

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

Chair Debbie Price called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Members Present: Doug Constance, Peggy DeMers, James DeShaw, Jerry Dowling, Mary Gutermuth, Deborah Hatton, Lady Jane Hickey, Rosanne Keathley, Gerald Kohers, Paul Loeffler, Brian Loft, Valerie Muehsam, Debra Price, Jay Whatley, Christopher White, and Patricia Williams

There were not enough Senators to make a quorum for the January 26, 2006 meeting.

Drs. Marsha Harmon and Ron Primm discussed the development of the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center. M. Harmon will convene a task force to determine the mission, strategic goals, implementation timeline, and governance of the Center.

New Business:

IDEA Concerns: Dr. Muehsam will conduct visits with all of the colleges to address the concerns of the administration of the fall IDEA evaluations.

Input from the Faculty Senate included:

- Chair Price stated that comparisons of scores were not based on specific disciplines, but rather entire colleges.
- Senator Hatton stated that the Speech Department faculty has not yet received the results of the Fall 2005 evaluations.
- Senator Muehsam reported that a faculty member in the College of Business repeated their specific course objectives during each class period and their evaluation scores were high.
- Senator Dowling referred to his previous results and used those objectives that received positive marks as objectives for the fall evaluation period.
- Chair Price said that the Dean's Council has requested that faculty be given a minimum of four weeks to complete the evaluations by the end of the semester and for a timeline for implementation.
- Senator Loeffler asked what was the actual cost per student for the printing, administration, analysis, and summation of the IDEA system compared to the 7-point scale previously used by the university.
- Senator Whatley expressed concern for the manner in which the results of the previous evaluations will effect tenure and promotion for the non-tenured faculty.
- Chair Price stated Provost Payne will address these issues during the February 23rd Faculty Senate meeting.

Old Business:

Hangtag Parking Permits:

- Chair Price discussed the request made by Staff council regarding Faculty Senate support of transportable hangtag parking permits. Replacement cost for lost or stolen hangtags will be \$15.00. The original cost of the hangtags will be \$75 vs. the \$60 for the present system. The difference is \$15.
- Senator Loeffler reminded Senators that the request was made by the Staff Council and they needed our support to have this process pass.
- Senator DeShaw made the motion to support the hangtags, seconded by Senator Loeffler, approved with 14:1 vote.

Committee Reports:

The following committee reports were submitted to the Senate:

Academic Affairs: Committee Chair Patricia Williams brought forth the academic ~~un~~winiversities ~~as~~id)9(

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