

WILLIAM P. FLEMING

Professor of English

1. Education

BBA from Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1965 with major in Business Administration, minor in English.

MA from Sam Houston State College in 1966 with major in English, minor Business (Thesis: *The Progressive Pessimism of Mark Twain as Reflected in His Life and Writings*)

Ph.D. from University of Toledo in 1972 with major in English and related minor in Drama [1st person to complete Ph.D. program in English and receive Ph.D. from Toledo] (Dissertation: *Tragedy in American Drama: The Tragic Views of Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, and Edward Albee*)

2. Teaching

Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, Department of English – 1966-1972

Assistant Professor of English – 1966-1972

Assistant Dean of the College of Liberal Arts – 1970-1972

Sam Houston State University – 1972-present

Associate Professor of English – 1972-1985

Professor of English – 1985 - present

3. Administration

Executive Director of Student Advising and Mentoring Center – 2002 – 2017

Coordinator for Bachelor of General Studies Degree in Liberal Studies – 2017—
present

FACULTY INVOLVEMENT

UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT

- a. Chair of the University Faculty Senate - 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2000/5700Up.html]
- b. Chair Elect of the University Faculty Senate 1996-1997, 1998-1999, 2000-2001
- c. University Committees
 - a. Budget Committee
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee
 - c. Search Committee of Dean of Arts and Sciences
 - d. Search Committee for Dean of Libraries
 - e. Crisis Management Committee
 - f. Academic Policy Council
 - g. University Curriculum Committee
 - h. Many university committees in the past 45 years

STATE OF TEXAS

- a. Elected President-Elect of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates in February, 2000 (Consists of the Faculty Senate leaders in the 35 state universities in Texas. The Senate leaders meet twice a year in Austin to discuss issues affecting faculties and universities; TCFS combines with AAUP and TACT state delegates for programs.): President-Elect (2000-2001), President (2001-2003), Past President (2003-2004)
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2000/3500Up.html]
- b. Sam Houston State University representative on Coordinating Board Committee to evaluate transfer credits throughout the state

UNIVERSITY FACULTY RECOGNITION

- a. Excellence in Service Award – 1996
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/1996/ex96.html]
- b. Excellence in Teaching Award – 1998
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/1998/Ex98.html]

COURSES TAUGHT DURING TENURE AT SAM CENTER (2002-2017)

- a. ENGL 3390 (The Bible as Literature)
- b. EDLE 7379 (Leadership in Academic Advising [Formerly “Foundations in Academic Advising”] – Online)
- c. BUAD 3335 (Business Communication)
- d. BUAD 5310 (Managerial Communication – Online)
- e. UNIV 4301 (Capstone Course in Liberal Studies – Online)

COURSES TAUGHT UPON RETURN TO ENGLISH DEPARTMENT (Fall 2017-2018)

- a. ENGL 1301 (Composition I)
- b. ENGL 1302 (Composition II – Online)
- c. ENGL 3363 (Mythology)
- d. ENGL 2332 (World Literature: Before 17th Century)
- e. BUAD 5310 (Managerial Communication – Online)
- f. UNIV 4301 (Capstone Course in Liberal Studies – Online)

ACADEMIC ADVISING

In 2002, President James Gaertner, 12th President of Sam Houston State University, proposed the establishment of a centralized academic advising center for the university. After several meetings with the Student Senate, I, along with several administrators, proposed the advising center to the students, and they passed the measure. I was asked to become the Director of the center since I had been an advisor for many years. We also added a mentoring sector to the center which has proved to be extremely beneficial to our students.

With the help and encouragement of the administration, I created the Student Advising and Mentoring Center (SAM Center), which opened in 2002. Using the talents and dedication of a cadre of professional advisors and faculty advisors, the SAM Center has become a nationally-recognized model for academic advising. Over 25 universities have visited the SAM Center and several have created models of our SAM Center. The SAM Center advises and mentors over 15,000 students each semester.

- A. Recognition prior to the SAM Center
 - a. General Studies Advisor plaque, awarded by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences: 1986
 - b. Named to Wall of Fame by Dean Brian Chapman of College of Arts and Sciences, 2001
- B. Recognition since the establishment of the SAM Center of center and personnel
 - a. Certificate of Merit, Academic Advising Administrator by NACADA (National Academic Advising Association), 2004.
[<http://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/advising/awards.html>]
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2004/SamAdvisers0604.html]
 - b. Cathy Reeves and Wes Boyd received Certificates of Merit as Outstanding Advisors by NACADA, 2004
[<http://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/advising/awards.html>]
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2004/SamAdvisers0604.html]
 - c. SAM Center received Certificate of Merit as Outstanding Advising Model by NACADA (2005)
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2005/SAMCenterAward0505.html]
 - d. SAM Center received Certificate of Merit as Outstanding Advising Model by NACADA (2011)
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2011/SAMCenterEarnsRecognition.html]
 - e. Edgard Sanchez received Certificate of Merit as Outstanding New Advisor by NACADA (2013)
 - f. Bill Fleming named Outstanding Academic Advising Administrator in United States by NACADA (National Academic Advising Association), 2013
[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2013/flemingawards.html]
 - g. Received Gail Rola Memorial Award (recognizes both “outstanding

- leadership and the ability to administer that leadership with heart and with care,” according to the NACADA) - 2013
- C. President of the SHSU University Staff Council – 2004-2005

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY

- a. Locally
 - 1. Faculty Advisor for Epsilon Psi Chapter - 1972-present
- b. Internationally
 - 1. Grand Praetor for chapters in Southern Province of Texas at Sam Houston State, Texas A&M, University of Houston, Stephen F. Austin, University of Texas/Austin, Southwest Texas State University, Texas A&I (Texas A&M/Kingsville) - 1982-1996
 - 2. Dean of the Praetorial College (elected by the body of 44 Grand Praetors throughout the United States and Canada) - 1991, 1993, 1995
 - 3. Elected as Alumnus-at-Large to the Sigma Chi Executive Committee - 1997-1999
 - 4. Elected 21st Grand Historian – 2005 – 2015
 - i. Editor of *One In Heart and Purpose: The Founders and the Founding of the Sigma Chi Fraternity*, published by the Sigma Chi Fraternity, 2009.
- c. Recognition:
 - 1. Order of Constantine – 1990 [Recognition for persons who have contributed to the General Fraternity in many areas of leadership]
 - 2. Henri Stegmeier Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award – 1995 [Recognition for persons who have been Chapter Advisors and have influenced excellence in their chapters; award not given yearly, only when warranted]
 - 3. Seven Grand Consul Citations (presented by Grand Consuls Keith Sorenson, Doug McWhirter, Bob Jones, Wayne Tucker, Dennis Santoli, Mike Greenberg, Mike Ursillo)
 - 4. Significant Sig Award – 2016 [Recognition for persons who have excelled in their profession]

Student Organizations at SHSU:

- a. Order of Omega (1989-2006) (Organized a group of leaders in the sororities and fraternities which petitioned the National Order of Omega and was chartered in 1989.)
- b. Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society): One of the oldest organizations on Sam Houston’s Campus. I was Faculty Advisor for it for twelve years.
- c. LaCrosse Team: When the team was initially formed one of its “founders” as in my class. He asked me if I would get them started by

- signing whatever forms were necessary. And I agreed.
- d. Interfraternity Council: As Advisor for the Interfraternity Council for fifteen years, I was able to look at the fraternity “system” on our campus, which also aided me in becoming a better advisor overall.
Robert Gammage Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law Society): Two of the founders of Phi Alpha Delta asked me to be their Faculty Advisor until they got going, to which I gladly agreed.
 - e. Wesley Foundation - President of the Board (2000)
 - f. Orange Keys Selection Committee (1995-2015)
 - g. Recognition:
 - 1. Recipient of first Sammy Award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor (1995)
 - 2. Recipient of Sammy Award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor (2007)
 - 3. Recipient of the Metis Greek Award for Outstanding Faculty Advisor (2011)

ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

- a. SHSU Alumni Board - 1990 – 1999
- b. First Faculty member to serve as President of the SHSU Alumni Association - 1994-95
- c. Alumni Service Award, 2002
[\[http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2002/AlumServ02.html\]](http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/T@S/2002/AlumServ02.html)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- a. In charge of Volunteers for Sam Houston Folk Festival, 1992-1996
- b. Member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1988 – present
 - a. Choir Director, 1998 – present
 - b. Board of Trustees, 2012 – 2015

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