

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE

1979-80

The faculty Senate met in nine regularly scheduled sessions during the year. There was also a special meeting on July 13, 1979, to pass resolutions concerning Faculty Senate representation in the selection of a President of Texas Tech University. The following report accounts for the activities of the Senate by categorizing them into four divisions. Further information about any of the business recorded below may be obtained by consulting the minutes on file in the Faculty Senate Office.

AD HOC COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

- A. Academic Freedom - The committee reported that it had developed a questionnaire that it intended to send to the entire faculty (9/12/79). In an interim report, the chairperson of the committee said that more than one-third of the questionnaires had been returned (11/14/79). In another interim report, Chairperson Stewart moved that a document entitled "Interim Report to the Faculty Senate by the ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom: Recommendations" be adopted. Part I and items A & B of part II were referred to the Tenure & Privilege Committee without Senate action and with the request that that committee report to the Senate on these matters in October of 1980. Item C was endorsed and forwarded to the Tenure & Privilege Committee (5/7/80).
- B. Energy Usage & Conservation - This committee was established (3/12/80) in response to a suggestion by Charles Hardwick. At a later Senate meeting it was reported that President Cavazos wanted more time to study the committee structure of the university before he created such a committee (5/7/80).
- C. Faculty Development Funds - This committee was established to determine how money donated by the Ex-Students Association should be used (4/9/80).
- D. Institutional Resource Allocation Data Base - Established and given its charge (3/12/80).
- E. Committee to Investigate the Status of Faculty Salaries & Related Matters - created and given its charge (10/10/79). Seven faculty members, nominated by the Committee on Committees, were appointed to this committee on (11/14/79). After several meetings, the committee disbanded (3/10/80).
- F. Committee to Investigate Compliance of Texas Tech University with Southwest Athletic Conference Rules - Established and given its charge (3/12/80).
- G. Nomination Committee for 1980-81 Faculty Senate Officers - Established and given its charge (2/13/80), nominated a slate of officers (3/12/80), and finally established as a standing committee of the Faculty Senate (4/9/80).
- H. Committee to Study the Need for Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate - Established and given its charge (12/12/79). This committee reported its activities to the Senate (5/7/80) and recommended that the ad hoc Nomination Committee for 1980-81 Senate Officers be made a standing committee of the Faculty Senate.
- I. Van Usage - The final report of this committee was adopted by the Senate (11/14/79).

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

- A. Academic Affairs & Status - Chairperson Lee reported on this committee's research as charged at the May 1979 Senate meeting, and he introduced a resolution, which the Senate passed, to the effect that all departmental chairpersons and area coordinators be formally evaluated every three years (2/13/80). The Senate, in reorganizing its standing committee structure, voted to disband the Academic Affairs and Status Committee, effective in the fall (4/9/80). This committee will be replaced by the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee. In its final report this committee presented two resolutions which subsequently passed. The first resolution requested that the administration seek ways to improve operational efficiencies and the image of the university. The second resolution called for formal procedures for the distribution of merit pay to faculty (5/7/80).
- B. Budget Study Committee - created by the Senate (4/9/80).
- C. Committee on Committees - Nominated two persons to serve on the Faculty Senate Committee on Elections (9/12/79), and nominated members to eight standing committees of the Faculty Senate (5/7/80). Presented a slate of nominees for university committees/councils to the Senate for its approval and forwarded nominees to the proper administrative officials (3/12/80).
- D. Faculty Status & Welfare - created by the Senate (4/9/80).
- E. Graduate Programs Committee - created by the Senate (4/9/80).
- F. Nominations Committee - created by the Senate to replace the ad hoc Committee for the Nomination of the 1980-81 Senate Officers (4/9/80).
- G. Standing Study Committees A, B, and C - created by the Senate (12/12/79); and retained in the reorganization of standing committees of the Faculty Senate (4/9/80). Standing Study Committee A introduced a resolution, which passed, that encouraged the retention of and the enforcement of the university policy on final examinations (3/12/80). Committee A also moved that data concerning the pass/fail grading system be submitted to the Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee (5/7/80).
- H. Undergraduate Programs Committee - created by the Senate (4/9/80).

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS (Other than those previously mentioned)

- A. A resolution was passed (7/13/79) instructing the President of the Faculty Senate, and other officers of his choosing, to meet with the Chairman of the Board of Regents to petition for Faculty Senate representation in the selection process of the President of Texas Tech University.
- B. A resolution was passed (7/13/79) to request that the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University extend the deadline for the submission of applications for the presidency of Texas Tech.

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- C. Passed a motion supporting and endorsing the designation of Orlo E. Childs as Professor Emeritus of Texas Tech University (9/12/79).
- D. After hearing a report on the reallocation of faculty salary monies, the Senate voted to urge the administration to use all allocated faculty salary monies for faculty salaries (10/10/79).
- E. The Senate voted to establish a committee to develop recommendations for improving faculty salaries (10/10/79).
- F. The Senate passed a resolution urging Texas Tech to establish an affiliation with National Public Radio (11/14/79).
- G. The Senate voted approval of catalog copy change, as suggested by the Academic Council, pertaining to "Probation, Suspension, and Retention" (11/14/79).
- H. The Senate passed a resolution that the Faculty Senate express its desire that the Vice President of Academic Affairs include the Academic Budget Council and the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Salaries and Related Matters at an early stage in the initial planning process that leads to decisions that affect the faculty (2/13/80).
- I. A resolution expressing the concern of the Faculty Senate about the Texas Governor's desire to reduce personnel in state agencies was passed (2/13/80).
- J. The Senate elected its officers for 1980-81. Elected were Roland Smith, President; William A. Stewart, Vice President; and Leon Higdon, Secretary (3/12/80).
- K. A resolution expressing appreciation to the Ex-Students Association for establishing a faculty development fund was passed (3/12/80).
- L. The Senate passed a resolution, following a report, "Research in the Mission of the University," by Arnold Gulley, Associate Vice President for Research Services, to the effect that the university needs and desires ever-better research, ever-better faculty and opportunities, commensurate to the abilities of the faculty, but that the university does not need, and should not necessarily establish, a new layer of administration, "for research," to be interposed between a Dean and his/her college (4/9/80).
- M. The Senate passed a resolution requesting the the University Library Committee interview the major administrative personnel and the divisional heads and coordinators of the Tech Library during the 1980-81 academic year, and that the committee include its principal findings in its final report for that year. It was moved, further, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Library Committee inquire primarily about the Library's systems and services, but that the committee not exclude other matters if preliminary findings would suggest a broader inquiry (4/9/80).

REPORTS (Other than from standing or ad hoc committees)

- A. Len Ainsworth reported on budget allocations, by college, for 1979-80 (9/12/79).
- B. Lawrence L. Graves reported on the state of the university. Gary Elbow reported on the faculty response to the Senate's questionnaire asking for opinions, concerns and matters which the faculty considered important to the university. Elbow also presented figures, which he received from Henry Shine, that specified faculty salary increases, with a comparison of increases within the colleges and schools of Texas Tech(10/10/80).
- C. Gary Elbow reported on an informal survey of the campus mail system (11/14/79).
- D. Gary Elbow and Jacq. Collins reported on a hearing in Odessa, on December 1, 1979, of the Subcommittee on Academic Tenure of the House Committee on Higher Education of the Texas Legislature (12/12/79).
- E. Charles Hardwick reported on his memorandum entitled "Responsibility for Public Statements," on the search for the Director of the Media Center, and on faculty salaries and merit increases (1/16/80).
- F. Robert Ewalt reported on the status of the computer center, and Charles Hardwick reported on FTE changes at Texas Tech (2/13/80).
- G. Arnold Gulley reported on the document "Research in the Mission of the University (3/12/80).
- H. James Brink, Chairperson of the Library Committee, reported on that committee's activities (4/9/80).


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