

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
March 29, 2007**

Chair Philip Morris called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members present: Tracy Bilsing; Doug Constance; Yasser Djazaerly; Jerry Dowling; Stacey Edmonson; Mark Frank; Mary Gutermuth; Joan Hudson; Ann Jerabek; Rosanne Keathley; Gerald Kohers; Brian Loft; Bill Lutterschmidt; Philip Morris; John Newbold; Jay Whatley.

Members absent: Peggy DeMers; Jim DeShaw; Bill Edgington; Renee James; Paul Loeffler; Debra Price; Tracy Steele; Yan Zhang.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting were approved.

Chair Report:

Chair Philip Morris reported on items discussed at recent APC meetings and other issues of interest.

- The APC reviewed and updated Academic Policy Statement 810806 – Student Educational Records and Academic Policy Statement 990407 – Student Resignations.
- The APC is in the process of reviewing and updating Academic Policy Statement 910116 – Off Campus Instruction and Academic Policy Statement 940202 – Payments to University Employees for Services.
- The APC has asked the Faculty Senate to review Academic Policy Statement 860904 – Academic Credit for Work. (The Academic Affairs Committee was tasked with reviewing the policy and reporting back to the Senate.)
- The APC approved CAD's recommendation that all students complete 2 composition courses, 1 lab science, and 1 math course BEFORE being allowed to enroll in ANY upper-level courses.
- To speed-up delivery of the IDEA forms, the forms will no longer be delivered to the Dean's office and then distributed to the departments. Instead, IDEA forms will go directly to the departments from IR.

Committee Reports:

- **Academic Affairs:** Nothing to report
- **Committee on Committees:** Committee Chair Gerald Kohers reported that the Senate Election and the Faculty Survey will both be carried out online in the near future.
- **Faculty Affairs:** Nothing to report.
- **University Affairs:** Nothing to report

Senate Input:

- Grades – Senator Yasser Djazaerly inquired about the possibility of assigning plus or minus grades (such as C- or B+) for final course grades. The Senate felt the idea was worthy of further investigation. The Academic Affairs committee was asked to investigate the idea and report back to the Senate.
- Graduation Weekend – Senator Mark Frank presented the Senate with a request from the University Convocations Committee seeking the Senate's support for moving graduation to the weekend BEFORE final exams. After discussion, the Senate chose to take no action on this request.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:45.