

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
February 14, 2013
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Austin Hall

Members present:

Nancy Baker (H&SS); Tracy Bilsing (H&SS); Don Bumpass (COBA); Donna Cox (COE); Tom Cox (H&SS); James Crosby (H&SS); Diane Dowdey (H&SS); Mark Frank (COBA); Randall Garner (CJ); Debbi Hatton (H&SS); Richard Henriksen (COE); C. Renée James (COS); Bill Jasper (COS); Gerald Kohers (COBA); Paul Loeffler (COS); Dennis Longmire (CJ); Joyce McCauley (COE); Sheryl Murphy-Manley1 (T3 (I) 1 (C) -5 (O) -6 (E) - Q24W12 (e)4 0 &3 ((M)) q 0.24 q 0.24 0 0 0.24 430.0038 608.04cm BT 0 0 7

Faculty Senate noted that there was a typo in section 3.01, which should state that administrative officers have only seven days to forward documentation, not fourteen. This should be fixed.

Dean deCastro reiterated that those who are eligible to apply are enumerated in section 2.01a. This list does include chairs and associate deans, who still have to perform scholarly activities for promotion. Administrative duties necessarily take away from this scholarship, so this gives those faculty members the opportunity to pursue scholarship while maintaining an administrative role.

Another major change is

rejection. It was agreed that there are some procedural bugs to be worked out, but both Dean deCastro and Faculty Senate felt that expanding the pool of granted leaves would be beneficial.

The Faculty Affairs Committee was assigned the task of further reviewing the policy.

Approval of Minutes: January 24 minutes (as amended) were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report:

Chair Steele rapidly mentioned the upcoming IDEA visit and encouraged Senators to tell colleagues to attend a session. Also, new estimates for unfunded mandates (e.g. Hazlewood) raise the total from \$22 million to \$72 million statewide. Neither the THECB nor the Texas Legislature have discussed HOW these will be funded, however.

Regarding technology exceptions, the Provost was unaware that policy required departments to be charged \$1000 for an exception, and said he would look into the matter. IT exceptions, HEAF, and other related issues have been assigned to the University Affairs Committee.

Several emails were exchanged between Chair Steele, Dr. Anthony Watkins, and Mike Steigerwald (IT) to clarify questions of exceptions, technology needs, and faculty contacts. The following is a distillation of those exchanges:

The main contact in IT for information regarding software (cost estimates, licensing & terms of usage, acquisition, etc.), computer replacements and exceptions is Mateo Zuniga at extension 4-4880. He is located in AB1-127 and directly reports to Mr. Steigerwald as the Manager of Technical Assets

Total combined percentage which were exceptions = 7.7% (academic affairs only)
 The requested data on the exceptions for fiscal year 2013 (6 months to date) are as follows:
 Total quantity of PCs purchased by IT campus wide = 604
 Total quantity of exceptions - campus wide = 51
 Total quantity of exemptions for Academic Affairs = 37 (out of 604) @ \$51,833 of which \$15,245 was funded by IT@Sam (under new rules)
 Total quantity of exemptions for the rest of campus 14 (out of 604)
 Total combined percentage which were exceptions = 8.4% (all campus)
 Total combined percentage which were exceptions = 6.1% (academic affairs only)
 There has been only one instance of the \$1000 charge so far this year. The cost of the requested unit was \$3,275 and the art department only paid \$1,000.
 In 2012 the colleges paid 100% of the cost of requested exceptions
 In 2013 IT would fund the amount equal to the qualifying standard device cost (minus \$1,000)

Committee Reports:

In the interest of time, no committee reports were presented. However, the Committee on Committees is soliciting suggestions for changes to the annual survey.

Adjournment: 5:01 pm

Next Meeting: 0.0135 T5 @ 2:00 p.m. (u) T5.0145 @ 4:00 p.m. 2.50 @ 4:56 p.m. @ 4:50 p.m. @ 4:50 p.m. Tm TT2.0 1 Tf (Tj ET 142110