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## THE FACULTY COUNCIL

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### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Faculty Council

FROM: Jacquelin Collins, Chairperson  
Faculty Council Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Fall Faculty Council Meeting

The Fall Faculty Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28, 1976 at 3:15 p.m., in the University Center Ballroom. The agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes of the Spring 1976 Faculty Council Meeting
2. Pass-Fail Policy (copy of recommendations attached)
3. Travel funds for the presentation of research at professional meetings -- Prof. Eugene Korkowski (copy of resolution attached)
4. Faculty attendance at Commencement -- Prof. B.H. Newcomb (copy of resolution attached)
5. Ex-Officio voting members on the Tenure and Privilege Committee -- Prof. Briggs Twyman (copy of resolution attached)
6. Other Business

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC SELECT COMMITTEE ON PASS-FAIL GRADING

1. Undergraduate students may take up to 13 semester hours toward satisfying degree requirements in which they will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Courses specified in the catalog as available only with pass-fail grading, and courses taken in excess of degree requirements are not included in the 13-hour restriction.
2. No more than 9 hours of course work used to satisfy general degree requirements may be taken pass-fail. A student may be restricted by his college or department from taking a course pass-fail which is a pre-requisite for a course or courses in his major field.
3. No student on probation will be allowed the pass-fail option.
4. A student must declare the intent to take a course pass-fail no later than the last day on which a grade of "W" is automatically given for courses dropped. A student who has chosen to take a course pass-fail may subsequently change to a letter graded basis no later than 30-days prior to the first day of final examinations.
5. The names of students taking a course pass-fail will not be made known to the instructor.
6. Courses taken in the declared major or minor shall not be taken by pass-fail unless required by the department. The department of the major or minor will decide whether courses taken under the pass-fail system, before a student has declared a major or minor, shall count toward satisfying the degree requirements.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council moved to send the above six recommendations to the Faculty Council. By a majority vote, the above recommendations carry the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council.

RESOLUTION...(Presented by Eugene Korkowski, Assistant Professor, English)

It is demoralizing to the faculty within the academic departments of Texas Tech University that travel funds for the presentation of research at professional meetings have been frozen at previous years' levels and have become inadequate to provide for the increased amount of research this faculty has generated.

The presentation of faculty research at professional meetings enhances all phases of educational quality at this University. Such research improves the preparedness in teaching of the individual professor, of his department, and of the University as a whole; presenting such research likewise increases the visibility and reputation of the individual professor, of his department, and of the University as a whole.

Present levels of travel funding, however, serve as a negative incentive for involvement in research requiring travel to professional meetings. The faculty member who hesitates to publish, knowing he cannot afford to travel to present his research, will be the logical product of present travel-funding policies, and this drop in research activity will very likely reduce the excellence and prestige of the entire University.

Therefore, we, the Faculty Council, are resolved that Texas Tech University should appropriate adequate levels of travel funding to maintain excellence in research within the University's academic departments.

We also resolve that the distribution of travel money for presenting research should be equitable, according to demonstrated research output, among academic departments.

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RESOLUTION...(Presented by B.H. Newcomb, Associate Professor, History)

WHEREAS, without consent of the faculty, departments have been instructed to recruit a specified quota of their faculties to attend Commencement, and to furnish the names of those so recruited;

RESOLVED, (1) that the required attendance by faculty at Commencement be reconsidered by the administration; (2) that the faculty be encouraged to attend Commencement by the obtaining of notable speakers from the highest levels of the academic, business, government, literary, or scientific communities, and by the seeking of faculty consent in the awarding of any honorary degrees.

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RESOLUTION...(Presented by Briggs Twyman, Assistant Professor, History)

WHEREAS, the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs are ex-officio voting members of the Tenure and Privilege Committee;

RESOLVED, that the Tenure and Privilege Committee be requested to investigate, in cooperation with the Office of the President, the desirability of having ex-officio voting members.