

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

December 1, 2011
3:30 p.m. – 5:11 p.m.
LSC 304

Members Present: TY

The Drop Date should be the mid-way point for classes that do not fit into the traditional policy for the Drop Date (as outlined for regular Fall, Spring, or Summer terms above). This includes mini-mesters, online, or travel courses that have term lengths different from the dates set by the regular Academic Calendar.

Faculty Senate recommends that for travel courses (either domestic or international) students not be allowed to drop after the class has departed or the mid-point of the non-traditional semester depending on which comes first.

The policy for the Resignation Date should remain as set by the Administration.

Committee Reports:

Committee on Committees: Gerald Kohers (chair of Committee on Committees) discussed the expansion of the Senate in the spring vote to accommodate the new college. The Senate voted unanimously to stagger the length of terms for new Senators who will come in from the new college in the coming election. Senator Kohers will wait until spring to do the poll of University Faculty in regard to committee assignments. The Faculty Handbook as well as University Committees are under review which is why delaying the poll makes sense (See Faculty Handbook page 20) (Reserve the delay of 08 T.003 Tc 6not1(e)1)

Hispanic serving. Senator Kohers suggested that we put this issue before the Enrollment and Retention Committee that has been formed by the Provost.

Cassidy distributed a report on the university becoming Green Friendly. To start, the Newton Gresham Library would like to curtail free printing by students. The Library also prefers in future to have students submit digital theses rather than bound. The Senate unanimously approved these suggestions, but not the entire Green Friendly proposal.

Cassidy raised the issue that had been brought to her committee the van for the van pool. The university entity that had been paying the \$600 fee for the parking space for the van pool van is no longer able to pay. The Senate unanimously approved that the university find other funds to pay this fee for the van pool van.

There was a discussion regarding the Green Friendly proposal. Senators generally approved of the

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