

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**October 26, 2006**

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

**Members present:** Tracy Bilsing; Doug Constance; Bill Edgington; Stacey Edmonson; Mary Gutermuth; Debbi Hatton; Joan Hudson; Ann Jerabek; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Bill Lutterschmidt; Philip Morris; Tracy Steele; Yan Zhang.

**Members absent:** Peggy DeMers; Jim DeShaw; Yasser Djazaerly; Jerry Dowling; Mark Frank; Renee James; Rosanne Keathley; John Newbold; Debra Price; Jay Whatley;

**Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting were approved.

**Chair Report:**

Chair Philip Morris reported on items discussed at the two APC meeting held since the last one on September 20, 2006.

- Graduate Faculty Status: Chair Morris reported that the Graduate Faculty Status policy was approved after changes were made based on Senate input concerning ambiguous language and requirements for placement.
- Faculty Tenure and Promotion Policy: Chair Morris reported that the Texas State University System regulations note that tenure and promotion is discretionary and that tenure and promotion are not linked to property. The senate noted that there is no policy in place at Sam Houston State University which addresses intellectual property and also noted the need for such a policy for SACS.
- Readmission of Students: Chair Morris noted that readmission of students on probationary status is good for one year only, and those students who wait to return after one year must reapply for admission.

**Old Business:**

- Chair Morris noted the lack of attendance at the last Town hall Meetings and encouraged attendance at the next meeting on October 30, 2006.
- Chief topic of these meetings is the QEP (Quality Enhancement Program) and the SACS 120 hour requirement. Chair Morris noted the frustrations encountered in the decision-making process over cuts in course hours, specifically within the Department of Computer Science. The decisions must be made by Fall 2007 for catalogue purposes.
- It would be up to each department to justify any hours over 120 hours needed for a degree.
- Chair Morris noted the change in time for the QEP meeting resulting from Kevin Brady's visit to campus.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Academic Affairs:** Nothing to report

- **Committee on Committees:** Noted that the spot that had to be filled was filled.
- **Faculty Affairs:** Chair Hatton noted that there is no policy at Sam Houston State University or the University System which covers long-term need for a substitute. Chair Morris asserted that at the next APC meeting he would bring up the myriad issues connected with faculty leave which Chair Hatton brought to bear on the topic including:
  - \*confusion about University policy concerning overload hours
  - \*sick leave pool hours—existence and availability
  - \*the potential problems for new faculty who haven't accrued sick leave hours
- **University Affairs:** Chair Loft reported that the meeting of the Bearkat One advisory committee left him feeling a bit off color as the topic for the meeting was the ability to keep track of students' buying habits through the card's use and thus reward students based on the card's use. University Affairs is charged with reporting on the ever-contentious issue of academic calendar and the impact on the faculty of the Texas Legislature's whimsical requirement that public school will not begin before the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in August.

**Senate Input:**

A question was raised about funding for the 900 remedial students on the SHSU campus. Chair Morris requested that Senators ask about policy in their respective departments and report.

Chair Morris asserted in answer to a question that the UH-Tomball Co-coordinating Board won approval for a campus, but because of restrictions applied, tabled the idea

In response to a well-timed motion from Senator Constance, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:10.