

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Donald Bumpass (COBA), Jeff Crane (CHSS), Mark Frank (COBA), William Jasper (COS), Doug Ullrich (COS), Ricky White (COS)

Provost Jaimie Hebert

3:30pm by Chair Debbi Hatton

Provost Hebert spoke first due to a schedule

Provost Hebert noted that he would be different from Provost Payne. He did not have an absolute

In response to a question on Academic Deans who might seek to change a DPTAC vote, Provost Hebert said that a Dean can vote differently from DPTAC but not change its vote. He noted again that if the Dean disagreed with the DPTAC, that he or she should discuss it with the committee.

In response to a question, Provost Hebert noted that he likes what President Gibson is doing on the strategic plan. Furthermore, he said that what was presently occurring was really strategic reporting & the planning would come later. He said that the process more than the planning was being worked on at present since the goals and initiatives produced will be the structure for future strategic plans.

Lamar. The Chancellor of the System noted that no one could force students to attend Lamar and Sul Ross where enrollment has declined. Chair Hatton noted that SHSU had lost 2 low performing programs compared to Sul Ross that had lost 13. Lamar was in equally poor shape. Interestingly, Sam Houston representatives bonded with those from Texas State over the issue. Representatives from Sul Ross and Texas State were also present.

Chair Hatton reported that the State of Texas is facing a 12 billion dollar short fall in the next Legislative Assembly. A special session may be necessary. One reason for the larger-than-expected deficit is the retirement of judges. Also, the Texas public school system had been under-funded and was now facing lawsuits. So the Chancellor said that we should brace for further cuts. He thought new building bonds would not be approved. Texas State had gotten a 200 million bond approved previously, but conference session was cancelled. Chair Hatton will e-mail reports from schools on what is happening on their campus to see how they are dealing with low-

second group, Hispanics, is literacy and language. Many speak English but not well and many women in particular do not like to leave children at home. Day care may be an issue that will need to be addressed by universities. Core Curriculum changes that will affect the third group, True Freshmen, have yet to be finalized. It appears that there will be measured outcomes for English and Math. Science will have six required hours and no labs. The six hours of Core Curriculum in History and Government are out.

HEAF money has yet to be distributed. Faculty should let the Provost know if this is problematic. Provost Hebert said that a KatSafe message regarding a Date Rape was sent out due to a requirement by federal law. Faculty had noted that a fire in COBA had not triggered a KatSafe alert. Provost Hebert responded to a question on why there was a report of a 4.1% increase in student enrollment and he noted that by the 12th class day that had dropped to a 2% increase. Provost Hebert reported that Student Credit Hours (SCH) were more important than the actual number of students enrolled in terms of funding and Sam Houston was down in two colleges in SCHs. Also discussed with Provost Hebert were Low Performing Programs, the ongoing Dean Search for COS, the House Bill which requires two clicks to reach IDEA scores, syllabi and curriculum vitae for faculty (this is not yet fully functional), smoking on campus, excellence awards, and the meeting of the Board of Regents on campus November 17th and 18th to which faculty are invited to attend certain meetings.

This was discussed in terms of how it affects departments. The State wishes to cut down on the number of these types of faculty. This is a problem for Sam Houston in academic departments such as English that utilize large numbers of adjunct faculty. The cap of 25% was discussed as to whether it was measured by the university as a whole or by department. Some departments hire adjuncts for only one or two classes rather than four courses since the school would then have to pay for insurance benefits.

There was discussion regarding the Central Purchasing Survey and whether or not faculty members were using lap tops or desk tops. This will be followed up with Provost Hebert.

There was a discussion of what developmental students are selecting for their majors – General Business or Criminal Justice.

In regard to the Marketing Committee, it was noted that Provost Hebert had said that a Faculty Senate member would be represented but word was that the committee was meeting the following day and no Faculty Senate member had been appointed. Chair Hatton will follow up on this.

Hebert had indicated that he wanted Faculty Senate input on approving it. There was general support amongst the senators that the library be closed from Christmas to the New Year. This will be followed up with Provost Hebert.

Senator Loeffler reported that the Social Media Policy which had been under discussion since the start of the Academic Year had been withdrawn; a whole new policy will be created.

There were no committee reports

