

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

April 7, 2011

Members Present:

Tracy Bilsing (CHSS), Len Breen (CoE), Donald Bump (CoBA), Erin Cassidy (NGL),

Jeff Crane (CHSS), Mark Frank (CoBA), Chad Hargrave (CoAS), DebTw [((C)-6(o)-3(e)4t0]7S 0.00.15

his opinion that the fact is faculty do not see the other entities on campus struggling with where to cut

#### Comments from Dean Mitchell Muehsam, CoBA

Dean Muehsam agreed with deCastro, no one knows what exactly will come out of the legislature. House bill 1 and Senate bill 1 are very different; HB1 requires much deeper cuts (4.7B) to higher education than SB1.7(B). In reality the amount will be somewhere in the middle. SHSU's annual budget is approximately \$20 million with about \$3 million coming from the state. (These numbers are not exact because the dean did not have the paper work in front of him.) Muehsam espoused the goals of not hurting the University's revenue stream and remembering that the numbers represent human beings.

Everyone hopes the Board will approve the instructional enhancement fees to help alleviate hardships caused by the budget cuts. However, there is no guarantee they will enact provisions and even if they do, the fees will not be accessed until the 2012 spring.



Will cuts to summer compensation be permanent or will the original rate be reinstated once the budget crisis abates?

The deans prefer not to use the word crisis because at this time they feel the situation is manageable and they do not want to scare people needlessly. Of course, there is no guarantee that the money will be returned to fund summer compensation. Any cut should be considered as pseudo-permanent. If the funding returns, there will need to be a discussion as to where to spend the money.

Will departments lose unfilled positions?

Actually there is a new way of looking at funding positions. Departments will not lose the line BUT funding for that line will be zeroed out. Basically the position remains in the department but there is no money to hire a professor to fill the line. The money reclaimed from open positions is used to pay salaries for adjuncts, graduate teaching assistants and overloads. If the funding for the unfilled lines goes away which could happen, then a bigger issue arises because it forces the loss of auxiliary faculty.

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Chair's Report:

Meeting with Provost Payne, March 29, 2010.

1. The University is proposing assessing an Instructional Enhancement Program Fee of \$8-10 per semester hour. This would be a life line out of the budget cuts if the Board agrees to the proposal. The item is on the May Board meeting's agenda. If they agree to the proposal, the fee would be implemented in the spring 2012 semester.
2. Provost Payne reversed two tenure denial decisions. This is a first and the Provost acknowledges that it could open the door for lawsuits. The Provost made the decision to reverse his original ruling on one candidate after removing the IDEA scores generated in courses taught in using distance learning technology. The second candidate will be given an additional year to improve IDEA teaching scores. This reversal stems from the candidate enduring extreme emotional hardships.

Distance Learning Committee Meeting, March 30, 2010.

The committee voted to approve the sunset of Blackboard. Unlike the faculty, the DL committee strongly supports the decision to move from Blackboard to Canvas. The final schedule to sunset Blackboard has been determined.

CoCJ – Fall 2011  
CoBA – Spring 2012  
CoED – Summer + 2012  
CoS – Summer II 2012  
CHSS – Fall 2012  
CoFAMC – Spring 2013

Senate's Subcommittee on the Academic Calendar April 6, 2010.

The Senate received the proposed dates for the 2012 academic calendars. Members voiced great disappointment that the academic calendar reflected the 45 hour format instead of 42 hours which was approved in March 2009. The Senate agreed that this must be corrected before the calendars were approved. Members of the subcommittee will meet again to generate a response to the proposals but are dedicated to the reduced hour calendar because it allows faculty members time to pursue research, writing and collaboration opportunities, encourages a faculty member to participate in the ACECivic Engagement program, saves the University money on utilities, and provides SHSU students more opportunities for employment thus reducing the financial burdens of attending college. The current proposed schedule is:

Fall 2012 – August 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Spring 2013 – January 16<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Summer I 2013 – May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Summer II 2013 – July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>





Approved, April 21, 2011

Attachments:

CAD Minutes

Faculty Research Grants

Enhancement Research Grants



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January 12, 2011

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Absent: Muehsam (Doug Berg attended), Tayebi (Somer Franklin attended)

Visitors: Heather Thielemann, Teresa Ringo

1. Special topics on transcripts Dr. Heather Thielemann and Ms. Teresa Ringo discussed the

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Absent: Brown

1. Program Reviewers Also look at student outcomes Dr. Payne suggested that when a program is being reviewed, student learning outcomes should also be taken into consideration.
2. Here's an issue: How does your faith deal with Dr. Payne attended a presentation at the AASCU meeting that addressed dealing with issues of faith on a college campus. So as to avoid proselytizing a program could be offered on campus wherein representatives of 10 different religions would be invited to an open forum. The representatives would be asked to indicate how their religion would view the topic. Each representative would be given 5



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Absent: de Castro (Terrild24(r)-s0NACE20UsePDesignatorR TdcR ea160.0 11udcRentãÀ A M> A

\_\_\_\_\_. Dr. Joyce McCauley explained that Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) is a teaching method that combines civic engagement with academic instruction. ACE designated courses are intended to prepare students for a life commitment to civic engagement. She requested that deans urge their faculty to have their faculty complete the ACE Course Designation Applications and submit them for consideration. Since SHSU recently received national recognition for community engagement, it is important to have ACE designated courses.

2. THECB Principles of Good Practice. Mr. Bill Angrove stated that it is important to put a process in place to ensure that SHSU's online courses are in compliance with the Coordinating Board's Principles of Good Practice (PGP) and Principles of Good Practice: Course Evaluation Guide. DELTA has implemented the Principles of Good Practice the development of new courses and recommends using the Course Evaluation Guide to evaluate all online courses annually. DELTA will offer stipends to bring courses into compliance with the PGP. Mr. Angrove's recommendation is to implement this process by



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1. Banner/payment for summer Previously a decision had been made to have payment for summer teaching spread over the entire summer period. Payroll representatives indicated it was possible to make payments in Banner as had been done in the Legacy system, making adjustments as necessary for Summer I and/or Summer II teaching ten-week courses paid out over the entire summer. The decision was made to make payments as had been done in the Legacy system.
2. Budgetary requests for additional revenues. Payne distributed a draft of a letter to the Budget Committee along with a report indicating an increase of 144 sections in spring 2011 over spring 2010.
3. Use of copy machines at The University Center and University Park Eglsaer reported that there are a large number of copies being made at The University Center. He asked for suggested solutions for decreasing the number of copies. Perhaps codes could be issued to

## Faculty Research

PI	College	Department	
Borcherding, Kate	Art	Art	
Crane, Jeff	Humanities and Social Sciences	History	
Gu, Qiammon	Business	Management and Marketing	
Kaukonen, Scott	Humanities and Social Sciences	English	New Faculty
Lewis, Patrick	Sciences	Biological Sciences	
Nelosl, David	Humanities and Social Sciences	Psychology	
Neudorf, Diane	Sciences	Biological Sciences	
Nobles, Matt	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice	
Swim, Edward	Sciences	Mathematics & Statistics	New Faculty
Triano-Lopez, Manuel	Humanities and Social Sciences	Foreign Languages	New Faculty
Ulbig, Stacey	Humanities and Social Sciences	Political Science	

26 Proposals  
Submitted

CHSS - 5  
COBA - 1  
COCJ - 1  
COED - 0  
COAS - 4

11 Proposals  
Awarded (38%)

## Grants 2011

Title		Award
Predictive System for Color in Interdisciplinary Mid-fire Ceramics		\$5,000
"ALL this over Grass? The contested Powder River..."		\$5,000
The impact of outsourcing on host economy		\$5,000
Vainamoinen's Dream (a novel)		\$3,528
Excavation and Analysis of the Driefonteien Microfauna		\$5,000
Stress and Pain in College Students	IRB	\$4,150
Fledgling survival in urban and forested ecosystems	IACUS	\$5,000
Biosocial stalking indicators in a college student sample	IRB	\$5,000
Coupled Mixed Finite Element Methods for Fluid-Structure Interaction Problems		\$5,000
The lexical purification of Spanish Romani	IRB	\$5,000
Media Coverage and the Electoral Impact of Vice President Candidates		\$5,000

Total Funded \$52,688



## Enhancement Research Grants (ERG)

PI	Title	Award	Start/End
Demson, Michael	Agrarian Politics and Romantic Literature	\$15,000	6/1/2011
Fang, Hui	Nanostructured LiFePO <sub>4</sub> Cathode Material for Lithium Ion Batteries	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Fox, Kate	Desistance from Crime among Gang Members	\$8,659	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Hill, Joseph	Detrital Zircon Study of the Central Appalachian Piedmont	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Konefal, Jason	Improving Modes of Regulation in the Food System	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Liang, Gan	Gold Nanoshells Coated Silica - SPIO for Photothermal Cancer Therapy	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Liu, Qingzhong	Hybrid Intelligent Digital Forensics Systems of Multimedia Data	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Lynne, Aaron	Microbial Metagenomic Analysis of Human Decomposition	\$15,000	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Miller, Audrey	Personality and Perceived "Mental Defect" Relevance to Insanity	\$14,878	6/1/2011 05/31/12
Walker, Joel	No Scale Flipped SU(5)	\$14,478	6/1/2011 05/31/12

17 Proposals Submitted

CHSS - 3                    10 Proposals Awarded (59%)

Total Funded \$143,015

COAS - 6

COBA - 0

COCJ - 1

COED - 0

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College & Department	
Humanities and Social Sciences - English	New Faculty
Sciences - Physics	
Criminal Justice	
Sciences - Geology	
Humanities and Social Sciences - Sociology	New Faculty
Sciences - Physics	
Sciences - Computer Science	New Faculty
Sciences - Biological Sciences	
Humanities and Social Sciences - Psychology	
Sciences - Physics	New Faculty