

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

September 3, 2020
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Remote via Zoom

Senators Present (31).

Samuel Adu-Prah (COSET), Mario Aschauer (CAM), Natalie Baker (CJ), Maria Botero (CHSS), Siham Bouamer (CHSS), Timothy Brown (COE), Valencia Browning-Keen (COHS), Patrick Buzzini (CJ), Rhonda Callaway (CHSS), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Jamie Durán (COE), Debbi Hatton (CAM), Damon Hay (COSET), Soo-Yeon Hwang (NGL), Kevin Lord (COM), John Lane (CAM), Lee Miller (CHSS), Geraldine Monjardez (CJ), Carolyn Moore (CAM), Marianne Moore (COHS), Jan Taylor Morris (COBA), Benjamin Park (CHSS), Dwayne Pavelock (COSET), Mary Petró (COE), Debbie Price (COE), Kevin Randall (COHS), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), Karen Sherrill (COBA), Aneika Simmons (COBA), Susan Skidmore (COE), Kyle Stutts (COSET)

Senators Not Present (0).

Outgoing 2019-2020 Senators (6).

Don Bumpass (COBA), Kevin Clifton (CAM), Michael Hanson (Outgoing Senate Chair, NGL), Daphne Johnson (COE), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Nancy Stockall (COE), Yuan Zhao (COM)

Maria Botero (CHSS) and Natalie Baker (COE) were also outgoing, but they were both elected for additional terms.

Called to Order.

3:30 PM, Remote via Zoom, by Outgoing Chair Michael Hanson. Meeting turned over to current Chair of the Senate, Lee Miller.

Special Guests.

Dr. Alisa White, University President

Dr. Richard Eglsaer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. White and Dr. Eglsaer thanked the current and outgoing Senators, expressing importance of Senate and working together on common goals.

Summary of President's Response:

- ◁ Departments have to look at where a faculty member is in the evaluation process for tenure and promotion.
- ◁ For faculty going up for tenure and promotion, departments should consider finding ways to give them a break on workload, provide a GTA, etc., so that COVID-19 should not be a reason someone is not successful.
- ◁ Conversation should begin v[()] TJMenr

Shift in narrative of online education at SHSU since arrival of COVID and SHSU being touted as a top online educator missing an opportunity.

Summary of President's/Provost's Response:

- < President indicates she will have to take call from Chancellor, but offers to return to meeting if desired. Chair offers Senate to forward questions to her or invite her back to subsequent meeting.
 - < President has taught online.
 - < Some students do not feel like they can succeed in online class.
- [President departs; Provost remains]
- < Agrees SHSU is leader in online education.
 - < Emphasizes there is a difference between *online* and *remote*.
 - < Hope faculty trained in online are helping those who are not make their remote instruction as close to online as possible.

Question Topic:

What kind of testing are we doing on campus? Positivity rate? Currently 67 positive cases according to SHSU webpage.

Summary of Provost's Response:

- < Have positivity rates, but distorted due to only testing symptomatic students.
- < 67 cases as on SHSU webpage include self-reported cases and those found through testing

- ◁ Committee on Committees – Carolyn Moore
- ◁ Faculty Affairs – Maria Botero
- ◁ University Affairs – Susan Skidmore.

Trial Zoom Poll and its potential use for handling motions – A trial poll in Zoom was conducted and its use discussed. Concerns about its digital footprint were raised, along with concerns about the hosts of the Zoom meeting being unable to vote in such Zoom polls or in a manner that was the same as everyone else.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.