

**University Faculty Senate Minutes
April 10, 2003**

Members present:

The Faculty Senate expressed appreciation for the outstanding job done by the Standing Faculty Tenure Committee.

A majority of the faculty (11 in favor, 8 opposed) also voted to pass a resolution deploring the linkage between tenure and promotion.

Chair's Report

Name Change

Chair Muehsam requested that Senators discuss with faculty the possibility of a name change for Sam Houston State University. Since Southwest Texas State University wants to change their name to Texas State University, a proposal has been presented to the legislators to change all the university names in the system to Texas State University at (name of city or hero). Our university would become Texas State University—Sam Houston. Senators expressed concern that a name change could mean a lot of money needed to change signs, stationary, etc. *See Section below for vote taken by e-mail and voice mail after the Senate meeting adjourned.

Honor Societies and Graduation

Chair Muehsam stated that a number of honor societies have requested that they be recognized at graduation in the same way that Alpha Chi is now. Senators expressed concern that the ceremony not be lengthened. The Faculty Senate in the interest of equity, approved the following recommendation to be sent to the Convocation Committee

The Faculty Senate recommends that acknowledgment of any honor societies on the graduation program be discontinued in order to help with time constraints and equity and that honor societies be recognized in a printed insert to the program.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates' Resolution

The Faculty Senate agreed unanimously to endorse the Texas Council of Faculty Senates' Resolution. The resolution will be available on the Faculty Senate website.

Old Business

Restructuring

The Faculty Senate discussed once more the concept of restructuring the colleges. Senators did ask whether we wanted to give the administration an open check to restructure the colleges, and it was stated that the administration should come back to the

The Senate accepted the Committee on Committees proposed changes to the Faculty Survey for 2003 as emended.

Faculty Senate Elections

Faculty will soon receive the nomination forms for Faculty Senate. Ballots will be distributed after nominations are received. All of the colleges have openings on the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandi Tayebi, Chair-Elect

Votes Taken after the Meeting Adjourned by E-mail and Voice Mail

Name Change

The Senate voted overwhelmingly (16 opposed, 2 in favor, and 2 abstentions) to reject a name change.

Restructuring

The Senate voted overwhelmingly for the following resolution (20 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention): **The Faculty Senate supports the restructuring of the colleges when funding permits.**