

September 21, 2023  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Austin Hall

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Diana Brown, (COBA), Tamara Cook (COSET), Miltonette Craig (CJ), Kevin Crouch (CAM), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Xiaoman Duan (COBA), Dustin Gross (COSET), Owen Kelly (COM), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Diana Nabors (COE), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Todd Primm (COSET), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Rebecca Wentworth (COE), Darren Williams (COSET).

Guests

Volha Minich (COSET)

Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Daphne Johnson (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM)

Amanda Dunbar, Office of Internal Audit, SHSU

Patrick Nelson, Office of Internal Audit, SHSU

3:30 p.m., by Chair, Samuel Adu-Prah.

Ms. Amanda Dunbar and Mr. Patrick Nelson from the Office of Internal Audit presented to the Faculty Senate for the opportunity to meet. Ms. Dunbar presented on her SHSU Bearkat Bundle program.

Ms. Dunbar reported that while the audit demonstrated the effectiveness of the

were raised by senators, including reports of: a) the program failing to demonstrate notable improvements on issues reported in the Fall 2022 semester; b) a percentage of classes in Fall 2023 not having access to textbooks after more than four weeks into the semester; c) courses being required to move to newer, more expensive textbook editions despite older editions being available through other platforms; d) textbooks being reported as out-of-print within Bearkat Bundle's system despite being available through alternate third-party commercial sites; e) a lack of timely updates to students and faculty on delayed items; f) unsatisfactory customer service; and g) discrepancies in price comparison datapoints, with concerns that projected savings estimates are contrasting semesterly-rent prices to third-party purchase prices of new latest-edition versions.

The senate agreed that further review of the Bearkat Bundle program was warranted, and that it would seek additional mechanisms for exploring how the program may be assessed and improved. The senate thanked the special guests for attending and reporting on their findings.

The minutes of the September 7, 2023, meeting were approved.

1. The chair provided updates on subcommittee assignments for the following policies in review:

- APS 021120 Procedures for Distance and Online Education
- APS 811006 Students with Disabilities
- APS 801007 Courses and Grades Transferred from Other Colleges and Universities
- APS 800328 Faculty Development Leave

2. The chair updated senate on calls for nominations to working groups assigned to the following policies under review:

- APS 21120 Off-Campus and Online Education
- APS 980204 Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty
- APS 110511 Appointment, Evaluation, and Workload of Chairs
- APS 900417 Faculty Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion for Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty
- APS 820317 The Faculty Evaluation System
- APS 810701 Instructional Overloads
- APS 810213 Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty
- APS 840502 Admission Standards for Undergraduate Students

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