

FACULTY SENATE M

Tenured Faculty, Academic Policy Statement 980204,
http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/980204.html

f Chair Loeffler also overviewed the discussions from the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee meeting on September 16. The Executive Committee is considering options for increasing the visibility of the senate including the use of links within Dorothy Roberson's Academic Affairs weekly email and a periodic Faculty Senate newsletter. The Executive Committee also discussed concerns over the IDEA system, the lack of senate input in university policy changes, and the ordering and spacing of special guests to the Faculty Senate.

Old Business

A general discussion took place over which specific areas the Faculty Senate should focus on during the current academic year. Areas discussed:

- Improving on-campus recycling efforts
- The shortage of parking spaces on-campus
- Too much weight is being given to the IDEA system both merit and promotion decisions
- Concerns with the service provided by ARAMARK
- The lack of uniformity across departments in web-site assistance.

New Business

In regards to the H1N1 concerns presented by Jenkins, it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the faculty have the ability and standing to make the appropriate exceptions in their individual attendance policies should such actions become necessary.

Committee Reports

Due to time constraints, only the Committee on Committees was able to present a report.

f Committee on Committees: Approval of faculty nominees for the LSC Board of Directors, Faculty Achievement Committee, Credit by Examination, Research Council, Underrepresented Minority, and Women's Advisory Committee chair Kohers reported that the special election for the college of Humanities and Social Sciences will be completed by September 30.

Senate adjourned at 4:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Frank, Chair-Elect

Faculty Senate H1N1 Presentation

information regarding the new flu strain, H1N1. This strain has also been termed the Swine Flu and the North American flu. Although termed the Swine Flu, there is no connection between pork and the Swine Flu itself. Educational organizations across the country have been preparing for the onset

of this virus for several months. Throughout the heated summer months, this new strain has been spreading rapidly. The Federal Government, working with the Center for Disease

Control and Prevention, has worked to track the virus since its first detection in the United States in the early months of the year.

The University's Health Services Department has held several meetings to discuss and

briefly update concerning the student population, as seen through the Student Health Center was

highlighted to dispel any rumors floating around. With that said, this flu is fast moving and the

flu is a virus that everyone should be prepared to experience at some point. Last spring

students were recommended to wear masks and disinfecting surfaces which caused a great deal of

students, B) instructional continuance, and C) promoting good hygiene practices.

The University is offering seasonal flu shots to employees Wednesday September 30 and Thursday October 1 and has placed an order for the H1N1 vaccine. If and when the university receives any of the H1N1 vaccine from the State, information will be distributed via each Vice President and the

will be the first to be vaccinated.

- All people age 6-74 years
- Pregnant Women
- Caregiver of children younger than 6 months
- Healthcare providers, Target First Responders
- Residents of nursing homes and other long term care facilities
- Among ages 25-64 those with chronic respiratory ailments, asthma, neurological

Issues for Academics:

1. Who will cover my class if I get sick?
2. Who will provide me support assistance if the support staff is out?
3. How should I handle students who miss class, assignments, or test because of the effects of the virus?

Staying Healthy:

- Stay informed.

by infected people. Use Alcohol based hand Cleaners. Use alcohol based hand cleaners often.

- Get vaccinated with both vaccines.

Useful links:

http://www.shsu.edu/~uhc_www (SHSU Student Health Center)

(CDC H1N1 Informational Page)

(State Health Services H1N1 Informational Page)

Factors to consider

- Conversion to a 4-digit course prefix and number
 - The conversion to a 4-digit course prefix and number will be effective with the Summer 2011 semester

and 4-digit course prefixes and numbers

- This will require all course descriptions to be printed with the 3-digit, 4-digit and TCCN equivalent course prefixes and number.

- Catalog thickness is a concern with additional pages required for above changes

• Degree Plan Accuracy

- Degree plans are often out of date by the time the printed catalog arrives on campus:
 - Degree plan requirements and pre-requisites can change each fall semester. Having a 2-year printed catalog does not allow for up-to-date degree plan requirements.

Curricular changes are often not approved in time for inclusion in the printed catalog

- Given approval to proceed with online only
- Does not consider catalog a recruitment or marketing tool
- Consulted with many Community College and High School Counselors – these groups would not object to online only.

- Council of Academic Deans (CAD)
 - Given approval to proceed with online only

- Sam Center
 - In favor of going online

Does not use hard-copy for advising.

admissions)

- In favor of switching to online only

• Financial Resources

- Printing 30,000 Undergraduate Catalogs costs approximately \$50,000

• Usability

- Resources will be dedicated to enhancing the online capabilities

• Paper Waste

Students consider the printed catalog disposable

Other Universities

- University of Houston – No longer prints catalogs – online only
- University of Texas - No longer prints catalogs – online only
- Texas A&M University - No longer prints catalogs – online only
- Texas Tech University – Currently considering going online only
- University of Texas – El Paso – Moving away from hard-copy – decreasing quantities