

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
February 3, 2011

Members Present:

Len Breen (CoE), Carl Brewer (CoBA), Donald Bumpass (CoBA), Donna Desforbes (CHSS), Mark Frank (CoBA), Chad Hargrave (CoAS), Debbi Hatton (CHSS), Renee James (CoAS), Gerald Kohers (CoBA), Paul Loeffler (CoAS), Joyce Mc Cauley (CoE), Sheryl Murphy (CoAS), Dwayne Pavelock (CoAS), Sheryl Serres (CoE), Doug Ullrich (CoAS), Ricky White (CoAS).

Members Not Present:

Adoption of Cellphone usage in the Classroom (Attachment #2)

Chair Frank and Chairlect Hatton discussed faculty concerns with the newly adopted policy on cellphone usage in the classroom with Provost Payne. The policy is an extension of a policy adopted by CHSS. Provost Payne was under the impression that the faculty member retained final decision on using the technology for instructional purposes. However, the

Students enrolling in online courses are assessed a fee of \$101 per hour. This typically adds \$303 to the cost of the course. The fee is shared between DELTA, the department, the college and the Provost's office. Fees must be spent to enhance the course.

Due to the extensive spectrum of this issue, Chair Frank established an ad hoc committee to research the concerns. The committee should formulate a white paper focused on:

- Enrollment of online courses
- Faculty evaluations in online courses
- Pedagogy strategies for online courses
- Fund sharing of course fees

Faculty members who are interested in joining the committee should contact Chair Frank.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Report presented by Doug Ullrich

- The committee accepted the charge to work on alternative language for the cell phone usage policy.

Committee on Committees Report presented by Gerald Kohers

1. Survey Time! The committee would like to shorten the form and would like recommendations for items to delete. Provost Payne would like to see the survey shortened because he doesn't feel most faculty can accurately evaluate administrators because they are not aware of their daily duties. Several copies of the results should be presented to both to President Gibson and Provost Payne. The comments and results will be disseminated to the University community in an edition of the Faculty Senate minutes. Senators should send recommendations on the survey to Gerald. (Attachment #3)
2. Committee preference forms have been emailed to campus faculty. They will be active until Feb. 11, 2011. The committee will use the preference forms to

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