

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
February 4, 2010**

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- Provost Payne also expressed support for the faculty's concerns over the changing of the academic calendar this past fall semester, as well as concerns over the length of the upcoming fall semester.

Chair Loeffler reported from the January 29 eCollege meeting

- Associate Vice President for Distance Learning, Bill Angrove, announced that Blackboard will remain for the foreseeable future. The university will support both platforms, Blackboard and eCollege, until concerns with eCollege have been resolved. Currently, Bill Angrove's office is working with eCollege to improve its functionality. This includes the recent incorporation of Learning Objects and Turn-It-In. Work is also being done to make eCollege's grade book function more like Blackboard's. A new, customized eCollege grade book design is expected by fall 2010.
- Bill Angrove also provided documentation from eCollege to show that material placed on eCollege by faculty remains the intellectual property of the customer (SHSU), not eCollege.
- The university is currently out of compliance because materials placed on Blackboard are not being archived for the full five years, as required.

Chair Loeffler reported from the February 3 APC meeting

- The APC discussed minor changes to the faculty workload policy (790601), including the addition of art courses FTE credit, see 3..the 4Tj 0Tj 0es to
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New Business

Committee Reports

The Committee on Committees reported success in adjusting the upcoming Faculty