

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

April 27, 2023  
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
Austin Hall

**Senators Present (27).**

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

**Senators Not Present (2).**

Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS),

**Guests**

Volha Minich.

**Call to Order**

3:30 PM

**Special Guests**

Dr. Michael T. Stephenson, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Anne Gaillard, Vice Provost.

**Discussion with special guests Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Gaillard.**

The Provost and the Vice Provost answered questions from FS members. Among the topics and questions discussed were:

- merits pay
- legislative bills (tenure and DEI)
- promotion raises
- student evaluation instrument IDEA
- faculty perception survey results use

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting were approved.

## **Senate Committee Reports**

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Senator Cook (Chair of AA Committee) presented the review of policy *APS 790601-Faculty Workload*. The committee recommended adopting the policy with major concerns. The committee made suggestions regarding sections 4.01 and 4.02 regarding the timelines found in this policy - the timeline for faculty/chair consultation coincides with the chair's timeline for building the next schedule and the timeline for the chair to report faculty workload to the appropriate dean is within the current deadlines for building class schedules. In addition, the committee recommended that someone develop a workshop for chairs to help them determine how best to implement this in their departments.

### **Faculty Affairs Committee**

Discussion on policy *APS 840606 -Library Use Policy* assigned to FA committee was postponed for the next meeting.

### **University Affairs Committee**

Discussion on policy *APS 030603-Student's Use of Academic Facilities and APS- 791221, Faculty Participation in Commencement* assigned to UA committee was postponed for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Discussion and vote on proposal to change Faculty Senate Bylaws was postponed to the next meeting.

### **Chair's Report**

Time did not permit the Chair's report to be read.

### **Announcements**

Elections for Chair-Elect will be held at the next meeting (May 4<sup>th</sup>). Any member of the Senate is eligible to serve, including those who have previously held office. Nominations will be taken from the floor; self-nominations are acceptable. Every candidate is encouraged to prepare a short introduction and deliver it during the meeting before voting. Voting will be by secret ballot; a simple majority of votes will be required for election.

The qualitative portion of the perception survey will be shared during this last meeting as well.

### **Next Meeting**

May 4th, Austin Hall, 3:30 P.M. (last meeting of the academic year).

### **Adjournment:**

5:00 PM