

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

4 December 2014

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Austin Hall

Members Present (20):

Irfan Ahmed (COBA), Nancy Baker (CHSS), Tracy Bilsing (CHSS), Madhusudan Choudhary (COS), Mark Frank (COBA), Randy Garner (CJ), Deborah Hatton (COFAMC), Richard Henriksen (COE), Joan Hudson (COS), Mark Klespis (COS), Jeffry Littlejohn (CHSS), Paul Loeffler (COS), Dennis Longmire (CJ), David McTier (COFAMC), Sheryl Murphy-Manley (COFAMC), Diana Nabors (COE), Gary Oden (COHS), Lisa Shen (NGL), Stacy Ulbig (CHSS), Douglas Ullrich (COS)

Members Not Present (11):

Helen Berg (COE), Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Don Bumpass (COBA), Donna Cox (COE), James Crosby (CHSS), Diane Dowdey (CHSS), Karla Edison (COE), James Landa (COHS), Dwayne Pavelock (COS), Tony Watkins (COFAMC), John Domino (CHSS - on leave for fall 2014)

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Dean Bias verified that as long as one of the parties involved in a Title IX-related incident, including domestic violence, is a student, faculty with knowledge of the case should report to the one of the

Has any Title IX investigation ever resulted in expulsion of students or termination of employment? The answer is yes. The Dean of Students and the employee's supervisor and the Human Resources Department would make such determinations, respectively. Dean Bias further stressed that threshold for the internal university Title IX investigation is one of "preponderance of the evidence" rather than "beyond reasonable doubt." The dean also noted that while Title IX policies have always been victim focused, there have been recent efforts to proceed more cautiously.

One senator noted the mandatory Title IX training for SHSU employees and wondered if similar training is available for students. The answer is yes, all incoming students, including transfer students, must complete 2 hours of mandatory training as required by the Campus Safety Act.

Lastly, Senators and the SHSU community are encouraged to visit the University's Title IX website (<http://www.shsu.edu/titleix/>) for more information.

Chair's Report

The report (see Related Documents) was pre-circulated via email.

Proposed Medical School

Provost Herbert indicated that newspaper reports of an SHSU medical school opening in 2017 in the Conroe area is inaccurate. The administration is still exploring funding and programming options for a possible land donation. In addition, a lengthy, multi-stage process must take place before any proposed new medical program is approved, and no formal proposal has yet been written, let alone submitted to any higher authority.

Moreover, the Provost would like to reassure faculty that the university is committed to ensure current campus resources would not be hurt by potential new endeavors.

Bearkat OneCard

Dr. Baker shared responses from the Higher One management to questions submitted by Senate through Dr. Vienne. A few senators noted that while Higher One's OneSupport helpdesk can provide assistance over the phone, the helpdesk's contact number is not readily available online. Consequently, those in need must visit the SHSU Bearkat OneCard office in person to contact the OneSupport helpdesk, which greatly reduces the usefulness of this service.

Consensual Relationship Policy

Senators shared a number of issues regarding Mr. Hammonds' response to Dr. Baker about the status of the proposed consensual relationship policy. Specifically, senators did not feel Mr. Hammonds has adequately addressed the concerns that the strict disclosure requirements in the policy draft may violate faculty privacy by forcing them to disclose their sexual orientations.

For instance, the existing policy draft calls for disclosure whenever two faculty members in a relationship may be asked to evaluate one another. However, peer-evaluation is a common and encouraged practice, and faculty members are likely be asked to evaluate one another from time to time, especially in smaller departments. Therefore, senators would also like the policy to specify the types of evaluations that would warrant relationship disclosures.

Miscellaneous Rumors

In addressing rumors that a 4/4 teaching load may become the standard workload, the provost flatly rejected the idea as unfounded. There are no plans to change the University's current balance as a research and teaching institution.

Committee Reports

University Affairs Committee Report – Campus Parking

The provost answered many questions that senators and other faculty have asked me in recent weeks about the proposed new medical school in the Conroe area. These questions pertain to the timeline, the funding, how the location was chosen, the impact on SHSU's main campus and current programs, and when/how the program would receive accreditation (and whether students would get their money back if the program failed to receive accreditation).

The provost says that the claim (reported in the Houston Chronicle) that the school could open in 2017 is inaccurate; the approval process has many stages to it that take quite a bit of time, and there is at the moment no formal proposal that has been written (let alone submitted to any higher authority).

The proposed medical school came about because a developer offered a large parcel of land south of Conroe to SHSU for the express purpose of building a medical school or a health sciences center. The developer stipulated that this offer was contingent on SHSU having a plan in place by December 2015. President Hoyt said yesterday at the Faculty Senate Christmas party that having a medical school in Huntsville would not be possible, as there are no nearby facilities offering medical residencies, while the Conroe location is near such facilities.

According to the provost, as part of the planning phase President Hoyt and Carlos Hernandez (Vice President of Finance) have been considering different funding models. There is no definite funding model at this stage. It is true that there are significant costs associated with starting a medical school, and that there would be no state formula funding for the first two years in which students were enrolled in the new program.

In initial talks with the TSUS Board of Regents, Pres. Hoyt was asked to do nothing formal re: a medical school proposal until the current session of the state legislature ends in August. The TSUS administrators want to make sure there are no distractions from the Tuition Revenue Bond request to fund 80% of the costs of a new Biology building at SHSU. (The TRB requests \$60M, which would be 80% of the cost of the new building. SHSU would raise the rest of the money through bonds.)

Once the legislative session ends, it would become possible to start to the pr5(it w)T0 gsio

would need to be in place for two years, 4) receive probationary accreditation and allow the first class of students to enroll. After students have been attending classes for two years at the medical school, then formula funding for the state becomes available. If the school fails to achieve full accreditation, the students enrolled under probationary accreditation are allowed to complete their degree, but no additional students are allowed to start the program. eiTPThere would be no “refunding” of student tuition in such a scenario, as their degrees would be considered to have occurred under probationary accreditation, therefore giving them degrees from an accredited program.)

Perhaps the most important point in the entire discussion of the proposed new

- 1) Faculty members who contact the BearKat card office and request activation of on campus services can do so on a one-off basis without completing the activation process online. We've identified a manual solution to send status files for individual requests and we will monitor this process to ensure the volume remains reasonable going forward.
- 2) Removing or "Archiving" Faculty ID card information was determined not

his/her supervisor where alternative arrangements for supervision, evaluation, etc. are made to eliminate the conflict of interest.

The provost graciously offered to have an additional meeting with the Faculty Senate leaders to address the list of items we were not able to discuss in our most recent meeting with him, due to time constraints. We will be seeing him again on December 16.

Submitted by Nancy E. Baker, via e-mail

Responses to Faculty Senate Parking Questions

Matt McDaniel, Assistant Director



Has the number of spaces kept pace with the growth in the number of people on campus?

- During the course of the year, we always see construction and the removal of spaces or the addition of parking spaces in different or displaced areas. Since 2011, we have seen a decrease in the number of spaces from approximately 7,806 spaces to roughly 7755 spaces pre construction of the South Residential Parking Lot.

Are there
currently plans

How does our issued permits to available spaces ratio compare to other universities?

SHSU Permits Issued to Faculty/Staff and Students for FY15
(Does not include day permits, visitor permits, or hourly garage)

<u>Permit Control Group</u>	<u>Count</u>
Annual Faculty/Staff Reserved	28
Fall Garage Contract Permits	143
Commuter Student YR Mobility Decal	32
Faculty/Staff Annual Mobility Decal	3
Faculty/Staff Annual Mobility Hangtag	49
Resident Student Annual Mobility Decal	5
Veteran Annual Mobility Decal	25
Veteran Annual Mobility Hangtag	9
Annual Commuter Motorcycle	45
Annual Commuter Student	7,192
Annual Faculty/Staff Motorcycle	5
Annual Faculty/Staff Hangtag	1,534
Annual Faculty/Staff Sticker	40
Annual Garage Contract	104
Annual Motorcycle Resident	4
Annual Remote Decal	511
Annual Resident Student Decal	2,068
<u>Total Count:</u>	11,797



Parking Permit and Space Ratios

If faculty are not able to secure a parking space prior to a class, what considerations will they receive if they illegally park?

- All citations that are reviewed through the appeals process are considered on a case by case basis. We consider several variables to include events occurring on campus, parking closures, proper signage and markings in the area, as well as, the appellant's parking history. Ultimately, even though parking has surged beyond resources during peak hours, our office still requests that all permit holders be held to the same standards. We understand that parking is a challenge during peak hours, but we still request that all permit holders be held to the same standards. We understand that parking is a challenge during peak hours, but we still request that all permit holders be held to the same standards.

How many spaces are reserved for individual members of the administration?

- There are currently 35 reserved spaces available on campus for members of Administration to include President, VP Level and Dean Level administrative members. 28 of those spaces are utilized and those that are not being used have the signs removed until positions are filled or the spaces are approved to be used as reserved zone spaces.
- We are researching the ability to have reserved spaces provided to faculty/staff and students within the higher demand parking close to buildings that will be offered at a premium. Costs and increases have not been determined yet for FY16 but a focus has been placed on collecting funds for new parking and structures.

How are parking fees utilized?

- Currently, all fees collected from parking services are used for the operation of the Department of Public Safety Services. This includes both the operation of University Police and Parking and Transportation. A maintenance budget for signage, striping and lot repairs is allocated for the year. A reserve budget is in place for unspent funds to be transferred at the discretion of the Director of Public Safety with the intended purpose of funding larger projects such as the addition of parking.