

Minutes

Meeting #13, March 14, 1979

Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 14, 1979 at 3:40 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Margaret Wilson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Adamcik, Alexander, Allen, Aycock, Brittin, Chamberlain, Christian, Cummins, Dale, Davis, Dixon, Eissinger, Elbow, George, Gillas, Higdon, Hunter, Jebson, Keho, Kellogg, Lee, L. Luchsinger, McDonald, McPherson, Mehaffie, Michael, Morris, Nelson, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Pearson, Reichert, Rylander, Sanders, Sasser, Shine, Smith, Sowell, Tereshkovich, Troub, Vines, Wagner, Walkup, Williams, and Wright. Members absent: McGowan and Wade. Absent because of other University business or pressing personal matters: V. Luchsinger, McGlynn, McLaughlin, Mogan, Owens, Roberts, and Stoune.

Guests included: Charles Hardwick, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Rod McClendon, University Daily; Dennis A. Harp, Mass Communications; and Jerry Hudson, Mass Communications.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The Faculty Senate:

- I. Voted to forward to President Mackey the second draft of the Faculty Grievance Panel Procedures with several amendments for his consideration.
- II. Heard President Margaret Wilson report on administration responses to certain Faculty Senate resolutions and requests.
- III. Accepted the Committee on Committee's recommendations for faculty members to serve on the ad hoc Van Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom.
- IV. Voted to convey to President Mackey the desire of faculty for some regular form of communication between administration and faculty.
- V. Considered a resolution on a proposed university media center, but was unable to take final action on it for lack of a quorum.

Senate President Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and recognized guests.

I. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 1979 FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Wilson indicated that Richard McGlynn's name should be moved from the "absent" list to the list of senators who were absent due to University business or pressing personal matters. Henry Shine requested that his name also be moved to that same list. Hearing no other corrections, Wilson declared the minutes accepted as distributed with the two corrections indicated.

Wilson called the senators attention to an error in the announcements which were attached to the agenda of the March 14, 1979 meeting. On page two, Library Committee, line 20 from the top - Dean Graves should be changed to read Dr. Jim Graves.

Dr. Arthur T. Roberts was recently elected Senator from Business Administration to replace Herschel Mann, but was unable to attend this meeting because of a prior commitment.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE FACULTY GRIEVANCE PANEL PROCEDURES

L. Luchsinger moved acceptance of the revised draft of the Grievance Panel Procedures. There followed a lengthy debate on various points of Sections III and IV of the draft, during which the following amendments to the Luchsinger motion were passed by the Senate:

1. Section III., Paragraph E., to read "Presentation of the grievance in accordance with the steps in this section is a condition precedent to the right of a faculty member to a hearing before the panel. Further, if the grievant pursues the grievance before any other body, board, commission or agency, then the University at its discretion may elect to suspend proceedings until such outside pursuits have been completed."
2. Section IV, Paragraph D., the following sentence to substitute for the first sentence in the draft paragraph: "The grievant shall represent himself or herself and may present his or her own case, although he or she may be accompanied and advised by a counselor present at the hearing."
3. Section IV, Paragraph E., the entire paragraph to be replaced by a sentence reading: "Evidence will be considered which relates to the grievance."
4. Section IV, Paragraph I., a sentence shall be inserted reading: "If the University President fails to follow the recommendations of a majority of the Panel he shall respond in detail to those findings and recommendations which were rejected."

The Luchsinger motion, as amended, was passed and will be forwarded to President Mackey as the recommendation of the Faculty Senate.

III. RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS - WILSON

A. Manual Pre-registration

Wilson received a response to the letter which the Senate directed her to write to the President of the University conveying its recommendations regarding manual pre-registration. Dr. Mackey indicated that Vice Presidents Ewalt and Hardwick are studying the matter at his direction.

B. Advance of the fall semester 1979 calendar

Wilson met with the Administrative Council on March 6th, at which time the fall semester calendar was discussed at length. It was decided that December 13, 1979 will be declared "dead day," with final examinations to be held Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15, and Monday through Wednesday, December 17 through 19. The deadline for having grades to the Office of the Registrar will remain December 22, as before.

C. A letter from Vice President for Student Affairs Ewalt informs the Senate that its recommendation to drop the Seventh Conference of Student Orientation has been accepted. An orientation session for entering freshman students will still be held, but registration will be in the Coliseum at the same time as the regular students, thus eliminating the need to have faculty be present in the Coliseum on the day preceeding regular registration as in the past.

IV. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - BRITTIN

Brittin moved that the Senate approve the Committee on Committees' nominations of persons to serve on the ad hoc Van Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom. The motion to accept the Committee on Committees' nominations carried.

A slate of nominations for Senate approval as suggestions to fill vacancies on Committees and Councils will be circulated with the agenda for the April 11th Senate meeting. At that meeting the Senate will nominate persons to fill vacancies on University and Senate Committees and Councils and forward those names to the office of the President for his final selection.

V. UNIVERSITY PUBLICATION - WILSON

Attention has recently been called to the fact that there is no regular means of communication between the central administration and the faculty of this university other than what is printed in the University Daily and the local newspaper.

Tereshkovich moved that the President of the Faculty Senate convey to the President of the University the desire of the faculty that some form of regular communication between the administration and faculty be initiated. The motion carried.

VI. RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSITY MEDIA CENTER - PEARSON

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: there has been increasing emphasis on the importance of instructional media systems and considerable availability of materials and equipment to support improved teaching techniques and/or implement innovative instructional projects;

WHEREAS: there have been several University and College committees appointed to investigate the desirability of a centralized media center during the past five years;

WHEREAS: several individuals with expertise in educational media are now employed at Texas Tech;

WHEREAS: fifty thousand square feet of available space exists in the University Library;

WHEREAS: two inventories of existing equipment on campus reveal duplication of efforts and inefficiency;

RESOLVED THAT: University administration procedures be initiated which will centralize media and technician services, future purchases of instructional media, storage and distribution of media;

RESOLVED THAT: the administration report to the faculty Senate on this matter at the April 11 meeting.

VI. Resolution on University Media Center continued.....

Newcomb moved to close debate on the Pearson resolution. The motion failed.

Sasser then moved to refer the resolution to a committee to be appointed by the President of the Faculty Senate for study, with a report to be delivered to the Senate at a later meeting.

Hardwick asked for the floor to inform the Senate of progress in the planning of a university-wide media center. Advance planning has been carried out and it appears that, aside from the problem of funding, only details remain to be worked out before implementation begins.

Vines' call to close debate on the Sasser motion passed. The Sasser motion failed to carry.

Sasser then moved that the penultimate paragraph of the Pearson resolution be divided into two sections to be voted upon separately from the main body of the resolution. The two new paragraphs would be:

1. Administrative procedures be initiated which will centralize technician services and make equipment equally available to all departments at the places where it is needed.

2. Administrative procedures be initiated that will centralize media storage and distribution.

Before a vote could be taken on this motion Cummins moved to adjourn. The motion failed.

Sasser called for a quorum count. There not being a quorum present, Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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