

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

October 5, 2017
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
LSC 304

Members Present (16).

Donald Albert (COSET), Maria Botero (CHSS), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Andrea Foster (COE), Randall Garner (CJ), Donovan Haines (COSET), Michael Hanson (NGL), Renee James (COSET), William Jasper (COSET), Eric Marsh (FAMC), Melinda Miller (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (FAMC), Ryan Zapalac (COHS)

Members Not Present (13).

William Carroll (CHSS), Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), James Crosby (CHSS), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Bobby LaRue (CJ), Donald Bumpass (COBA), Santosh Kumar (COBA), Burcu Ates (COE), Helen Berg (COE), Nancy Stockall (COE), Madhusudan Choudhary (COSET), Karen Miller (FAMC), Kevin Clifton (FAMC),

Called to Order.

3:30 PM, Austin Hall by Chair Jonathan Breazeale.

Approval of Minutes.

Regarding the senate's September 21st vote on the D.O. program, a motion was made to amend the minutes to read indifferent/ambivalent. The motion was unanimously approved.

The September 21 minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report.

Topics addressed included;
University Diversity Committee
Policy Review for SACSCOC 10-year Reaffirmation
ORP Supplement – Employer Contribution
Graduate Faculty Course Releases
Academic Dishonesty Tracking / Clearing House
Parking
Barnes & Noble Bookstore v. Pearson Free Texts
Tennessee Tech

Chairman Breazeale, discussed the University Diversity Committee document and the list of senate concerns were presented to the Provost. A senator recommended adding political diversity to the University's diversity plan.

The Chair clarified the Provost's position on Doctorate level faculty course releases.

Regarding academic dishonesty there was discussion about how multiple offenses would be accounted for? Several senators expressed concern about weak administrative support in academic dishonesty cases. Senators voiced interest in continuing to pursue ways to improve academic dishonesty reporting and action. In addition, are there limits to faculty's storage or keeping of student records?

Parking. The senate was asked to ideate a parking waiver process for on campus events. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee.

New Business.

Invitations to campus speakers. Recent events regarding invited campus speakers prompted senate discussion about the invitation process. Several Senators stated that hearing a wide range of ideas was an important aspect of the University experience.

Some conversation ensued about The Dean of Students and their role in any grievance or grade concern.

There was discussion about the role of the Faculty Senate. Should the Senate's decision making authority be expanded? This discussion was tabled.

Adjournment.

5:05 PM