

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

May 4, 2023
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Austin Hall

Senators Present (23)

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Mario Aschauer (CAM), María Botero (CHSS), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Tamara Cook (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Mandy Duan (COBA), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), , Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Todd Primm (COSET), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE).

Senators Not Present (6)

Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Sureni Mullegama (COM), Karin Perry (COE), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS), Darren Williams (COSET).

Guest

Volha Minich, Tom Brommage

Called to Order

3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

Senate Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs committee reviewed policy *APS 800925, Faculty Retirement and Emeritus Status*. The committee recommended the policy to be approved with minor revisions. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to accept the policy.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Faculty Affairs committee reviewed policy *APS 840606 -Library Use Policy*. The committee recommended to accept with major revisions. No vote was passed on the recommendation.

Faculty Affairs committee also reviewed policy *APS 890301, Hiring, Evaluation, Promotion, and Merit for Non-Tenure Track Faculty*. The committee recommended to reject the policy with the notion that it will move as interim policy and brought to discussion at the senate floor. There were discussions and motion on the policy to be approved as an interim policy with intend to fix in Fall. Faculty Senate approved the motion.

University Affairs Committee

University Affairs Committee reviewed policy *APS 030603-Student's Use of Academic Facilities and APS- 791221 Faculty Participation in Commencement*. The committee's recommendation to accept the policy APS 030603 was passed by FS. The committee recommendation on policy APS 791221 to reject was unanimously voted to reject the policy.

University Affairs committee also reviewed policy *APS 830824, Posthumous Recognition of Students*. The committee recommended to accept the policy with minor edits. Faculty Senate unanimously voted to accept.

Committee on Committees & Surveys

Committee on committee and Surveys updated Senate on FS elections and nominations to university committees.

New Business

There were discussions and vote on proposal to change Faculty Senate Bylaws. Faculty Senate voted to amend the bylaws.

The election of new Chair-Elect (2023-4) was conducted with Senator Zachary Valdes voted as the new Chair-Elect.

Chair's Report

The Chair referenced us to the report.

Thank you from Chair!

Announcements

The Chair announced the last meeting for the current academic year.

Next Meeting

Fall, 2023

Adjournment:

5:00 PM