

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Agenda  
December 5, 2014, 11:30-1:00 p.m.  
MC01 353

Call to Order

Approval of Faculty Senate meeting Minutes from Nov 7, 2014

Executive Committee Update

- Presidential Search & Chancellor Update (5 minutes)

Old Business

- Faculty Handbook Update- E. Westermann (5 minutes)
- Dean's List- R. Pittman (5 minutes)
- Faculty Recognition Committee- M. Jozwiak (5 minutes)
- Faculty Development Leave- K. Gillen (10 minutes)

New Business

- Blackboard Archives- S. Love (15 minutes)
- Student Government- A. Holiday (5 minutes)
- Faculty Survey (Academic Technology)- J. Simpson (5 minutes)

Administrative Updates

- Provost Comments (20 minutes)

Announcements

Adjourn/Next Meeting

Dean's List Report:

November 19th, Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m., the Dean's List committee met with Dr. Snow to discuss the graduation honors and the semester honors. After viewing other universities in the A&M system, Dr. Snow and the committee felt that A&M-SA should raise the graduation honors' requirements to be in-sync with most system universities.

The "suggested" GPA are in discussion to be used for Fall 2015 graduation:

- 3.9-4.0 Summa Cum Laude
- 3.7-3.89 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.5-3.69 Cum Laude

In essence, we will be increasing the GPA requirements from their current honor distinctions.

Next, we discussed implementing a "semester" honor distinction system and the GPA requirements for each. The committee decided upon the following:

- 4.0- President's List
- 3.7-3.9- Provost's List
- 3.5-3.6- Dean's List

Each of these are, at present, suggestions.

In addition, Cynthia DeLeon, from the registrar's office, was invited to attend the meeting. The committee asked several questions to determine if implementing new GPA requirements would cause a problem for students, programs, the University, etc. Ms. DeLeon stated that it would not be a problem to change the GPA requirements for December 2015 graduation, AND it will be no problem to add the semester honor names (President's List, etc) to students' transcripts each semester. She stated that it's just a matter of inputting the new requirements into the system.

The new requirements will need to be posted in the 2015 catalog (June) before officially going into effect.

Last, Dr. Snow wants Ms. DeLeon to retrieve the percentages for the graduation honors for "each" category (Summa Cum Laude, etc) that A&M-SA currently graduates. The percentages will give the committee some more insight into whether our GPAs are too low, etc.