

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
November 30, 2006**

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

**Members present:** Tracy Bilsing; Doug Constance; Yasser Djazaerly; Mark Frank; Renee James; Bill Edgington; Stacey Edmonson; Mary Gutermuth; Debbi Hatton; Joan Hudson; Ann Jerabek; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Bill Lutterschmidt; Philip Morris; John Newbold.

**Members absent:** Peggy DeMers; Jim DeShaw; Jerry Dowling; Rosanne Keathley; Debra Price; Tracy Steele; Jay Whatley; Yan Zhang.

**Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the November 9, 2006 meeting were approved.

**Chair Report:**

Chair Philip Morris reported on items discussed at the most recent APC meeting.

- Readmission of Students: Chair Morris noted that readmission of students who were on scholastic probationary status is good only for the next semester after the admission is granted; thus, students will not be allowed to wait or “defer” their admission to a later semester.
- Requirements for students to walk at graduation: Chair Morris reported that the exceptions granted for students to walk at graduation ceremonies prior to completing their required credits will be extremely limited in the future.
- Contact with Legislators: Chair Morris reported that the President must be notified and aware of any invitations extended to legislators to be on campus.

**Old Business:**

- Chair Morris reminded Senators of the President’s Christmas reception for the Senate to be held at 5:00 on Monday, December 4, 2006, in Austin Hall.
- The Senate discussed responses to the request for input regarding how to reduce the degree requirements to 120 hours. It was noted that two phases of ideas seemed to be requested by the administration, one that maintained the core as it currently exists and another that would allow the core to be altered or reduced. After discussion, the Senate passed the following resolutions to present to the President regarding the reduction in semester credit hours to 120 hours:

1. As educators, the Faculty Senate does not support the reduction in credit hours from 128 to 120 because we do not want to sacrifice the quality of the academic experience at Sam Houston State University. (please note that this resolution passed unanimously)
2. The Faculty Senate supports that the core remain in its current form in order to preserve the academic integrity of the University.

3. In order to maintain the academic integrity of the University, academic departments are the best qualified to make curricular decisions regarding their programs.

- The Senate discussed ideas for a focus for the University's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) for SACS. Possibilities discussed included a university tutoring center and a film center. After discussion, the Senate adopted the following resolution to present to the President regarding the QEP project:

The Faculty Senate endorses the Professional Academic Center for Excellence as a designated QEP product for Sam Houston State University. (please note that this resolution passed unanimously)

**Committee Reports:**

- **Academic Affairs:** Nothing to report
- **Committee on Committees:** Nothing to report
- **Faculty Affairs:** Chair Hatton presented new wording and corrections that were made to the Extended Leave Class Coverage Options recommendations. The committee report was accepted by the Senate.
- **University Affairs:** Nothing to report

**Senate Input:**

None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:15.