FACULTY SENATE MINUTES SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY March 25, 2010

Members Present

Leonard Breen; Donald Bumpass; Rebecca Bustamante; Erin Cassidy; Jeff Crane; Donna Desforges; Mark Frank; Bill Jasper; Hee-jong Joo; Gerald Kohers; Paul Loeffler; Brian Loft; Melinda Miller; Sheryl Murphy-Manley; Tracy Steele; Doug Ullrich.

Members Absent

Bill Brewer; Chad Hargrave; Deborah Hatton; Darci Hill; Mack Hines; Renee James; Andrew Lopenzina; Ling Ren.

Call to Order

Chair Loeffler called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections.

Chair's Report

- Chair Loeffler reported from the March 8th meeting with Provost Payne:
 - The Faculty Affairs draft report on the market adjustment policy was discussed. Provost Payne overviewed the substantial increases in market adjustment amounts from President Marks to President Gaertner. The provost noted his preference for flexibility in the policy, and his reliance on a negotiation process involving department chairs, deans, and the provost. To increase transparency, Provost Payne would be willing to consider making public the recommendations from each administrative level (chair, dean, and provost).
- Chair-Elect Frank reported from the March 10th Academic Affairs Council meeting:
 - Approval of a Master of Arts Degree with a Major in Higher Education Administration
 - Approval of a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Bilingual Health Care Studies
 - Approval of a Master of Education Degree with a Major in International Literacy
 - Approval of a Master of Arts Degree with a Major in Spanish
 - Added HED 282 "Multi-Cultural Health Issues" to Component Area IV of the Core Curriculum
 - The University Curriculum Committee had a split vote recommendation based on uncertainties concerning changes to the Core Curriculum. The AAC voted to approve a one year moratorium on adding new courses to the core until a comprehensive review of the core could be conducted.
- Chair Loeffler reported from the APC meeting:

Senate approved a recommendation for the establishment of a Bookstore Oversight Committee (see attached resolution).

 Due to time constraints, the remaining committee reports were delayed until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Senate adjourned at 5:08pm

Respectfully submitted, Mark Frank, Chair-Elect

Faculty Senate Resolution from the University Affairs Committee

Whereas the design of the campus of Sam Houston State University was based upon a smaller population of students, and the university has experienced significant growth, the Faculty Senate encourages the university administration to continue to explore possibilities to provide a design that would insure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Adopted Unanimously, March 25, 2010

Paul Loeffler, Chair

Mark Frank, Chair-Elect

Faculty Senate Resolution Concerning the University Bookstore

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