

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

October 19, 2017  
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
Austin Hall

**Members Present (17).** Donald Albert (COSET), Burcu Ates (COE), Maria Botero (CHSS), J Madhusudan Choudhary (COSET), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Eric (FAMC), Kevin Clifton (FAMC),

**Order.** 3:33 PM, Austin Hall by Chair Jonathan Breazeale.

**uest.**

ost Dr. Mary Robbins

ns distributed an Academic Affairs organizational chart and discussed new hires, staff administrative roles, and RFY (Re-Imagining the First Year of College) updates and

o deter students from avoiding math courses, students will be required to remain in math courses until their math component is complete.

Academic Affairs has revised their communications in effort to steer academically at risk students toward support services.

ns requested additional faculty assistance and involvement in RFY bi-weekly Friday

**of Minutes.**

er 5 minutes were unanimously approved.

**eport.**

Breazeale discussed recent conversation with the Provost. Topics addressed included;

Diversity Committee

lement – Employer Contribution

In consideration of University hiring, the University's Diversity Committee and plan were discussed with some senators still expressing concern about how the University will implement and enforce such a plan. The suggestion was made that the University Diversity Committee should only and exclusively function as an advisory body to both the President and faculty without decision making authority.

The question was asked as to whether the Senate should more forcefully pursue our ORP supplement request. The suggestion of the "fairness" of any additional contribution was discussed with a range of opinions being expressed by senators.

Additionally, the Chair discussed concerns raised by a senator about dangerous pedestrian areas on campus and the faculty member recently injured by a vehicle on campus. The Chair plans to add the topic to the agenda for the next meeting with the Provost.

**Committee Assignments.**

Academic Affairs: APS 800401 Class Attendance.

**Old Business.** No old business was discussed.

**New Business.** No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:** 4:57 PM