

SHSU Faculty Senate Minutes

Sam Houston State University

December 3, 2015

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LSC 304

Chair Lisa Shen called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

In attendance: Diane Dowdey (CHSS), Jason Payton (CHSS), Jeff Littlejohn (CHSS), Nancy Baker (CHSS), Don Bumpass (COBA), Mark Frank (COBA), Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Andrea Foster (COE), Diana Nabors (COE), Donna Cox (COE), Karla Eidson (COE), Karen Miller (COFAMC), Debbi Hatton (COFAMC), James Landa (COHS), Dwayne Pavelock (COS), Madhu Choudhary (COS), Mark Klespis (COS), Bill Jasper (COS), Lisa Shen (NGL), William Lutterschmidt (COS)

Absent: Joan Bytheway (CJ), John Domino (CHSS), Tracy Bilsing (CHSS), Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), David McTier (COFAMC), Gary Oden (COHS), Randy Garner (CJ), Douglas Ullrich (COS), Dwayne Pavelock (COS), Madhu Choudhary (COS)

Approval of Minutes

The November 19, 2015 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Chair Shen reported that the Food Drive co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate netted 895 pounds of food for the food pantry and 440 pounds of pet food. The History department won the contest for the most food donation.

Chair Shen also gave a brief update on SB 805 regarding interviewing procedures for veteran job applicants. A letter highlighting the changes has been sent to all of those designated as "hiring managers" of open job postings and will be sent to hiring managers of new job postings as well. There are still some questions about whether the legislation covers the interviewing procedure for part time student assistants as well. The Human Resources department is working to find out.

Chair Shen also distributed the "Fall 2015 Summary" to the Senate, highlighting the accomplishments of the Senate for the first half of the academic year.

Special Guest

Senators welcomed Mr. Matt McDaniel, the Assistant Director of Parking and Transportation, who presented a number of upcoming changes and future plans for parking and transportation on campus.

Synopsis:

- What's in store for parking
- Provide Improved Ease of Use
- Provide Better Information & Communication
- Provide Clear Choices and More Options
- Provide Precise Enforcement and Safety
- Encourage Alternatives

How?

- New Parking Management System (license plate identification)
- Change How We sell permits
- Balance demand through a tiered parking structure
- Control the message
- Create new event controls
- Control departmental and unofficial visitor parking

Current Parking Overview

- 7,222 Spaces
- Includes space closures for south dining and south residential
- Includes addition of P5 Colony Lot Expansion and P48 South Residential
- Total Inventory after Counseling Center Completion will be 7,806 spaces

Current Parking Overview

Current Zoning Model

- Faculty/Staff, Resident, Commuter, and Remote/All permit
- Not enough options
- Prohibitive
- Pricing model is artificial

Ease of Use

Information and Communication

- Social media
- SMS Text
- E-mail
- SHSU Parking Application

Clear Choices & More Options

- Rezoning
- Easier Renewal
- Automatic Renewal Option
- Prorated Purchases and Returns

One senator asked what the timeline was for the proposed changes and Mr. McDaniel said the goal was fall 2016, if not sooner.

Several senators asked if while considering a shuttle system to the Woodlands they would consider shuttle services to College Station.

He shared that they were looking to third party private vendor to run a shuttle service.

One senator asked what the cost would be for the options presented. (\$220 for inner parking vs. \$175 for outer perimeter)

Another senator asked about the timeline for the new parking garage...being built in 2017 and complete by 2018.

A senator asked about getting a cut rate parking pass for adjunct professors who are only on campus one day. Mr. McDaniel said in the future, one day passes will be available.

One senator asked what the current cost of parking in the parking garage was. Mr. McDaniel said it was \$745 per year to park in the parking garage and that supply and demand drives the price of parking in a garage per year.

Chair Shen asked what would happen with Woodlands parking?

Mr. McDaniel shared that by contract SHSU is sharing the parking resources with Lone Star Community College. Talks are in the works to introduce a plan for a park and ride. There are currently no plans to add a parking fee at the Woodlands campus.

A senator asked if there would be underground parking with the new buildings going up? Another senator asked if there had been a discussion on not allowing freshmen to have cars on campus? Mr. McDaniel said that that concept has been brought up. The hope is that the limited number of parking spaces will force underclassmen to not use vehicles on campus.

One senator asked if there was a consideration of signage? Mr. McDaniel said new signage has been designed utilizing the current signage equipment instead of replacing all the signs on campus. He said he would send the concept to Chair Shen for Senate input.

Mr. McDaniel shared that in the future, when a student graduates, they can turn in their parking pass and it will be available for someone waiting for a parking space.

A professor asked if a student receives multiple citations how many can they get before something is done. Mr. McDaniel said the rule is six citations and then the vehicle is

towed. There is a proposal that citations accumulate with each subsequent parking infraction.

Another senator asked about charging stations for hybrid or electric cars. Mr. McDaniel said that the one we have is paid for with grant money and any future ones would be paid for with future grant money that would be centrally located.

Adjournment

5:00 pm