

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

September 7, 2017
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Austin Hall

Members Present (26). Donald Albert (COSET), Burcu Ates (COE), Maria Botero (CHSS), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Donald Bumpass (COBA), William Carroll (CHSS), Kevin Clifton (FAMC), James Crosby (CHSS), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Andrea Foster (COE), Randall Garner (CJ), Donovan Haines (COSET), Michael Hanson (NGL), Renee James (COSET), William Jasper (COSET), Santosh Kumar (COBA), Bobby LaRue (CJ), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Karen Miller (FAMC), Melinda Miller (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Nancy Stockall (COE), Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (FAMC), Ryan Zapalac (COHS)

Members Not Present (3). Helen Berg (COE), Madhusudan Choudhary (COSET), Eric Marsh (FAMC),

Called to Order. 3:32 PM Austin Hall by outgoing Chair Donna Cox. The chair's gavel was handed over to incoming senate Chair Jonathan Breazeale.

Special Guests. Dr. Dana Hoyt – University President, Dr. Richard Eglsaer – Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Outgoing senators were recognized by Dr. Hoyt.

Dr. Hoyt updated the senate on the status of Hurricane Harvey related costs and business interruption insurance claims. There was some damage on campus as well as personal costs. Enrollment appears to have remained strong following Harvey. Less than 100 students have left the university following hurricane Harvey.

The university is aware of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) related concerns and is working to stay up to date on any changes or possible impact on students and the university. The President doesn't currently have any concerns about employees being affected.

Dr. Richard Eglsaer addressed the senate regarding university scheduling and coordinating board actions relating to hurricane Harvey.

A lengthy Q & A ensued with Dr. Eglsaer about the D.O. school.

SACS accreditation update. The university is still behind on policy reviews. There are many issues that the university will need feedback on during this process. The Provost requested that senators assist with these reviews. Concern was raised that the senate does not regularly see the final results of their work and recommendations.

Approval of Minutes. The April 27 minutes were approved with 1 vote against and 2 abstentions

There was no further business

Adjournment: 5:00 PM