

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 27, 2005**

Chair Debbie Price called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Members Present: David Bailey; Christopher Baldwin; Jerry Cook; Linda Cook; Doug Constance; Peggy DeMers; Jim DeShaw; Mary Gutermuth; Joan Hudson; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Philip Morris; Valerie Muehsam; Debra Price; Jay Whatley; Patricia Williams; Chris White.

Members Absent: Steven Cuvelier (personal conflict); Jerry Dowling (personal conflict); Stacey Edmonson (personal conflict); Mark Frank (personal conflict); Debbi Hatton (professional conflict); Lady Jane Hickey (illness); Rosanne Keathley (professional conflict).

Approval of Minutes:

Emendations for the minutes of October 13, 2005 were approved.

Chair's Report:

Faculty Senate Chair Debbie Price presented the following reports to the Faculty Senate:

- The APC meeting scheduled for October 19, 2005 was cancelled.
- Chair Price attended the Texas Association of Faculty Senate meeting in Austin and several issues of importance were discussed:
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Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- Graduate Stipends. Graduate Stipends are only occasionally raised and it is difficult to attract quality graduate students with stipends that are outdated. Senator DeShaw suggested that some type of index should be used for graduate stipends. For instance, the state legislature mandates minimum teacher salaries and perhaps graduate stipends could be indexed to that amount. Chair Price will take this issue to the Graduate Council.

Committee Reports:

The following committee reports were submitted to the Senate:

- Academic Affairs. Committee Chair Patricia Williams presented the committee's research on the policies that are required on