

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

October 26, 2023

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Newton Gresham Library

**Senators Present (16)**

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Diana Brown (COBA), Tamara Cook (COSET), Miltonette Craig (CJ), Kevin Crouch (CAM), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Owen Kelly (COM), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Todd Primm (COSET), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Darren Williams (COSET)

**Senators Not Present (12)**

Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Xiaoman Duan (COBA), Dustin Gross (COSET), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Daphne Johnson (COE), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Diana Nabors (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM), Rebecca Wentworth (COE)

**Called to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes report for the October 12, 2023, meeting was approved.

**Senate Committee Reports**

**University Affairs Committee**

The University Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 830401 Insurance Fringe Benefits and Sick Leave Accrual for Qualifying Interim Faculty Members*, and recommended that the policy be approved with suggestions for grammatical edits to section 2.01. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

**Committee on Committees & Surveys**

The Committee on Committee & Surveys reported on its review of *APS 891208 Use of Copyright Material*, and recommended that the policy be approved with suggestions for several edits to enhance clarity and interpretation. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

**Faculty Affairs Committee**

The Faculty Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 860811 Outside Employment for Faculty*, and recommended that the policy be approved with suggestions for several edits to enhance clarity on various items within sections: 1, 2.01-2.03, 2.07, and 2.09. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy.

**Academic Affairs Committee**

The Academic Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 850822 Guidelines for Awarding Competitive Academic Scholarships*, 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 840606 - Library Use*
- Committee on Committees & Surveys
  - *APS 890303 - Employment of Graduate Assistants*
- Faculty Affairs Committee
  - *APS 871214 - English Language Proficiency for Instructional Personnel*
- University Affairs Committee
  - *APS 950531 - UG Degree and Certificate Requirements and Specifications.*

## **Chair's Report**

1. Bearkat Bundle – Update on meeting with Amanda Withers, CFO & Senior Vice President for Operations; and Rozlynn Kieschnick, Executive Director of Hospitality & Auxiliary Services.
2. Update on Workgroups – Reach out to colleagues in respective departments.
3. Meeting with Vice Provost, Dr. Anne Gaillard – Update on policy routing and APS 801007.
4. President and Provost meeting with colleges – Meetings now completed. Discussion of potential enhancements to future sessions.
5. Meeting with Staff Senate leadership on matters arising.
6. Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senate (TSUSCFS) – Meeting update.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.