

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

October 15, 2020

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Remote via Zoom

Senators Present (27).

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Mario Aschauer (CAM), Natalie Baker (CJ), Maria Botero (CHSS), Timothy Brown (COE), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Jamie Durán (COE), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Soo-Yeon Hwang (NGL), John Lane (CAM), Kevin Lord (COM), Lee Miller (CHSS), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Carolyn Moore (CAM), Marianne Moore (COHS), Jan Taylor Morris (COBA), Benjamin Park (CHSS), Mary Petró (COE), Debbie Price (COE), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Aneika Simmons (COBA), Susan Skidmore (COE), Kyle Stutts (COSET).

Senators Not Present (4).

Siham Bouamer (CHSS), Valencia Browning-Keen (COHS), Dwayne Pavelock (COSET), Kevin Randall (COHS).

Special Guests.

Dr. Eric Owen, Executive Director of Library Services, Newton Gresham Library.

Called to Order.

3:30 PM, Remote via Zoom, by Chair Lee Miller.

Update on on-going negotiations with Elsevier.

Dr. Eric Owen gave a presentation on the status of the SHSU library and its participation in the Texas Library Coalition for Collective Action, especially on its dialog with academic publisher Elsevier.

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the October 1 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report.

The Chair answered a few questions pertaining to the Chair's Report.

Unfinished Business.

The Senate discussed the use of the Zoom Webinar platform for virtual Senate meetings. Tim Brown moved that the Senate try out the Webinar at the next meeting with a few volunteers to register as attendees to test functionality. The motion was adopted.

The Senate discussed the issue of voting in virtual Senate meetings. No motion was formally made, but volunteers were solicited to evaluate a few options at a separate meeting and to potentially make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The Senate discussed options for adopting a parliamentary authority. Debbi Hatton moved that the Senate adopt the proposed simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order (attached) for Senate

meetings but falling back on the full version of the Roberts's Rules in case further guidance is necessary. The motion was adopted.

The Senate discussed the establishment of a parliamentarian. Tim Brown moved that the Senate establish a volunteer parliamentarian for regular senate meetings of the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 academic year. The motion was adopted. The Chair asked for a volunteer or nomination for someone to serve as Parliamentarian.

Due to a conflict within the Senate Bylaws and Charter in connection with a reapportionment and the length of some senators' terms, the Senate has ended up with thirty-one Senators, though it is only supposed to have thirty. Debbi Hatton moved that the Senate proceed through this academic year with thirty-one senators and refer the conflict within the Bylaws and Charter to the Committee on Committees for a thorough review.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.