

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

October 19, 2017
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Austin Hall

Members Present (17). Donald Albert (COSET), Burcu Ates (COE), Maria Botero (CHSS), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Donald Bumpass (COBA), William Carroll (CHSS), James Crosby (CHSS), Andrea Foster (COE), Randall Garner (CJ), Donovan Haines (COSET), Michael Hanson (NGL), Renee James (COSET), William Jasper (COSET), Kenneth McIntyre (CHSS), Karen Miller (FAMC), Anthony Watkins (FAMC), Ryan Zapalac (COHS)

Members Not Present (12). Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Bobby LaRue (CJ), Santosh Kumar (COBA), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Melinda Miller (COE), Helen Berg (COE), Nancy Stockall (COE), Madhusudan Choudhary (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Eric Marsh (FAMC), Kevin Clifton (FAMC),

Called to Order. 3:33 PM, Austin Hall by Chair Jonathan Breazeale.

Special Guest.

Vice Provost Dr. Mary Robbins

Dr. Robbins distributed an Academic Affairs organizational chart and discussed new hires, staff and administrative roles, and RFY (Re-Imagining the First Year of College) updates and changes.

In effort to deter students from avoiding math courses, students will be required to remain enrolled in math courses until their math component is complete.

Academic Affairs has revised their communications in effort to steer academically at risk students toward support services.

Dr. Robbins requested additional faculty assistance and involvement in RFY bi-weekly Friday meetings.

Approval of Minutes.

The October 5 minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair's Report.

Chairman Breazeale discussed recent conversation with the Provost. Topics addressed included;
University Diversity Committee
ORP Supplement – Employer Contribution
Academic Dishonesty Tracking
Parking

In consideration of University hiring, the University's Diversity Committee and plan were discussed with some senators still expressing concern about how the University will implement and enforce such a plan. The suggestion was made that the University Diversity Committee should only and exclusively function as an advisory body to both the President and faculty without decision making authority.

The question was asked as to whether the Senate should more forcefully pursue our ORP supplement request. The suggestion of the "fairness" of any additional contribution was discussed with a range of opinions being expressed by senators.

Additionally, the Chair discussed concerns raised by a senator about dangerous pedestrian areas on campus and the faculty member recently injured by a vehicle on campus. The Chair plans to add the topic to the agenda for the next meeting with the Provost.

Committee Assignments.

Academic Affairs: APS 800401 Class Attendance.

Old Business. No old business was discussed.

New Business. No new business was discussed.

Adjournment: 4:57 PM