



Faculty Senate Minutes
Sam Houston State University
April 29, 2004

Members present: David Bailey, Chris Baldwin, James Carter, Mary Lynn DeShazo, Stacey Edmonson, Mark Frank, Mary Gutermuth, Marsha Harman, Deborah Hatton, David Henderson, Lady Jane Hickey, Joe Kirk, Gerald Kohers, Paul Loeffler, Valerie Muehsam, Holly Miller, Kandi Tayebi, Tamara Waggener, Christopher White, Patricia Williams

Member absent: Steven Cuvelier (professional conflict), S. Thomas Kordinak (professional conflict), Debra Price (family illness), Gary Smith (professional conflict)

Guest Speaker

Dr. Terry Thibodeaux, Interim Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences, shared the progress of the newly developed college. He fielded specific questions regarding various departments and concerns of individual senators. Where decisions are required, Dean Thibodeaux indicated that people should contact him. The office staff is being assembled as he reviews resumes and conducts interviews.

Approval of Minutes

Emendations for the minutes of April 15th were approved.

Chair's Report

- There has been some confusion regarding the Women's Advisory Council. Although Chair Tayebi had understood Dr. Richard Eglsaer to say that the council had been approved by the Council of Deans as proposed by the Faculty Senate, Dr. Eglsaer has indicated that the establishment of the council has been approved. However, how individuals are nominated to that remains to be approved.
- The Senate's Research Subcommittee was asked to attend the Research Council meeting with Associate Vice President Gordon Plishker. Issues continue to be whether the term *research* should be in the title of the Faculty Research Grants and whether the Research Council should review the proposals. The Senate's Research Subcommittee strongly suggested that the term remain in the title because the grant was for research. The Research Council also agreed to review the proposals.

Committee Reports

Committee on Committees

Senator Gerald Kohers distributed the results of the Faculty Senate Survey. It was decided that five Senators would have copies of the comments in their offices that faculty could review. However, no notes or copies of the comments can be made, and the reviewer must stay in the Senator's office throughout the reviewing.

The numbers portion of the survey was distributed to the Senators to take back to their constituents. The numbers are being placed on the Web. Comments are being summarized and the summary will be placed on the Web.

New Business

Chair-elect Harman shared a bill from the Student Government Association Senate suggesting that there be three students on the Search Committee for the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences: one from the Student Government Association at large, one from the humanities, and one from the social sciences..

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Harman, Chair-Elect