

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

7 March, 2018

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Lowman Student Center Building

**Senators Present (30).**

Donald Albert (COSET), Leonard Breen (COE), Valencia Browning-Keen (COHS), Don Bumpass (COBA), Kevin Clifton (COAM), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Donovan Haines (COSET), Michael Hanson (NGL), Damon Hay (COSET), Bobby LaRue (CJ), Ken McIntyre (CHSS), Lee Miller (CHSS), Marianne Moore (COHS), Carolyn Moore (COAM), Benjamin Park (CHSS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), D.T. Ratnapradipa (COHS), Susan Skidmore (COE), Anthony Watkins (COAM)

**Senators Not Present ( ).**

Burcu Ates (COE), Maria Botero (CHSS), Siham Bouamer (CHSS), Jamie Durán (COE), Randy Garner (CJ), John Lane (COAM), Jan Taylor Morris (COBA), Willis Oyugi (CHSS), Nancy Stockall (COE), Kyle Stutts (COSET)

**Called to Order.**

3:33 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes.**

21 February Minutes approved 14 in favor, 3 abstentions.

**Chair's Report.**

THECB Field of Study – The implementation of these policies continues to unfold. The University is required to adhere to the directives even though we are also opposing the directives. The SACSCOC follow up to their original questioning of the directives opened the door for the THECB to continue with the field of study programs (and was a bit disappointing), the Texas Council of Faculty Senates will be adding a letter of opposition to the ones already sent by the University of Texas – Austin and the Texas A&M system.

IT Relations – The faculty senate leaders will be meeting with Terry Blaylock about better communication between IT and the faculty, including faculty input on policy decisions, guidelines, and/or processes.

Tenure Vote Count – Question if an abstention in a DPTAC vote could be counted as a negative vote. The Provost was clear that DPTAC members may have legitimate reasons to abstain from a vote and an abstention should be counted as an abstention, not a negative, “no” vote.

**Old Business.**

Progress of the Faculty response to the proposed changes to the Faculty Performance Review policy, Faculty Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion policy, Meritorious Faculty Performance

policy, Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty policy was reviewed. All but three departments had met. Faculty caucus leaders planned to meet to begin writing report and to craft a survey to distribute to all faculty.

Discussion on proposal on review of university administrators set for 4 April faculty senate meeting.

**New Business.**

Request that Faculty Senate examine if there is faculty voice in SHSUOnline policies.

Concern with university treasurer questioning a department's assessment of a new faculty line's course assignment. Departments should be in control of determining curriculum and the faculty needed to teach that curriculum.

Concern with how the assessment office has been applying rules assessing syllabi.

**Adjournment:**

4:40 PM