

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

October 12, 2023

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Austin Hall

Senators Present (15)

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Diana Brown (COBA), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Tamara Cook (COSET), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Dustin Gross (COSET), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Diana Nabors (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Darren Williams (COSET).

Guests

Volha Minich (COSET)

Senators Not Present (14)

Miltonette Craig (CJ), Kevin Crouch (CAM), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Xiaoman Duan (COBA), Daphne Johnson (COE), Owen Kelly (COM), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Todd Primm (COSET), Xiaobo Wang (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE)

Called to Order

3:30 p.m., by Chair, Samuel Adu-Prah.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2023, meeting was approved with one minor revision.

Senate Committee Reports

University Affairs Committee

The University Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 800328 Faculty Development Leave*, and recommended that the policy be approved with recommendations for several edits to enhance clarity on various items within sections 3.02, 3.03, and 4.02. Faculty Senate voted to approve the policy.

Committee on Committees & Surveys

The Committee on Committee & Surveys reported on its review of *APS 811006 Students with Disabilities*, noting various concerns related to sections 4.05-4.07; 5.02; 6.01-6.02; and 6.06-6.07. The CoC&S committee recommended the policy be sent back to address these concerns. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to reject the policy.

Faculty Affairs Committee

The Faculty Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 801007 Courses and Grades Transferred from Other Colleges and Universities*, noting various concerns pertaining to sections 1.02; 1.04; and the policy's review classification of a 'minor' review instead of 'major' review. The FA committee recommended the policy be sent back to address the aforementioned concerns. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to reject the policy.

Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 800114 Academic Instructional and Research Personnel*, and recommended adopting the policy as written. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

New Business

The chair provided updates on new subcommittee assignments for the following policies in review:

- Academic Affairs Committee
 - *APS 850822 Guidelines for Awarding Competitive Academic Scholarships*
- Committee on Committees & Surveys
 - *APS 891208 Use of Copyright Material*
- Faculty Affairs Committee
 - *APS 860811 Outside Employment for Faculty*
- University Affairs Committee
 - *APS 830401 Insurance Fringe Benefits and Sick Leave Accrual for Qualifying Interim Faculty Members.*

Chair's Report

1. TCFS Meeting update regarding discussions on the following topics:
 - a. SB 17 EDI
 - b. SB 18 – Tenure Bill
 - c. AI- Chat GPT
2. Bearkat Bundle: Scheduled meeting with CFO, Amanda Withers, for 10/23/2023.
3. Update on Workgroups: Faculty Senate Newsletter provided information for respective workgroups and contact information.
4. Campus Wellness: Employee flu shots will be available on campus 10/17/2023.
5. President and Provost meeting with colleges: Meetings are ongoing.
6. Workload policy: Deans and Chairs are working on it. Colleges will have flexibility to develop and adapt these policies at their own pace.

Announcements

Senator Xiaobo Wang (CHSS) has resigned from Senate. Faculty Senate will begin reviewing processes to select a replacement for the CHSS vacancy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.