

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

October 7, 2010

Members Present:

Tracy Bilsing (CHSS), Len Breen (CoE), Donald Bumpass (CoBA), Rebecca Bustamente (CoE), Erin Cassidy (NGL), Jeff Crane (CHSS), Donna Desforges (CHSS), Mark Frank (CoBA), Debbi Hatton (CHSS), Drew Lopenzina (CHSS), Joyce Mc Cauley (CoE), Ling Ren (CoCJ), Sheryl Serres (CoE), Tracy Steele (CHSS), Doug Ullrich (CoAS)

Members Not Present:

Carl Brewer (CoBA), Chad Hargrave (CoAS), Hee-Jong Joo (CoCJ), Renee James (CoAS), Bill Jasper (CoAS), Gerald Kohers (CoBA), Paul Loeffler (CoAS), Sheryl Mulvaney (CoAS), Dwayne Pavelock (CoAS), Ricky White (CoAS).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Senate Chair Frank.

Minutes Approved:

Motion approved to approve minutes from September 23, 2010 passed unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Meeting with Associate Provost Dick Eglsaer

1. Dr. Eglsaer would like the Senate's input on the AASCU Red Balloon Project (attachment 1). Currently he does not have a set opinion whether we should bring introduce the program to the SHSU campus but would like to the faculty to take a look at the program and provide feedback. Senators voiced concerns stemming from the project's goals such as "educate with fewer resources" and "increase number of students." Additionally the faculty felt that are organizations on campus (ADP and Delta) are already doing many of the benefits identified on the hand-out. The faculty appreciated that the administration was concerned with faculty needs but could not support implementing this program on campus.
2. Dr. Eglsaer shared the most recent version of UEAC 4.16.10 Proposed Core Objectives (attachment 2) with Chair Frank. Copies of the document were distributed to the Senate for informative purposes. The Senate found it interesting that the document listed Social Responsibility as optional criteria for courses in the Communication area. The core curriculum hour break-down indicates that SHSU's current core is pretty much in alignment with the prescribed core. Differences do occur in Component Area Cultural Studies

(SHSU-3hrs / UEAG0 hrs) and Component Area ~~W~~stitutional Option
(SHSU-1hr / UEAG6 hrs). The Senate approved Dr. Egslaer sharing the
information.

Meeting with Provost David Payne-

1. Chair Frank and Chair-elect Hatton visited with the Provost on Oct. 4th

faculty members going to the UC to teach because this was their point of contact if delayed in traffic, etc. The issue will be discussed with the Provost.

2) There are also problems with SHSU's academic calendar being different from that of Lone Star College. The different start dates caused confusion for the students enrolled in both institutions this semester. 3) Additional concern stems from different hours for student support offices.

- C. It was brought to the Senate's attention that faculty are being asked to access a student's level of patriotism when completing the recommendation form. The Senate assumed this was due to a common form being used for all scholarships including those for Military Science. There are MANY problems with Scholarships in addition to that of evaluating patriotism. Academic Affairs will be charged with reviewing the program.

Committee Reports

Faculty Affairs – Presented by committee chair Desforges

The committee meets on Wednesday at 3:00.

1. The committee reported its findings on salaries (Attachment # 5). The committee began by correlating the salaries from 20 institutions in Texas. The information was gathered from the Chronicle of Higher Education & AAUP. The committee limited its data set to schools in Texas to control variables. UTSA represented the highest means in the data and UTD & Sul Ross State was lowest. Salaries at SHSU seem to be in the average. It was noted that there is a discrepancy within the genders at SHSU. Discussion evolved on reasons including discipline discrepancies (i.e. Math vs. English).
2. The committee asked for guidance on how to approach its change on evaluating market adjustments. The topic has been examined by past Senates and the committee wanted to know the history of that research. CHSS and COBA both have formulas for determining market adjustments. The committee will gather information on how all the colleges make determinations.
3. The committee also inquired about how to proceed with reviewing tenure denials. Dr. Payne will address the Senate at a later date and questions on this topic can be posed at that time.
4. The Civic Engagement committee is currently accepting proposals for ACE designations on courses. A representative has been selected for each college. Those representatives are:
 - CHSS – Lee Miller Sociology
 - CoBA – Sanjay Mehta Management/Marketing
 - CoCJ – Raymond Teske
 - CoAS – Sergio Ruiz – Music
 - CoE – Joyce McCauley – Education (Chair of ACE committee)

Depending on the state of Banner, the ACE designation should appear beginning with the fall semester. Each college has been encouraged to consider the FES weighing matrix in order to help weight civic engagement (Attachment #6)

University Affairs – Presented by Mark Frank.

The committee meets on Wednesday at 2pm in City on the 1st floor of the NGL

The committee has gathered information on the cost of parking at other institutions. (Attachment #4) SHSU seems to be in alignment with other schools in Texas for parking in unreserved surface lots and parking garages. It does seem to be low on cost for reserved-numbered surface lot parking. Members of the Senate liked the sliding scale for parking used at SFA. They also would like to inquire who is paying \$35 for a spot at SHSU. The report will be presented to Provost Payne.

Academic Affairs

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