

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1977-1978

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

September 7, 1977

heard a discussion and report on proposed changes of Policy Paper #1 on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Responsibility (minimum standards for tenure policy) as adopted by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, October 1967. Selected a faculty member to appear on Tech's behalf at public hearing to urge that Policy Paper #1, as adopted in 1967, be kept in preference to currently proposed revision.

heard reports from Committee on Committees, carryover business from 1976-77 academic year, and accepted Annual Reports and heard recommendations from the following committees; University Student Appeals, Admissions and Retention, University Discipline, and Code of Student Affairs. The Orientation of New Faculty and Student Orientation Committees both recommended that their committees be abolished because of lack of activity. The Faculty Development Committee reported an active year. The University Benefits Committee was basically inactive. The Retired Faculty and Staff Committee had a number of recommendations. Reports were heard from Charter Day, Commencement, Recognition and Solicitations Committees, each being active, but having few recommendations for consideration by The Executive Committee. Also the International Education Committee reported. The English Usage Committee's report recommended that this committee be abolished. The Campus Emergency Committee reported little activity.

passed a motion to instruct the Chairperson of the Faculty Council to write a letter to the University Artists and Speakers Committee commending them for their work.

heard reports from the Minority Affairs Committee, the Men's Athletic Council, Academic Affairs Committee and Women's Athletic Council.

passed a motion to set dates and places for open hearings on the proposed new Constitution as submitted by the ad hoc Committee to Consider a Faculty Senate.

reviewed draft copy of uniform grade appeals procedure as prepared by the ad hoc committee and moved to ask the Vice President of Academic Affairs to delay further action on this matter in order that the Executive Committee members might have more time to study the proposed policy and make recommendations.

October 12, 1977

received a report by Collins, who attended the open hearing of the ad hoc committee of the Coordinating Board on the proposed change to Policy Paper #1 on Academic Freedom Tenure and Responsibility.

passed a motion to endorse the grade appeals policy and procedure statement as supplied by the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and as modified by the Student Association.

passed a motion to recommend that faculty members of all grade appeals

committees be selected by a faculty body, preferably the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council or its successor.

passed a motion to recommend that the faculty and student representation to all such bodies be equal in number, excluding the chairperson to be appointed by the Dean.

passed a motion to recommend that in the case of a graduate student, grade appeals be considered by the undergraduate college in which the graduate student is currently studying and not by the Graduate Dean.

passed a motion to recommend that grade appeals committees could be selected on an ad hoc basis in a college or school.

heard a report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider a Faculty Senate, and received a slightly revised version of a draft of the proposed Constitution of the Faculty Senate.

heard recommendations that the matter of replacing the Faculty Council by the Faculty Senate, as defined by the Constitution, be placed on the agenda of the Faculty Council meeting called for November 1, 1977.

passed a motion to accept the report of the ad hoc Committee to Consider a Faculty Senate with a revised version of Article VIII which reads: "The Constitution of the Faculty Senate shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the membership of the Faculty Council then present and voting at a called meeting of the Faculty Council and after ratification by the President of the University and approval by the Board of Regents. Upon the Constitution's becoming effective, the Faculty Senate and its Constitution shall substitute nunc pro tunc for the Faculty Council and its Charter."

voted unanimous approval of a motion to commend the ad hoc Committee to Consider a Faculty Senate members on their many years of work to finally produce a workable document, and to do this by acclamation.

heard a report from the ad hoc Committee to Review the Tenure Policy.

November 9, 1977

heard a report from the ad hoc Committee to Review the Tenure Policy.

heard a report from the Committee on Committees and passed a motion to forward the Committee on Committee's list of nominees to fill vacancies on the Code of Student Affairs Committee, Library Committee, and Convocations Committee to the proper vice presidents.

was informed of the merger of the Admissions and Retentions Committee and the Admissions and Registration Committee and that it is no longer a standing committee of the Faculty Council, but a TTU Committee. This was done on the recommendation of the Faculty Council. It was also the recommendation of the Faculty Council that the orientation For New Faculty Committee be abolished and this has been done.

passed a motion to name the Committee on Committees' nominee to fill the vacancy from the College of Business Administration on the Grievance Committee, a

standing committee of the Faculty Council.

heard the Vice President for Academic Affairs report on the progress of the Grade Appeals Policy and Procedures.

heard a report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs on Plan for Review of Tenured Faculty which specified the various evaluations which are made of faculty members.

THE FACULTY SENATE

December 14, 1977

heard a report on the election which resulted in the establishment of a Faculty Senate and unanimous approval by the Board of Regents on December 2, 1977.

passed a motion that Faculty Council officers and committees be continued as Faculty Senate officers and committees.

passed a motion which determined the manner in which the present membership of the Faculty Senate will be enlarged to bring it into conformity, to the extent possible, with its Constitutional size and composition.

passed a motion to authorize the Election Committee to proceed with the election, draw names by lot to determine who gets terms expiring in three years, and that the lottery be contrived so that anomalies will not exist.

passed an amendment to the above motion, stating that at the same time the Election Committee, in the same election, should secure replacements for those representatives whose terms of office expire in 1978, but that they not take their seats until May, 1978.

heard a review of the legislative actions affecting Texas Tech.

directed the President of the Faculty Senate to appoint a committee to secure a meeting place for the Faculty Senate, and

appoint a committee to write a set of bylaws for the consideration of the Faculty Senate.

heard a report from the Committee on Committees and approved one person as a nominee to the Grievance Committee.

heard a report from the Tenure Review Committee.

January 18, 1978

heard a report from the Committee on Committees and moved to recommend that the Committee on Committees be prepared to submit names of nominees to fill vacancies on the Grievance Committee.

heard a report from the ad hoc committee appointed to select a meeting place for the Faculty Senate.

passed a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the question of invocations at University-related affairs.

discussed length of terms of new senators and
passed a motion recommending a method by which the length of terms of the new senators would be determined.

February 8, 1978

passed a motion to endorse a resolution directing the President of the Faculty Senate to write a letter to the President of the University stating the Faculty Senate's views on the need for improvement in the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems.

passed a motion to forward to the President of the University the name of one nominee to fill the vacancy on the Student Publications Committee, and two nominees to fill the vacancies on the Grievance Committee.

heard a report from the committee charged to find a meeting room and informing the Senate that approval had been given for use of the Senate Room in the University Center.

heard a report from the Tenure Review Committee.

heard suggestions and discussion with reference to a paper entitled "Senate Operating Procedures" distributed with the February 8, 1978 Agenda.

discussed rules and guidelines under which the Faculty Development Committee operates.

heard excerpts of a letter from the President of the University written to the President of the Faculty Senate expressing the need for an advisory group of faculty members to participate in the review of matters related to the Academic Budget and discussed the possibility that the Budget Advisory Committee, which is now a standing committee of the Faculty Senate could become a University Academic Budget Council. The Senate passed a motion to refer the matter to the committee on Committees for further study and requested a report on the matter at the next Senate meeting.

March 8, 1978

reviewed the results of the recent Faculty Senate elections.

heard excerpts of a letter from the President of the University requesting a general faculty meeting in April, 1978.

heard a report from the Tenure Review Committee.

heard a report on Faculty Merit Raises from the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

examined the charge of the Academic Budget Council, which the Committee on Committees proposed to replace the Faculty Senate standing committee, the Budget Advisory Council, and passed a motion to approve the charge of the Academic Budget Council as distributed.

heard discussion of faculty retirement policies at Texas Tech, and passed a motion to refer this matter to the Benefits and Retirement Committee.

heard a report from the Coordinating Board's Advisory Committee on Faculty Workloads and Small Classes.

April 12, 1978

heard a report from the Vice President for Administration explaining matters concerning the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

accepted the Committee on Committees' slate of nominees from which committee vacancies will be filled.

passed a motion to refer the list of nominees from which vacancies on the Athletic Council are to be filled back to the Committee on Committees for further consideration.

passed a motion instructing the Committee on Committees to present their list of nominees to fill committee vacancies to the Faculty Senate in writing, distributing the list of nominees with the agenda prior to the meeting and requiring the full name and college of the nominee to be included on the list.

passed a motion to recess this meeting and to reconvene on Wednesday, April 19, 1978.

April 19, 1978

heard a continuation of the report from the Committee on Committees from the April 12th meeting and

passed a motion to forward a slate of six names to the office of the President of the University as nominees from which vacancies on the Athletic Council should be filled.

passed a motion to table until the next meeting a motion establishing guidelines for the solicitation of candidates for membership on various committees.

held election of Faculty Senate officers for the year 1978-1979. New officers elected were Margaret Wilson, President; Otto Nelson, Vice President; and Gary Elbow, Secretary.

heard a report from the Tenure Review Committee and passed a motion to recommend that the Tenure Review Committee rewrite its tenure draft policy in the form of an amended version of the existing tenure policy rather than in the form of a new tenure policy.

passed a motion to recommend that no action be taken by the Tenure Review Committee on the tenure policy until this amended version of the tenure policy is completed.

examined a copy of the proposed bylaws as distributed by the ad hoc committee charged with the drafting of new bylaws, and passed a motion to adopt the bylaws as distributed, with minor amendments from the floor.

passed a motion to instruct the Faculty Senate President to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the matter of retirement policies at Texas Tech.

heard a report and analysis of grade inflation prepared by the Faculty Senate at the University of Texas, and passed a motion to instruct the Faculty Senate President to acknowledge the receipt of the University of Texas document and to thank Professor Otto Nelson for presenting and commenting on this document.

examined copies of two newspaper articles, along with a copy of a letter prepared by a member of the Faculty Senate concerning the matter of professor absenteeism and, passed a motion to send a letter similar to the one circulated among the Senators to state legislators, members of the Coordinating Board of the State College and University System, Tech's Board of Regents and others deemed appropriate by the President of the Faculty Senate.

passed a motion stating that "henceforth a candidate whose name appears on the ballot shall consent, in writing in a space provided on the information sheet, to having his/her name appear on the ballot and agree to serve if elected to the Faculty Senate.

May 10, 1978

passed a motion to reconsider the matter of sending a letter concerning professors' absenteesim as previously directed. Passed a motion directing the President of the Faculty Senate not to send the letter concerning professors' absenteesim.

passed a motion outlining certain guidelines on procedures for nominating persons to serve on University committees.

passed a motion to approve the charge of the Academic Affairs and Status Committee as distributed.

passed a motion to accept the slate of nominees presented by the Committee on Committees for the ad hoc Retirement Investigation Committee, ad hoc Committee to Select Faculty to Attend Out-of-Town Football Games, and the Academic Affairs and Status Committee.

passed a motion instructing the President of the Faculty Senate to write a letter to the President of the University calling his attention to the fact that the Affirmative Action Committee has not met this year.

heard a report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning the Faculty Workload Policy.

passed a motion to endorse the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Invocations and to forward the recommendations to the office of the President of the University.

passed a motion to commend the President of the University for the manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office during this first year and a half as President.

passed a motion to direct the President of the Faculty Senate to write a letter to the registrar's office, with copies to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and to the Office of the President of the University, conveying a resolution asking for a delay in the implementation of the computerized reporting system which replaces the mailing and handling of drop slips.

heard expressions of appreciation and commendations to senators who are completing their term of office.

THE FACULTY COUNCIL

November 1, 1977

heard a brief history of the faculty governance at Texas Tech and a short review of the proposed constitution for a Faculty Senate form of government.

passed a motion to declare a quorum present by resolution.

passed a motion to amend Article VIII, Adoption and Ratification to read: "The Constitution of the Faculty Senate shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the membership of the Faculty Council then present and voting at a called meeting of the Faculty Council and adopted by a mail vote of eligible voting faculty, and after ratification by the President of the University and approved by the Board of Regents."

passed a motion to adopt the proposed Constitution, as amended.

April 27, 1978

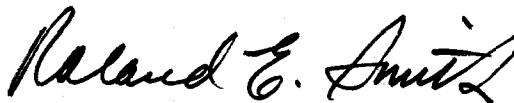
President Mackey spoke to a group of about 130 faculty members at the first general faculty meeting called by the Faculty Senate and recognized faculty whose achievements have been outstanding. He reviewed events of the past year with specific references to the Tenure Review Committee's work in reviewing the present tenure policy; the funding of organized research; progress at the medical school; and the hopeful support of the legislature for the funding of both a College of Nursing and a College of Pharmacy at Tech. He expressed hope for the continued interest of the legislature in faculty workloads and the building program here at Tech.

CORRECTIONS:

In the minutes of the General Faculty meeting of April 27..... the last sentence in paragraph 3 on page 2 should read "In the Appropriations Request for the next legislative session, approximately \$900,000 is being requested to make modifications to accommodate handicapped persons on campus."

In the "discussion draft" from the Office of Academic Affairs, Texas Tech University, Academic Workload - in the chart labeled Faculty Workload Summary - the load equivalents in the second section should read "portion of course semester credit hours per student enrollment."

Respectfully submitted,



Roland E. Smith, Secretary
Faculty Senate (1977-1978)

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