

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
November 19, 2009

Members Present

Leonard Breen; Donald Bumpass; Erin Cassidy; Jeff Crane; Mark

- Associate Provost Eglsaer also discussed ongoing efforts to increase oral communications in the core curriculum, a push to separate advancement from the merit-increase pool, and the dropping of the faculty lounge from current construction projects.

Chair Loeffler reported from his meeting with Mayor Turner:

- Mayor Turner was receptive to the idea of panel hosted by the Faculty Senate to discuss traffic safety issues around campus. The possibilities panel participants include representatives from the city of Huntsville, the Texas Department of Transportation, and Sam Houston State University. Senator Breen discussed the University Affairs committee's progress on identifying troubled areas in and around campus.

Old Business

Several senators reported that the university will provide dual use of Blackboard and eCollege for the spring semester, with the singular use of eCollege after the spring semester.

The Distance Education Committee will include two senators, Senator Miller and Senator Frank.

New Business

The senate discussed problems with the current draft of a new university homepage (http://www.shsu.edu/~shsu_web/). Concerns were raised on the lack of academic content and limited faculty input. Specific complaints centered on the exclusion of a link to the library on the homepage, and the omission of a quick-links drop-down menu. The Faculty Senate passed unanimously a resolution concerning the exclusion of the library from the homepage (see attachment). The senate also began work on a tentative resolution regarding senate input prior to the homepage going online.

Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the Newton Gresham Library on the New SHSU Homepage

The Faculty Senate resolves that the new university homepage should include the Newton Gresham Library, representing one of the major academic components of the institution.

Adopted Unanimously, November 19, 2009

Paul Loeffler, Chair

Mark Frank, Chair-Elect