow senators inviting them to join in one-on-one opportunities to recruit more minority students. Other senators spoke in support of measures that would specifically include race as a factor in the admissions process.

## Minutes

The November 10, 2003 Faculty Senate meeting minutes were approved as distributed. **FS.21.65**

## Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was passed as distributed.

### Committee on Committees

Committee Assignments. **FS.21.66**

#### ***Bookstore Advisory Committee***

*Youngcourt, Tori* GS (04)

#### ***Graduate Council***

*Laepple, Eberhard* GS (04)

#### ***Rules and Regulations Committee***

*Kutil, Brandi* GS #2 (04)

### Graduate Council

*New Courses: BUSH 606, BUSH 625, BUSH 626, BUSH 653, BUSH 654, CVEN 684, EDTC 646, ELEN 693, IDIS 664, MARB 616, MARB 617, MARS 680, MEEN 655; and*

*Course Changes: BAEN 651, FRSC 651, CHEN 604, CHEN 614, CHEN 623, CHEN 624, CVEN 686, NUEN 601, EDTC 645, EDIS 634, MICR 614, BIOL 602, NUEN 606*  
**FS.21.67**

### University Curriculum Committee

*New Courses: CVEN 403, EHRD 345, EHRD 481, EPSY 430, EPSY 431, EPSY 432, EPSY 433, GEOG 476, HORT 427, IDIS 420, KINE 308, MEEN 433, SOMS 380, SOMS 481;*

*Deletion: ATOM 475; and*

*Course Changes: BICH 410, BICH 411, HORT 301, HORT 302, HORT 335, HORT 418, HORT 428, HORT 429* **FS.21.68**

## Tabled Item from the November 10, 2003 Consent Agenda

Secretary Gunn moved approval to remove from the table Graduate Council agenda item, New Course INFO 616. Motion passed. **FS.21.69.** Secretary Gunn moved approval of New Course INFO 616. Motion passed. **FS.21.70.**

### Graduate Council

*New Course—INFO 616*

## Emergency Agenda Item

Speaker Loudder added an emergency agenda item from the Graduate Council, which was distributed at the meeting. Secretary Gunn moved approval of the Graduate Council agenda item. Motion passed. **FS.21.71**

### Graduate Council

*New Course: BIOL 613, Cell Biology, stacked with BIOL 413; Withdraw Course BIO 617; VAPH 617, Advanced Cell Biology, will no longer be cross-listed with BIOL 617. **FS.21.72***

## Executive Session

Secretary Gunn moved approval to go into Executive Session. Motion passed. **FS.21.73** Secretary Gunn moved approval of the Executive Session agenda item. Motion passed. **FS.21.74** Secretary Gunn moved approval to return to regular session. Motion passed. **FS.21.75**

## Committee Agenda Items

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the Core Curriculum Council agenda item. Motion passed. **FS.21.76**

### Core Curriculum Council

*Additions to the Core Curriculum*

*Tier 1 Natural Sciences—BIOL 111 Introductory Biology I  
Natural Sciences—BIOL 112 Introductory Biology II*

### Executive Committee

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the Academic Integrity Task Force Document. Discussion. Senator Engler suggested that suggestions from Academic Affairs and Rules & Regulations Committees and the Legal Counsel Office be considered. Senator Harris suggested that a workshop be provided for faculty on handling student cheating. Motion passed. **FS.21.77**

The proposed Bylaws Revisions were discussed. Senator Hobbs suggested adding a transitions statement regarding the change from Deputy Speaker to Speaker Elect.

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the endorsement of the new initiatives in journalism education. Motion passed. **FS.21.78**

*Approval of the recommendations made by Dean Johnson in his November 24, 2003 memorandum to Provost Prior for new approaches to Journalism Education at Texas A&M University:*

- 1. Develop a newly organized minor and certificate program in Journalism;*
- 2. Create a journalist-in-residence program;*
- 3. Work with faculty and representatives on- and off-campus to develop internship and other practicum experiences for students interested in journalism careers;*
- 4. Appoint an advisory group of journalists;*
- 5. Develop an interdisciplinary major in journalism; and*
- 6. Close the Department of Journalism and its current undergraduate degree programs and transfer the Master's program in Science and Technology Journalism to another appropriate academic unit.*

### Graduate Council

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the following agenda items. Motions passed.

*Nonsubstantive Degree change  
Bush School*

*Master's Degree in International Affairs. **FS.21.79***

*College of Education and Human Development  
Department of Educational Psychology  
Special and Bilingual Education*

*MEd students be allowed to petition for exemption for the Final Examination. **FS.21.80***

*Mays Business School*

*Certificate Program in International Business. **FS.21.81***

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences Department*

*Master of Water Management, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy in Water Management and Hydrological Science. **FS.21.82***

*College of Liberal Arts*

*Proposed division of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages into (1) a Department of Hispanic Studies and (2) a Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures. **FS.21.83***

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

*Administrative Changes. **FS.21.84***

*Title change of the "Master of Agriculture in Wildlife Sciences" degree to "Master of Wildlife"*

*Title change of the "Master of Agriculture in Fisheries Sciences" degree to "Master of Fisheries"*

*Title change to "Master of Agriculture" in Recreation and Resource Development to "Master of Recreation and Resource Development"*

*Title change of the "Master of Agriculture" in Natural Resources Developments to "Master of Natural Resources Development"*

### Research Committee

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the Research Committee agenda item, Creation of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research. Motion passed. **FS.21.85**

*The Research Committee of the Faculty Senate recommends that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate endorse a resolution supporting the immediate creation of the position of Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research, to report to either the VPR or the Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or both. The holder of the position is expected to lead the coordination of existing programs on campus and be innovative in adding new offerings. The Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research will pursue new avenues to communicate the importance of research to undergraduates and raise awareness on campus and throughout the state of the number of undergraduates who participate in research programs. An important function will be to seek the acquisition of additional funds to assist in expanding the participation of undergraduates in faculty research programs. This position is envisioned as a half-time appointment, however it could initially start off as even a 25% appointment and still be a valuable first step in initiating this important enhancement of undergraduate experience at Texas A&M.*

### University Curriculum Committee

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the following agenda items from the University Curriculum Committee. Motions passed.

Texas A&M University at Galveston  
New Course  
MARA 484. **FS.21.86**

*Change in Curricula*  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Department of Horticultural Sciences  
B.S. in Horticulture  
B.S. in Floriculture  
Reduce required hours from 132 to 128. **FS.21.87**

College of Geosciences  
Department of Geography  
B.S. in Geography  
Geographic Information Science Option. **FS.21.88**

*Nonsubstantive Request*  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Department of Agricultural Economics  
BS in Agricultural Economics. **FS.21.89**

College of Education and Human Development  
Department of Health and Kinesiology  
B.S. in Kinesiology  
All-level Physical Education Certification. **FS.21.90**

Attachment S had been withdrawn at the committee's request and Attachment T was handled as Attachment N.1.

Secretary Gunn moved approval of the following agenda items from the University Curriculum Committee. Motions passed.

*Special Consideration*  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Department of Agriculture Economics  
Certification in International Trade and Agriculture. **FS.21.91**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Department of Agricultural Education  
Minor in Agricultural Journalism. **FS.21.92**

## **Mid-Year Committee Reports**

Handouts

Mid-Year committee reports were distributed as a handout at the registration table. Those committees that did not submit a report to the Faculty Senate Office were requested to do so as soon as possible. There were no questions for any of the committee chairs.

## **New Business**

Speaker Loudder asked if there were any questions for Dean of Faculties Watson. Senator Meyers asked Dean Watson about the three designated free speech areas. Dean Watson responded that the entire campus is a free speech area. However, certain areas can be reserved with approval to use for a specific purpose.

## **Committee of the Whole**

Deputy Speaker Kaplan presided over the Committee of the Whole.

### New Business

Senator Hobbs mentioned that the Faculty Facts document needs updating with new questions.

In response to a previous inquiry, Speaker Loudder noted that there are no advanced placement exams in the Mays Business School.

Senator Portales read a memo he would like the Executive Committee to discuss with President Gates regarding minority recruitment.

Senator Bednarz spoke on the President's admissions proposal.

Senator Glover asked if additional resources would be available for handling the grading of the "W" courses.

Former Speaker Strawser stated we need more publicity in recruiting minorities and new initiatives to retain them.

Senator Halter expressed concern on Mr. Wies's proposed parking changes, especially regarding the elimination of reserved spaces, which effects faculty having a place to park when returning to campus at night.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 4:45 p.m.