

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

October 21, 2021
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Remote via Zoom

Senators Present (27).

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Mario Aschauer (CAM), Natalie Baker (CJ), Maria Botero (CHSS), Tim Brown (COE), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Tamara Cook (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Mandy Duan (COBA), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Yoon Hwang (NGL), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Sureni Mullegama (COM), Junkun Ma (COSET), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Mary Petrón (COE), Debbie Price (COE), Kevin Randall (COHS), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Aneika Simmons (COBA), Xiaobin Wang (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE)

Senators Not Present (3).

Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Mona Cockerham (COHS), Kyle Stutts (COSET),

Special Guests.

Dr. Ken Hendrickson, Dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Michael Demson, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC).

Called to Order
3:30 PM

Special Guests

Dr. Ken Hendrickson answered several questions regarding updates to APS 930129 Graduate Degree Enrollment and Completion Requirements and APS 890303 Employment of Graduate Assistants, currently under review by Faculty Senate.

- x APS 930129. Dr. Hendrickson argued that there are two main supporting reasons for the proposed changes regarding continuous enrollment of students. First, this measure will help students meet the expected completion date of their degree and, second, this will allow students to be able to use the library throughout the summer. Senator Lantz raised a concern that this will require faculty to work during the summertime despite only being contracted to work for nine months. Dr. Hendrickson agreed that this concern regarding summer overload must be considered. Senator Price

discipline is a requirement from the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and that this can include credits brought from a previous institution (including international), as long as the student has obtained a transcript validation for these credits.

Committee on Committees & Surveys

Senator Wentworth (Chair of CC Committee) updated FS on the new changes (reviewing the Committee Book) The CC committee will provide a report during the next FS meeting.

Faculty Affairs Committee

FA committee has been recently charged with revising APS 860904 Academic Credit for Experiential Learning. The FA committee will provide a report during the next FS meeting.

University Affairs Committee

The UA committee will consider the information obtained through the discussion of Dr. Hendrickson and will provide an updated review of APS 890303 Employment of Graduate Assistants at the next FS meeting.

Shared Governance Committee

Senator Sherrill (Chair of the SG Committee) presented an update of the work done by the SG committee. The committee continues to review how other institutions have adopted shared governance; the current aim is to delineate the overarching principles that will guide a shared governance proposal.

Other Reports

Strategic Plan Steering Committee

Senator Sherrill updated FS on the creation of focus groups for faculty and faculty senate. These focus groups will provide feedback in response to the President's questions. This feedback will be used to design the questionnaire that will be sent to the university.

Chair's Report

The Chair provided an update on the following topics:

- x Chair and Chair Elect meeting with Provost on October 8.
- o Emergency university closures via What'safe should indicate status of online courses.
- o Issues with Committee Book – Committee on Committees & Surveys making sure faculty representation is correct.
- o New university laptop login issue (sign-in only when on wifi) - Provost will bring up to VP of IT.
- o The creation of an email directed to all faculty containing updates from FS is currently being discussed.
- o Discussed stalled policy review (FES, Posture review, etc.) In response to this update some senators raised the concern that faculty was not involved in the development of these new policies. Senators Doleshal, Hay, Price, and Rapp, will work on a statement that raises these concerns and argues the involvement of faculty in the creation of these policies. Further concerns regarding how (di)

