



**UAC Executive Board Minutes
March 7, 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), Amanda Holmes (Architecture), Christy Porter (Education), Emily Doucet (Liberal Arts), Clint Crampton (Science), Henry Huebner (Vet Med/BIMS), Candace Schaefer (Academic Affairs), Paul Harwell (Student Affairs), Nick Kilmer (Scholarships & Financial Aid), Laura Heard (Admissions & Office of Registrar), Ori Varner (International Programs), Mary Broussard (Undergraduate Studies), Mike Yeater (Blinn), Emily Yates (International Student Services)

- I. **Welcome**: Amanda Mather called meeting to order at 10:40
- II. **Minutes Approval**: Call to approve minutes from February Executive Board meeting. Motion to approve by Henry Huebner. Jennifer Allen seconded the motion. Minutes from February meeting approved.
- III. **Officer and Committee Reports**
 - A. President – Amanda Mather
 1. AOC Dean Meeting: Student Success Center was discussed and different questions were brought up by the dean's. These questions will be brought back to the Student Success Center committee to discuss. The SGA representative talked about a bill that was passed to ask for FYGE to be dropped and extend the q-drop deadline to the 60th class day and also increase the number of q-drops to 4. This issue will need to go to the provost and faculty senate for approval. Laura Heard brought up that athletics is not really for this change as athletes cannot drop a course and still compete. Final announcement is that Dr. Kenimer is officially Associate Provost and Dr. Kracht is Assistant Associate Provost.
 - B. President Elect – John Louis Bolch
 1. GEST is completely full for the upcoming year. There is a listing of admitted freshmen classified as UNIV—they do not have a major and need to declare one by May 1. This list can be obtained from John Louis.
 2. Changing Majors at NSC: This matter is still in consideration and being discussed. No new information on this.
 3. Core Curriculum Changes: Student senate issued a resolution about the recommendations and would like the committee to consider putting in upper level classes. A request has been made to have UAC give out input and board agreed to give it if officially asked. Core committee is going to extend their deadline for 30-60 days on giving the coordinating board our plan. Amanda Mather found out at TEXAAN that TAMU is piloting the changes so that is why there is such a rush to get these in.
 - C. VP Programs – Amanda Schwede
 1. No report from officer
 2. Amanda Mather reported that symposium was a success
 - D. VP Communications – Donna Witt
 1. No report
 - E. Secretary – Kelly Essler
 1. Membership list has been updated on the website as of March 7, 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. Donna Witt asked about UAC shirts/polos and nothing further has been done on this. Amanda Mather is going to look more into it.

V. New Business

1. Discussion of UT Graduation Report led by Amanda Holmes. UT has been issued a goal of increasing their graduation rate and a report was issued on how they are going to obtain this goal. UAC issued a discussion to talk about how we can be proactive when TAMU is given the same goal. General discussion by the board on the report and different areas were discussed. Amanda Mather would like this discussion to continue at the April meeting and Amanda Holmes asked if a committee could be formed that could keep up with the different ideas regarding graduation rates. Amanda Mather was going to look into our Bylaws and see if it is possible to create one.

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
3. **Compass Advisory Group:** Friday March 23 from 1:30-3:00 in room 2327 of the GSC. Will be discussing the advising tab in Howdy. Need ore advisors to attend these meetings to give effective feedback on the functionality of Howdy/Compass.

B. **College/Department Announcements**

1. **Blinn:** Registration for incoming freshmen is changing. A final high school transcript is no longer required to register and this will allow them to register earlier that previous years. Advisors need to encourage their students to not wait to enroll in Blinn courses because they will fill up much quicker.
2. **Financial Aid:** FA is targeted to be awarded by March 15. Freshman scholarships from their office have been awarded. Some colleges are still waiting to award scholarships for the next year.
3. **Honors:** Kyle Mox is no longer with honors and Jamaica Pouncy is his new replacement. Expect an opening of AA II or Program Coordinator to be available soon to handle the honors housing.
4. **General Studies:** Met with Dr. Kenimer on the future of the program and she stated that appeal students will be able to stay in GEST for 2 semesters instead of one.
5. **TEXAAN:** Will be hosting the regional advising conference next year in San Antonio. Expected to be the first week of March.
6. **Next Executive Board Meeting:** April 4, 2012 in room 501 Rudder

Motion to adjourn by Paul Harwell.. John Louis Bolch seconded. Adjourned at 11:30.