

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

### SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

April 9, 2026

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Austin Hall

**Senators Present (20)** Hosam Abdelhady (COM), Robert Alvarez (CHSS), Magdalena Denham (CJ), Xiaobo Belle Wang (CHSS), Owen Kelly (COM) Naomi Krawzik (COSET), Olga Minich (COSET) Rebecca Wentworth (COE), Darren Williams (COSET), Jennifer Child (CHSS), Debbi Hatton (CAM) Miltonette Craig (CJ), Kevin Crouch (Associate Chair), Audrey Murfin (Chair), Erin Owens (NGL) Ali Mchiri (COBA) Willow Yang (COBA) Patrick Buzzini (CJ) Kimberly LaPrairie (COE), Traci Austin (COBA)

**Senators Not Present (9):** Nick Lantz (CHSS), Victoria Lantz (Secretary) Emma Bullock (COSET), Hannah Menendez (NGL), Ricardo Montelongo (COE), Andy Noble (CAM), Berna Rahi (CHS), Michael Arrington (CHSS), Erica Pasquini (COHS)

#### Special Guests

Dr. Jennifer Bunn, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Jacob Chandler, Associate Vice President for Innovation

#### Call to Order

3:33 PM

#### Special Guests Comments and Q&A

-Dr. Chandler presented first. He appreciated the questions and concerns this body presented around Salesforce. They realize this was a big change in the middle of everything. He spoke about why the Salesforce was brought on. He spoke about how they have reached out to each college to under the nuance of each area. They have scheduled meetings with all but one (CAM is the only college they don't have a meeting on the books). They are going to speak about the admissions funnel for each area and understand how each area is nuanced. They want to identify where each student is in the process and give meaningful feedback to the students about what they are missing or what is next.

-Senator spoke about program coordinators not hearing about these meetings that are scheduled.

-JC spoke about who is going to these meetings in the college and making sure that folks who are going to be interacting with Salesforce are at those meetings.

-JC will send the schedule of meetings to Audrey so she can distribute those to the senators.

-JC spoke about them really wanting Salesforce to work for us and to tailor to work for each unit specifically. Spoke about learning a lot of students over and over at each stage, rather than having the info move from one area to the next from enrollment to registration to graduation to alumni.

-Dr. Jennifer Bunn spoke about the list of changes that took place in a short time. The goal is to make it an ACUTE big program and not a CHRONIC big problem. She spoke about how things look good for summer and fall. Spoke about graduate school hiring a grad recruiter. Singular. Started 5-6 weeks ago.

She has been very busy. Still in the process of getting that person to each college. She is listed as the admissions consoler for grad students.

-JC said that the number of applications that are coming in from ApplyTexas is also in Salesforce. They are not missing any. They feel comfortable that the data stream is correct.

-Senator express the disconnect between the leads and program coordinators

-JB said flow is first to the recruiter (if she can answer it, she does, if she can't it goes to the program)

-JB mentioned that education has made a change with staff and it could be part of the issue.

-JB if you would like them to come back in the fall. They can come back and give another update.

-Any more feedback senators have can go to Audrey and she can funnel it to JC.

### **Approval of Minutes**

March 19 meeting - Approved.

### **Senate Committee updates**

1. Faculty Affairs: update on Faculty Resource Document
  - a. Senator Williams summarized the work that FA has done on the document and mentioned that it was open to suggestions that anyone has.
2. Committee on Committees: update on Committee Preference Survey, Faculty Perception Survey
  - a. FPS – a list of minor changes has been given to the chair to update but other than that, the survey is ready to go out.

### **New Business**

#### Senate Committee Assignments

- Academic Affairs: APS 980204, Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty
- Committee on Committees: Continue work on Faculty Perception Survey and Committee Preference Survey
- Faculty Affairs: Continue work on Faculty Resource Document
- University Affairs: APS 800722, Merit Increases in Salary and APS 820317, Faculty Evaluation System of Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty

Chair spoke about a concern she received from an individual faculty member about DFQ rates and asked if anyone else had experienced similar trend in their colleges. Nobody else expressed any kind of similar activity in their colleges.

### **Chair's Report**

1. Elections coming up: Senate elections (if your term is expiring, you may not re-run per SB-37). If you are **appointed** and no longer wish to continue, please let Audrey know.
2. Associate Chair elections/nominations April 30

Simple Syllabus will not be required. Simple Syllabus will not be required. Simple Syllabus will not be required.

3. Update on summer teaching and FTEs—fixed.
  - a. They recognized the error and made an update.
4. Update on H1-B visas (it's good).
  - a. Renewal and transfers are okay.
  - b. New are still not.
5. Update on FYE concerns (see flier for tomorrow's informational session)
6. TSUS Senate Leadership meeting with Dr. John Hayek, Vice Chancellor. Topics discussed:
  - a. Curricular reviews
    - i. TSUS experience was very much in line with how SHSU experienced it.
  - b. AI policies
    - i. Asked to hear what policies each university has on the books already, if any. We provide out AI page that provides guidance but no policy.
  - c. NASH studies of labor fields

-IT inquires.

18 responses that have gone forward to the Provost and we will get an update soon.

- Senator asked if we wanted to run a survey about IT concerns. - they will send questions to Owen Kelly to add to the Faculty Perception Survey.

**Adjournment:** 4:37 PM.