

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

October 13, 2022
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Peabody Library

Senators Present (20).

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Maria Botero (CHSS), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Tamara Cook (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Mandy Duan (COBA), Jamie Duran (COE), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Nicolas Lantz (CHSS), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE), Darren Williams (COSET).

Guest.

Volha Minich (COSET)

Senators Not Present (10).

Mario Aschauer (CAM), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Sureni Mullegama (COM), Debbie Price (COE), Todd Primm (COSET), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS).

Special Guests.

Tiffany Hubrig, Program Coordinator for Student Money Management.

Call to Order

3:30 PM

Special Guests.

Tiffany Hubrig presented on the responsibilities and the role of the Student Money Management SHSU.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September 22, 2022 meeting were approved.

Opening remarks

The Chair of the Senate commented on the process to move and approve motion on academic policy statement reviews. She mentioned that a written document that describes the procedure will be provided.

Senate Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Cook (Chair of AA Committee) provided a list of the committee's proposal ideas for Faculty Senate driven initiatives. Among these ideas, the committee suggested training of onboard faculty senators and communication of Faculty Senate with faculty. The committee members reiterated the importance of using the newsletter to update faculty on the work of Faculty Senate.

Committee on Committees & Surveys

The Committee on Committees & Surveys requested for extension for proposal ideas for Faculty-Senate driven initiatives.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Lantz (Chair of FA Committee) stated that the committee continues to work on the *Faculty Handbook* and asked for thoughts and comments to be sent to the committee. The committee agreed that it is important for the handbook to guide faculty, especially new faculty.

University Affairs Committee

Senator Murfin (Chair of UA Committee) presented the committee's proposal for Faculty Senate driven initiatives. Two main ideas were discussed and commented on: 1) SHSU daycare and 2) improving campus accessibility. The committee also mentioned other ideas including using the budget of the graduate school or other resources to develop grants for MA program recruitment; revisit the issue of parking, and faculty gym. Senate discussed the importance and the challenges as well as the way forward with the two main proposal ideas.

Further steps on how to select and implement these initiatives were discussed.

New Business

Senators Sherrill and Hay in the Shared Governance Working Group provided an evaluation of APS 210216 –Policy on Policy and moved forward a motion to accept the policy. Senate unanimously voted unanimously to accept the motion.

Faculty Senate started discussing the possibility of hosting social gatherings to strengthen shared governance.

Senator Duran attended a meeting held by Barnes and Nobles on behalf of Senate. He updated Senate on the efforts to improve services.

The following were listed as upcoming tasks for the different committees: Academic Affairs (*evaluation of APS 110511 - Appointment and Evaluation of Chairs*); Committee on Committees & Surveys (*Ideas Proposal for Faculty Driven Projects*), and Faculty Affairs (updates to *Faculty Handbook*).

Senate also agreed establishing time limits on guest presentations.

Chair's Report

The Chair's report was postponed to next meeting.

Announcements

Faculty Workload Policy will be sent through email.

Next Meeting

October 27, Austin Hall, 3:30 P.M.

Adjournment:

5:05 PM