**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**April 30, 2025**

**4:00-6:00 pm – via Zoom only**

**Members Present:** Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, Peter Dedek, Dave Donnelly,

Valentina Glajar, Kevin Jetton, William Kelemen, Russel Lang,   
Lynn Ledbetter, Noland Martin, Adetty Pérez de Miles, Piyush Shroff, Lois Stickley, Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Guests:** Ajayi Anwansedo, Shetay Ashford-Hanserd, Bahram Asiabanpour,  
Janet Bezner, Harry Bowers, Cathy Cherrstrom, Marla Erbin-Roesemann,  
Kevin Gates, David Gibbs, Lauren Goodley, Twyla Hough, Kim Lee,  
Sarah Maines, Gloria Martinez, Matt McAllister, Ny'Nika McFadden,  
Jo Beth Oestreich, Angela Rich, Rodney Rohde, Aimee Roundtree,  
Rolf Straubhaar, Dimitry Tetin, Ron Williams, Lei Xie

**Chair Ledbetter opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with remarks and comments**

1. **Welcome Comments and Announcements** 
   1. Chair Ledbetter welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the Senate officers as well as the incoming senators present
2. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
   1. April 23, 2025 minutes were approved
3. **Review of Academic Program Proposals Submitted for the Spring 2025 Cycle (Submitted by Senator Supancic)**

COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS – Shetay Ashford-Hanserd

**Department Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies**

ADDITIONS:

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) Major in Artificial Intelligence - Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) Major in Aviation Science – APPROVED

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) Major in Data Analytics - Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) Major in Information Technology - Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS and COMMUNICATION

**School of Journalism and Mass Communication –** Harry Bowers

ADDITION:

Minor in Sports Media - APPROVED

**Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film –** Sarah Maines

ADDITION:

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Major in Cinematic Arts – APPROVED with changes to Admission Requirements on proposal form

**Recommendation**:

In admission requirements, Letter “d.”

Re-consider the use of the term, “portfolio” – either use a different term or provide more detail on the submission and use of video work created by the applicant.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**Dean, Health Professions -** Marla Erbin-Roesemann, Angela Rich, Lois Stickley, and Janet Bezner

ADDITIONS:

Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Health Science (Health Science Education Concentration) – Accelerated Online Program – APPROVED with changes to Admission Requirements and Candidacy on proposal form

In Application Requirements:

Reconsider the use of the phrase, “regionally accredited” university …

Why require both baccalaureate and master’s degree or higher?

In Candidacy:

Comprehensive Exam – the requirements for the timeframe, number of questions, pages written, and allowed (total) length -- are VERY rigid and restrictive.

**Recommend**: Revisit this restricted language associated with comprehensive exam

Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Health Science (Pain Science Concentration) – Accelerated Online Program - Approved with changes to Admission Requirements and Candidacy on PIM form

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**Department of Health Informatics & Information Management** – David Gibbs

ADDITIONS:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major in Health Informatics – Accelerated Online Program – APPROVED with changes to Admission Requirements in proposal form.

Admission Requirement:

8. Background Check and Drug Screening

Reconsider the inclusion of this requirement

Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Health Informatics – Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

**Medical Laboratory Science –** Rodney Rohde

ADDITION:

Minor in Medical Laboratory Science - APPROVED

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING –

**Ingram School of Engineering -** Bahram Asiabanpour

ADDITIONS:

Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Civil Engineering (Non-thesis Option) – APPROVED with changes to Additional information on proposal form

**Recommend** – reconsider the use of … original (wet) signature …

Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Civil Engineering (Thesis Option) – APPROVED with changes to Additional information on proposal form

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Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (Thesis Option) – APPROVED with changes to Texas Workforce data on Manufacturing Engineering

**Recommend**: provide more workforce data

Add workforce data on Manufacturing Engineering or

Add a statement that addresses the lack of separate data on ME being available.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**World Languages & Literatures –- Note:** No representative in attendance

ADDITIONS:

Certificate in French for the Professions - APPROVED

Certificate in Translation - APPROVED

**Dean, Liberal Arts – Note**: No representative in attendance

CHANGES:

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (B.A.I.S.) Major in International Relations to Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major in International Relations – APPROVED with clarification of the statement being added to footnote for 020 component area

**Recommend**: Revisit the statement, “Students are encouraged to take MATH 1315 or 1319 as a perquisite to ECO options in the major.”

What is the rationale for this disclaimer?

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (B.A.I.S.) Major in International Studies to Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major in International Studies - APPROVED

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Department of Health and Human Performance –** Matt McAllister

CHANGES:

Master of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) Major in Recreation and Sport Management to Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Recreation and Sport Management (Non-thesis Option) – Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

Master of Science in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) Major in Recreation and Sport Management to Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Recreation and Sport Management (Thesis Option) – Accelerated Online Program - APPROVED

Master in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) Recreational Therapy to Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Recreational Therapy (Non-thesis Option) - APPROVED

Master in Recreation and Leisure Services (M.S.R.L.S.) Recreational Therapy to Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Recreational Therapy (Thesis Option) - APPROVED

1. **The Faculty Senate moved into an Executive Session to discuss:**
   * 1. Motion to approve the academic programs on the agenda with proposed edits and changes were approved
     2. REP funding increase question for PAAG
     3. Staff searches underway updates
     4. Texas Legislative session initiatives underway and the TxState University System Office and the Texas Council of Faculty Senates involvement/efforts update
     5. Faculty Senate Officer election process
2. **Meeting Adjourned** 
   * 1. Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be:**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom