

## Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate exists “In order to develop fully the freedom of discussion, participation, and examination of ideas by faculty, students, and administration in the search for truth...” to quote the Preamble to the Charter of the Faculty Senate of Sam Houston State University.

To locate more information on the Faculty Senate of Sam Houston State University, including meeting minutes, current roster and constitution and bylaws, see the Faculty senate website at [http://www.shsu.edu/~org\\_sen/](http://www.shsu.edu/~org_sen/)

## Committee Structure of the University

University committees are included in the [Committee Book](#). Each entry in the Committee Book includes a statement of the committee's purpose, appointment procedures, and current chair and committee members' names, along with term expirations.

## Academic Policy Statements

The [Academic Policy Manual](#) in its entirety is available from the Academic Affairs Policies and Procedures page. Select from the Faculty section, Curriculum and Instruction section, or Student section. Individual Academic Policy Statements are also linked from within this Handbook when appropriate.

## Drug-Free Workplace

Sam Houston State University policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the workplace. For complete coverage of this policy, please refer to Human Resources Policy ER-8, [“Drug Free Workplace.”](#)

## University Publications

The policy covering all University publications is found in Administrative Policy and Procedures, University Advancement Policy UA-05, [“University Publications and Marketing Communications.”](#)

## Emergency Closings

To ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, it may become necessary to cancel classes due to inclement weather or other emergencies. This policy is fully covered in the President’s Office Policy [PRE-07, “Closing the Campus Due to Weather Related Emergencies.”](#)