

## **Academic Affairs Committee Report Sam Houston State University**

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### **I. Online Courses**

A list of questions have been sent to Bill Angrove; he is planning to reply to us by next week.

### **II. The issue of Graduate Support and Low-Producing Programs (LPP) in Texas is of primary concern for the Committee.**

We have submitted our questions via Chair Tracy Steele to the Texas Council of Faculty Senates (TCFS) and will wait for the responses before making a plan to proceed.

### **III. The administration of the IDEA system and the use of its data need to be examined.**

Chair Steele has requested (with the Provost and Dean Muehsam) a visit from the people at IDEA. The Provost has supplied a list of topics that he wants to see addressed. The Academic Affairs Committee would like to respectfully request that our questions also be given priority during the company's visit. We would like our questions to be given to IDEA ahead of time. The Academic Affairs Committee would like IDEA to:

1. Discuss ways to use IDEA on a campus like ours, in courses like ours, both on-ground and on-line.
2. Tell us about our comparative groups of schools, program by program.
3. Provide an update on the progress of the promised development of an assessment tool for online instruction.
4. Clarify what freedom SHSU has in restructuring the IDEA form for different class subjects and situations, and if there is a short form on which we could insert our own set of generated questions. If we are allowed to use our own questions, are we required to include a set of IDEA's questions across the board on all SHSU evaluations, and if so, which questions?

The Committee still recommends to the Provost that all Departmental Chairs be required to have training concerning the recommended ways to use the IDEA system in their departments.

### **IV. The Provost has been invited to speak at a Senate meeting at which time we would like to ask questions concerning faculty lines; the questions were previously submitted in our October 4, 2012 committee report.**