

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**October 18, 2012  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Austin Hall**

**Members present:**

Nancy Baker (H&SS); Helen Berg (COE); Tracy Bilsing (H&SS); Don Bumpass (COBA); Kevin Clifton (FA&MC); Donna Cox (COE); Jeff Crane (H&SS); Randall Garner (CJ); Debbi Hatton (H&SS); Richard Henriksen (COE); Joan Hudson (COS); C. Renée James (COS); Bill Jasper (COS); Gerald Kohers (COBA); Hayoung Lim (FA&MC); Paul Loeffler (COS); Dennis Longmire (CJ); Sheryl Murphy-Manley (FA&MC); Debra Price (COE); Lisa Shen (NGL); Tracy Steele (H&SS); Stacy Ulbig (H&SS); Doug Ullrich (COS); Anthony Watkins (FA&MC)

**Members not present:**

3. Core Curriculum: The Core Curriculum Committee is expecting numerous proposals, which will be farmed out to the various subcommittees after the October 22 deadline.

4. IDEA: The administration shares the Faculty Senate's concerns about the interpretation and use

Provost agreed completely with Faculty Senate regarding problems with Degree Works and Banner. Banner has produced some good in regard to finance in part because the university invested money hiring a Banner Finance expert. VP Eglsaer is now hiring a Banner Student Expert (not a student, but someone whose expertise is in the programs involving students).

7. The transition from adjunct positions to tenure track lines.

The Provost confirmed this week that increased enrollment generated \$2.2 million in new revenue. However, \$1.1 million paid for Hazelwood, while \$744,000 paid for adjuncts who taught approximately 270 new sections that were added to meet student demand. The Provost would like to see adjunct positions convert to tenure track. His office will take a close look at this during the next budget cycle. They will study the percentage SCH generated by of adjuncts compared to tenure/tenure track faculty (not including labs or developing courses). Each college is exhorted to determine what its balance should be. For example, CHSS traditionally is 60% Tenure/Tenure-Track, so they should consider the question: Should that drop to 52%? Should it remain the same or be higher? The Provost believes that with this information, it will be easier to argue for needed tenure/tenure track lines.

8. Emergency Exit in Austin Hall

This issue is being followed up on, but it is agreed that having signage to indicate an emergency exit, along with a common-sense method to unlock a door is important.

9. Travel

Provost Hebert said it was unacceptable for faculty to be denied legitimate travel expenses and asked specifics of the cases in question. Since then, the faculty member who brought this issue to the Senate has said that the junior faculty members who were impacted were grateful and more confident that they would be reimbursed. It was decided that they should be told that the Provost would intervene *if necessary*.

10. Clickers

There is a committee investigating the feasibility of common clickers for every SHSU class that uses the device. Thus students w ( ) 6 2 ( ) 5 (w) -4 ( ) 5f [m /F2n.88cm2.0 1Tf ( ) Tj ET d.0 1Tf ((vi) 45 ( ) ) -

**CORE Report:** Debbi Hatton updated Senate on the meeting of the Core Curriculum Committee on 17 October. Faculty were asked to get completed applications to their respective Deans by Friday, 19 October so they can get to the Core Curriculum Committee by Monday, 22 October.

**Committee Reports:**

*Academic Affairs Committee*

See attached report.

*Committee on Committees*

There are vacancies for Research Council

## **Academic Affairs Committee Report**

**Sam Houston State University**

**Submitted by Sheryl Murphy-Manley, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee**

October 18, 2012

Members: Sheryl Murphy-Manley (CFAMC), Kevin Clifton (CFAMC), William Jasper (COS), Paul Loeffler (COS), Rick White (COS), James Crosby (CHSS), Doug Ullrich (COS)

