FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
November 16, 2023
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Peabody Library

Senators Present (21)
Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Diana Brown (COBA), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Kevin Crouch (CAM), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Xiaoman Duan (COBA), Dustin Gross (COSET), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Daphne Johnson (COE), Nick Lantz (CHSS), Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Audrey Murfin (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS), Todd Primm (COSET), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Zachary Valdes (NGL), Rebecca Wentworth (COE), Darren Williams (COSET).

Guests
Volha Minich (COSET)

Senators Not Present (7)
Tamara Cook (COSET), Miltonette Craig (CJ), Owen Kelly (COM), Victoria Lantz (CAM), Diana Nabors (COE), Zeinab Shuker (CHSS), Anthony Watkins (CAM).

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

Approval of Minutes
The minutes report for the November 3, 2023, meeting was approved.

Senate Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee
The Academic Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 840606 Library Use,* and recommended that the policy be approved with several editorial suggestions to sections 2.2 and 4.5. The AA committee also raised questions for clarification on items related to sections 6.8, 6.10, and 8.2. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy with the provided comments.

Committee on Committees & Surveys
The Committee on Committees & Surveys reported on its review of *APS 890303 - Employment of Graduate Assistants*, noting concerns related to definition consistency in sections 1.1 and 2.1, and various additional concerns related to sections 2.1, 4.02, and 6.01. Faculty Senate also discussed concerns related to section 7 regarding the referenced policy, *APS 871214, English Language Proficiency for Instructional Personnel*; and agreed that the last sentence within section 7 be struck from the policy. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve the policy with the suggested revisions.

Faculty Affairs Committee
The Faculty Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 871214 - English Language Proficiency for Instructional Personnel,* noting several major concerns pertaining to

anticipated procedural complications; incongruencies between the policy and its referenced processing document; and limited details addressing warranted use of the referenced processing document. The FA committee recommended the policy be rejected and sent back to address these concerns. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to reject the policy.

University Affairs Committee
The University Affairs committee reported on its review of *APS 950531 – Undergraduate Degree and Certificate Requirements and Specifications,* noting that while the committee generally agrees with the overall policy and its revisions, it has a major concern with the policy's complete elimination of a credit expiration period. Following senate discussion, the UA committee recommended rejecting the policy and sending it back to allow for further deliberation on this item. Faculty Senate voted unanimously to reject the policy.

New Business

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

- Academic Affairs Committee
  - *APS 210216 – Academic Policies*
- Committee on Committees & Surveys
  - *APS 940317 – Academic Fresh Start*
- Faculty Affairs Committee
  - *APS 980204 – Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty*
- University Affairs Committee
  - *APS 800521 – Academic Distinction.*

Chair's Report

1. IDEA Comments Section – Follow up with Provost.
2. Faculty Research Travel Budget – Inadequate travel funds for national conferences.
3. University Event order change – Academic Award Speech (1); President Banquet for Faculty (2).
4. Request for beverages for last meeting of the Fall 2023 term – Provost.

Announcements
1. Reminder of Faculty Senate Holiday Reception on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.
2. Update on CHSS Special Election results.

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