



**UAC Executive Board Minutes
February 1, 2012
Rudder 501**

Attendees: Amanda Mather (President), John Louis Bolch (President-Elect), Jon Kotinek (Immediate Past President) Donna Witt (VP Communications), Kelly Essler (Secretary), Jennifer Allen (Treasurer), Katie Marek (Parliamentarian), Jonathan Howell (AGLS), Christy Porter (Education), Jackie Perez (Engineering), Roxanna Russell (Geosciences), Emily Doucet (Liberal Arts), Henry Huebner (Vet Med/BIMS), Shedrick Johnson (Athletics), Bethany Smith (Student Affairs), Paul Harwell (Student Affairs), Nick Kilmer (Scholarships & Financial Aid), Laura Heard (Admissions & Office of Registrar), Orië Varner (International Programs), Mary Broussard (Undergraduate Studies)

- I. **Welcome**: Amanda Mather called meeting to order at 10:35
- II. **Minutes Approval**: Call to approve minutes from January Executive Board meeting. Motion to approve by John Louis Bolch. Orië Varner seconded that motion. Minutes from January meeting approved.
- III. **Officer and Committee Reports**
 - A. President – Amanda Mather
 1. Student Success Center Committee: Appointed to the committee by Mary Broussard's office. First meeting of the committee to be held on February 2, 2012.
 - B. President Elect – John Louis Bolch
 1. New Student Conference committee met and there are proposed changes to the freshman NSC schedule. Registration is being moved back to 1:30 instead of 1:00 and there is movement of some of the events from Day 1 to Day 2 to even out the two days. No changes proposed for the transfer NSC schedule.
 2. Core Curriculum Changes: A vote has been made to approve a plan to be taken to the Faculty Senate. These changes will take effect in the fall of 2014. Hearings are to be held this month on the proposed changes. The need for these changes are coming down from the coordinating board. Some of the changes being proposed:
 - A. Eliminating the two tiered system of natural science to one big science requirement of 9 hours.
 - B. Only 100-200 level courses will be allowed in the core. Current core curriculum courses will need to be reevaluated in the fall of 2013 to remain core.
 - C. Core curriculum courses will need to be recertified every four years.
 3. Call for nominations for both the Guthrie and Peters award will go out this month.
 - C. VP Programs – Amanda Schwede (Report given via email)
 1. Symposium registration is at 107 people.
 2. Monthly meetings:
 - A. February is Symposium
 - B. March and May will have two meetings each
 - D. VP Communications – Donna Witt
 1. No report
 - E. Secretary – Kelly Essler
 1. Membership list has been updated on the website as of February 1, 2012.
 - F. Treasurer – Jennifer Allen
 1. No report
 - G. Immediate Past President – Jonathan Kotinek
 1. If interested in serving on the nominations committee, let Jon know. This is for elected positions next year and elections are to be held in April.

IV. Old Business

- A. Mary Broussard announced that Dr. Ann Kenimer has been named Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and will assume those duties on March 1, 2012.

V. New Business

1. Kristin Harper presented to the board about the survey on advising that the Student Government is conducting. The survey is about 10 questions and was sent out to a random group of U2 and U3 students. This survey is looking at what students are learning, how often they meet with an advisor, their knowledge of the degree program requirements, scheduling appointments with advisors and other resources related to advising. The survey should take students about five minutes to complete.
 - A. Amanda Mather asked what the overall goal is with the survey and Kristin stated that they are looking at advising overall. Kristin plans on bringing the information collected back to the advisors
 - B. Katie Marek asked if the survey asked what their major is and the survey can tell that on the student
 - C. Jon Kotinek brought up the point that this would be a good opportunity to have the appointed UAC Student Government Representative come to update the UAC Executive board on the survey.
 - D. Kristin is hopeful that this survey will still carry through with the new Student Government that takes effect in April.
2. Mary Broussard announced that Dr. Kracht sent out the proposal for the new Student Success Center to AOC Deans and other groups. They would like feedback from advisors on the proposal. Amanda will bring back additional information from the meeting of the advisory group.

VI. Announcements

A. Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

1. **UAC Symposium – February 16 CS Hilton**
2. **Monthly Meetings:**
 - A. March 22: Accelerate Online and other Teacher Certification Programs 3:30-4:30, 225 Bright Athletic Complex
 - B. March 29: Serving Those Who Have Served – Veterans Mentor Training 3:30-4:30, 225 Bright Athletic Complex

B. College/Department Announcements

1. **Student Business Services:** Hard drop deadline is Monday, February 13
2. **Honors Program (Jon Kotinek):** Continuing students honors application is due February 24 and the application can be found online at <http://honors.tamu.edu/ha>. For students wanting to complete the current honors level distinctions, this is the last chance to do this. There is no more honors priority registration request as the application now takes its place. Anyone with a 3.5 or better can still register for honors course if they would like to take one. Emily Doucet asked if they missed the 2/24 deadline, will there be another opportunity. Jon stated that they can apply the next year if they are under 60 TAMU hours. The deadline for new freshmen to complete an honors application has passed.
3. **Scholarships & Financial Aid (Nick Kilmer):** Continuing student scholarship application deadline has been extended to February 2, 2012. Application for financial aid needs to be in by March 15. They are hoping to have freshmen scholarships awarded by mid-February
4. John Louis presented freshmen admission statistics as of 1/19/12:
 - A. 31,325 Applications with 24,550 of those complete
 - B. 12,334 admits
 - C. 3,651 accepts
5. **Next Executive Board Meeting:** March 7, 2012 in room 501 Rudder