

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
September 14, 2006**

Chair Philip Morris called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members Present: Tracy Bilsing; Doug Constance; Bill Edgington; Mark Frank; Mary Gutermuth; Debbi Hatton; Joan Hudson; Renee James; Ann Jerabek; Rosanne Keathley; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Bill Lutterschmidt; Philip Morris; Debra Price; Tracy Steele; Jay Whatley; Yan Zhang.

Members Absent: Peggy DeMers; Jim DeShaw; Yasser Djazaerly; Jerry Dowling; Stacey Edmonson; John Newbold

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 7, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chair Report:

Chair Philip Morris called the meeting to order and passed a thank you card from Dr. Mary Robbins, winner of the Senate Leadership Award around for members to read. He reported on items discussed at the APC meeting held on September 6, 2006.

- **Calendar:**
The legislative mandate requiring public schools to begin no sooner than the 4th Monday in August may cause problems for the summer sessions particularly in COE, but also with the undergraduate classes in COAS and CHSS. Senate discussed the importance of faculty representation on the calendar committee to make sure that the needs of programs are addressed. Discussion focused on beginning and ending summer sessions later or the possibility of one summer session.
- **University Name:**
The state legislature may consider initiatives this year to force Sam Houston State to change its name to Texas State University- Sam Houston. This is something we need to stay abreast of and Chair Morris reported that our administration remains opposed to the name change.
- **UH-Tomball:**
The University of Houston is considering the purchase of the old Hewlett Packard Plant for a campus in the North West. Our administration continues to present evidence to the HECB against such a move.
- **MS in Victim Services:**
Chair Morris reported that the HECB has approved adding the MS in Victim Service Management to our degree program offerings.

Old Business:

- The Graduate Faculty Policy was discussed. Several recommendations were forwarded for Graduate Faculty Council Representative Debbie Price to bring back to the council for consideration. These included the lack of representation on the Council for anyone

without a doctoral program, the perception of a tiered system, the ability for administrators to be granted graduate faculty status without having to meet the same criteria as the faculty.

- We discussed what to do in the case of member inactivity. Several suggestions were forwarded for the immediate problem and a suggestion for revisiting the policy was also considered.

New Business:

- Committee assignments were made and will be placed on the Faculty Senate Web page. Committees met and selected their chairs.
- An election committee comprised of members from each college was appointed by Chair Morris. The election committee is: Debra Price, COE, Chair; Brian Loft, A&S; Gerald Kohers, COBA; Yan Zhang, CJ; Debbi Hatton, HSS; and Ann Jerabek, NGL.

Senate Input:

Senator Price brought up the issue of faculty leave particularly with regards to parental leave. The issue was assigned to Faculty Affairs Committee.

Senator Hatton brought up the issue of parking, specifically accessibility issues and the impact of new construction. This was referred to University Affairs.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Price, Chair-Elect.