

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

September 22, 2016

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Lowman Student Center – Room 304

**Members Present (22):** Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Donald Albert (COS), Burcu Ates (COE), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Donald Bumpass (COBA), Joan Bytheway (CJ), Madhusudan Choudhary (COS), Donna Cox (COE), James Crosby (CHSS), Brandy Doleshal (COS), , John Domino (CHSS), Andrea Foster (COE), Donovan Haines (COS), Michael Hanson (NGL), Debbi Hatton (FAMC), Renee James (COS), William Jasper (COS), Jeffrey Littlejohn (CHSS), Melinda Miller (COE), Karen Miller (FAMC), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Raymond Teske (CJ), Anthony Watkins (FAMC)

**Members Not Present (8):** Nancy Baker (CHSS) [on leave for fall 2016], Jennifer Didier (COHS), Karla Eidson (COE), Randall Garner (CJ), Santosh Kumar (COBA), Eric Marsh (FAMC), Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), Ryan Zapalac (COHS) [on leave for fall 2016]

**Called to Order:** 3:30 PM in Lowman Student Center – Room 304 by Chair, Dr. Donna Cox

**Special Guests:** Dr. Jeremiah Dancy and Fernando Chavez of the Veterans Alliance Network (VAN) came to present the familiarization orientation that they offer the SHSU community with helping veterans become integrated students. Presentations for this semester will be held in LSC 320 on the following Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:30 PM: September 27, October 18, November 8. The training is offered each semester for both faculty and staff. Attendees are encouraged to sign-up via Talent Management.

**Personal Introductions.** Since the senators from CHSS were not able to attend the September 8 meeting, senators quickly introduced themselves again.

**Approval of Minutes.** The September 8 meeting minutes were approved.

**Chair's Report**

**DO Dean and Program Concerns.** There appears to be a leading dean candidate for the position, and another who the administration would love to see as Associate Dean. Dr. Eglsaer believes an offer will be made in the near future. He reiterated that a Dean suite is required for a feasibility study and subsequent hurdles (curriculum committee, accreditation, coordinating board, etc.).

**Signage for UIL Events as Related to Concealed Carry.** This issue remains unresolved and one senator indicated that there are discussions in Austin to address it.

**Access to Dropbox.** Access to Dropbox has not been removed. The University would like to stop the use of Dropbox within the next year as they adopt Windows 360. A similar feature is included with the Microsoft software (for which the university has already paid).

**Parking/Traffic.** Dr. Eglsaer has not received any parking complaints and was surprised to learn this is an issue. Several senators are concerned about potential accidents while students back out of the angled parking spaces on Bobby K. Marks Drive. Senators also questioned why there is an East and West designation for faculty. Why can faculty not park in either one if there is no availability in their designated zone? One senator indicated that UPD had received over 800 traffic calls/complaints last week alone. Another senator had called UPD to ask for clarification on rules, and several messages were unanswered and un-returned.

### **Old Business**

**Standing Committee Assignments.** Senators received their committee assignments for 2016-2017 and met in committee to select committee chairs. Committees selected the following chairs:

Academic Affairs:	Irfan Ahmed
University Affairs:	Tony Watkins
Faculty Affairs:	Debbi Hatton / Jamie Crosby (co-chairs)
Committee on Committees:	Melinda Miller

### **New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.