

Dear members of the SHSU faculty,

Today, I write to follow up on my correspondence to you on November 12th about the revision of four important academic policies. There are three elements in this email: the appointment of the working group, a timeline, and a request for faculty input.

Working Group Representatives

I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to the academic policy working group:

Jennifer J. Didier, Professor and Interim Department Chair, Kinesiology
Nancy Baker, Associate Professor, History
Aaron Brown, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Musical Theatre
Kenneth B. McIntyre, Professor, Political Science
Sarah Kerrigan, Professor and Chair, Forensic Science
John B. Pascarella, Professor and Dean, College of Science and Engineering Technology

The working group, convened by Chad Hargrave, Associate Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs and Chief Research Officer, will recommend fresh revisions to the four policies specified in my November 12 communication.

Timeline

To get these policies completed by the end of the spring semester, we must operate on a tight timeline. The feedback I have received suggests a real need to have these finalized by the end of the spring semester for implementation in the fall 2022.

Here is the timeline:

The working group will provide a draft of revised policies to me by March 1, 2022. After that, I will convene open forums for faculty while also soliciting feedback from Faculty Senate, Council of Deans, and the Council of Chairs.

Before spring break, I will send all feedback to the working group and ask them to determine if additional revisions are warranted. The final drafts are Fr al