

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
September 6, 2007**

Chair Philip Morris called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Members Present: Doug Constance; Jerry Dowling; Peggy DeMers; Bill Edgington; Stacey Edmonson; Mark Frank; Mary Gutermuth; Debbi Hatton; Joan Hudson; Renee James; Ann Jerabek; Rosanne Keathley; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Bill Lutterschmidt; Philip Morris; John Newbold; Debra Price; Tracy Steele; Yan Zhang.

Members Absent: Tracy Bilsing; Jim DeShaw; Yasser Djazaerly; Jay Whatley.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting were approved.

Chair Report:

Chair Philip Morris called the meeting to order.

Chair Award Nominations and Elections:

- Chair Morris recognized Faculty Senate Outstanding Chair and Administrator winners. Rex Isham won for his faculty friendly supportive role as chair of the Physics Department and Richard Eglsaer for his role as VP of Academic Affairs.
- Senators whose terms are up were recognized by President Gaertner. Those senators are: Peggy DeMers, James DeShaw, Stacey Edmondson, Joan Hudson, Gerald Kohers, Paul Loeffler, Jay Whatley. Mary Gutermuth leaves The Senate due to her retirement as a full time faculty member.
- Incoming Senators are: Robert Bruce, Tom Cox, Peggy DeMers, Stacey Edmonson, Emmette Jackson, Bill Jasper, Gerald Kohers, Paul Loeffler, Brian Oetiker and Tamara Waggener.
- Chair Philip Morris passed the gavel to Chair Elect Debbie Price

Chair Elect

- Stacey Edmondson, Senator from the College of Education was elected to the Chair-Elect position.

Committee Assignments:

- Senator committee assignments can be found on the Faculty Senate Web Page under Roster (along with phone numbers and email addresses). Chairs for each committee were determined in short committee meetings. Academic Affairs Committee – Paul Loeffler; Committee on Committees – Gerald Kohers; Faculty Affairs Committee – Debbi Hatton; and University Affairs Committee – Brian Loft.

Senate Input:

- Assigning of Q drops by Deans or Chairs without faculty approval
- Class Scheduling Consistency (across colleges to eliminate different start and stop times)
- Problems experienced by our new faculty regarding office keys and computers
- IDEA
- Merit transparency
- ORP
- Safety (after the Virginia Tech shootings)
- Committee assignments and roles of current committees (do we still need them, are they working).
- Book Store efficiency
- Calendar
- Adding students to classes up to the 12th date
- Maternity Leave
- Parking
- The American Democracy Project is beginning a film series. Films will be shown on Saturdays at the Museum and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the LSC on several different occasions over the course of the year. More information to follow.

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Edmonson, Chair-Elect.