

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

March 9, 2023
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Peabody Library

Senators Present (18).

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Mario Aschauer (CAM), Maria Botero (CHSS), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Mandy Duan (COBA), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Sureni Mullegama (COM), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Perry Karin (COE), Todd Primm (COSET), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE), Darren Williams (COSET).

Senators Not Present (11).

Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Tamara Cook (COSET), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Nicolas Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS).

Guest

Volha Minich, Cathy Lockwood

Special Guest

Joe Contreras, Executive Director, First-Generation Center
Chad W. Hargrave, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer & Associate Provost

Call to Order

3:30 PM

Special Guest

Mr. Contreras thanked the Faculty Senate for the opportunity to present to Senate programs at the First-Generation Center. He gave informational handouts to Senate about First-Generation Center and recounted his experience as first-generation student in college and later as an army officer. Mr. Contreras responded to the Senate about what makes the first-generation program unique and different.

Dr Hargrave also thanked the Faculty Senate for the opportunity given him to respond to concerns pertaining to *APS 090130 - Intellectual Property and APS 221111 – Data Ownership*. Senators raised the concerns as to why such a policy (APS 090130) is necessary. Dr. Hargrave responded by recounting the background warranting such a policy. Senators further questioned the data ownership policy. Again, Dr. Hargrove responded by giving examples of situations where such a policy will be necessary. Senators also wanted sections of the APS 090130 to be refined. Senators also raised concerns about the university taking away copyright from Faculty with such a policy. Dr. Hargrave agreed that further work needed to be done on the policies. The

Chair of the Senate mentioned that there is the need to create a policy that all parties will agree to and recommended that further suggestions and feedback on the policies should be sent to her.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting were approved.

Senate Committee Reports

University Affairs Committee

The UA committee reviewed the policy *APS 990407 - Student Resignations* and recommended that the policy be accepted with minor revision. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

Committee on Committees & Surveys

The Committee on Committee & Surveys updated FS on the preference survey. The committee mentioned that work is in progress and will report on after Spring break

Faculty Affairs Committee

Faculty Affairs reviewed the policy *APS 861001 - Student Absences on Religious Holy Days* and recommended the policy be accepted as it is. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

Academic Affairs Committee

Academic Affairs committee reviewed policy *APS 910116 – Off-Campus Instruction* and noted a discrepancy with what is written and what the policy is intended for. The committee recommended a more extensive conversation and clarity before rescinding APS 910116 as this policy does not define off-campus in such a restrictive manner as does APS 021120. The Faculty Senate Chair agreed to call Dr. Gaillard and update the Senate in the next meeting.

Committee for Non-TT Proposal (update)

No update was provided on this matter.

New Business

New business listed.

1. Question Enhanced Review for APS 840606, Library Use Policy
2. FS volunteers for workgroup charged with revision of policy [APS 021120 – Procedures in Online Education](#).
3. FS volunteers for workgroup charged with revision of policy APS 950818, Distribution of

Chair's Report

1. Response from Academic Affairs to our feedback (02/23):

Academic Affairs agreed with our proposal of not conducting the Pilot on grade check and instead make use of grades posted on Blackboard as a way to support student success.

2. Budget for FS refreshments approved.

Announcements

Chair Elect Samuel Adu-Prah will not be able to attend the next meeting 03/23/2023. Senator Zachary Valdes volunteered in his absence to take the minutes.

Next Meeting

March 23, Peabody Library, 3:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

5:00 PM