

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting #19
December 12, 1979

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 12, 1979 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gary Elbow, President, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Allen, Anderson, Aycok, Bell, Blackburn, Blaisdell, Brittin, Collins, Dixon,, Filgo, Finn,, Ford, Gundersen, Harris, Kimmel, Lee, L. Luchsinger, V. Luchsinger, McGlynn, McGowan, McGuire, McLaughlin, McPherson, Masten, Morris, Oberhelman, Pearson, Rylander, Sanders, Sasser, R. Smith, Sowell, Stewart, Stouné, Troub, Volz, Walkup, Williams, and White. Senators absent because of university business were Eissinger, Gillis, Gipson, Higdon, Hunter, Kellogg, McDonald, Schoen, Shine, M. Smith, and Wagner. Dale was absent because of illness.

Guests included B. L. Gross, Visiting Professor, Business Administration; Jerry Ramsey, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Robert Seidel, Parliamentarian.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The Faculty Senate

1. Amended the minutes of the November 14, 1979 Senate meeting to indicate that Blackburn was absent from that meeting because of other university business and approved the minutes as amended
2. Moved to withdraw the motion for the adoption of a resolution establishing alternate positions on the Faculty Development Committee and the Tenure and Privilege Committee
3. Adopted a resolution establishing three standing study committees of the Faculty Senate
4. Moved to table the resolution establishing a Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Academic Programs
5. Adopted a resolution creating a committee to study the needs for standing committees, both existing and proposed
6. Discussed the microfiche viewers and instructed Elbow to obtain more information on the original intent for their use and the possibility of exchanging them for more badly needed instructional equipment
7. Heard Elbow and Collins report 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
8. Discussed the possibility of using Insight, rather than the campus mail, to distribute news items and memorandums
9. Heard a brief comment on the presidential selection process
10. Heard the president of the Senate read parts of a letter from Frank Wright, Executive Director of TACT.

Elbow called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m and recognized Wayne Ford, recently elected to serve on the Senate representing the College of Arts and Sciences.

Elbow said that Gary Blackburn, Education, had requested that the minutes of the November 14, 1979 meeting be amended to indicate that he was absent from the meeting because of university business. Kimmel moved that the minutes be amended as requested. The motion carried.

I. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 1979 SENATE MEETING

Troub moved that the minutes of the November 14, 1979 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried.

II. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATE POSITIONS ON THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TENURE AND PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE - Elbow

Elbow pointed out that this resolution was carried over from the previous meeting and required Senate action at the December 12, 1979 meeting.

He then explained that, after giving further study and thought to the matter he had decided that it would be unwise for the Senate to adopt the resolution and he asked for a motion from the floor to withdraw the original resolution. Oberhelman moved that the motion to adopt the resolution be withdrawn. The motion to withdraw carried.

III. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THREE STANDING STUDY COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE
- Elbow

Elbow asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the following resolution:

Committees A, B, and C, standing committees of the Faculty Senate, are charged with receiving, studying, and recommending action by the Senate on questions referred to them by the Agenda Committee. Committees A, B, and C shall consider business referred to them and shall study the question and submit such written reports, resolutions, or recommendations for action by the Senate as they deem appropriate. Business submitted from any of these committees to the Senate for action will be sent to the Agenda Committee and placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting. Action on a question submitted to any of these committees can be taken only by the Senate at a regular meeting or a special called meeting.

Each committee will have a membership of seven Senators, who will serve one year terms. No more than three members may be reappointed to successive terms and at least four colleges must be represented on each Committee.

R. Smith moved the adoption of the resolution. Elbow then explained his reasons for desiring that the standing study committees of the Faculty Senate be created. Several questions were asked about the proposed resolution and debate followed. The motion to establish three standing committees of the Faculty Senate carried with two votes against, and one abstention.

IV. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- Elbow

Elbow introduced the following resolution and asked for a motion for its adoption:

A Resolution Establishing a Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Academic Programs.

Charge:

To review, analyze, and make recommendations related to academic programs at Texas Tech University. The Committee shall inform the Senate of proposed changes in academic programs, including additions, deletions and/or changes in existing programs, and advise the Senate of appropriate recommendations for action. Programs of the Texas Tech University Health Science Centers would be subject to review by this committee only if they directly affect a Texas Tech University program, either existing or proposed.

Operating Procedures:

The committee shall develop its own operating procedures, subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate.

Structure:

The committee shall be composed of seven members, representing each college and the School of Law. Membership on this committee shall be restricted to the graduate faculty. Members will serve staggered three year terms. Nominations to the committee will be made by the Committee on Committees, with the members to be elected by a vote of the Faculty Senate.

Reports:

The committee shall solicit proposed or pending program changes from the various colleges, the School of Law, the Graduate School, and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the beginning of each semester. The committee may, at its own discretion, request such information at other times as well. The committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings, copies of which shall be placed on file with the Faculty Senate, the University Library, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Deans of the Colleges and Schools (including Graduate School). At least one report annually shall be submitted to the Faculty Senate with copies distributed as with the minutes. Items for action may be submitted to the Senate through the Agenda Committee at any time.

McGuire moved the adoption of the resolution. Elbow spoke in favor of the resolution saying that the university is acting to create new programs and will face continuing pressures to delete old programs. At present, faculty input into such decisions is limited. He said that the adoption of this resolution would provide a means for getting more detailed information about pending changes to faculty members.

Harris moved to amend the resolution by striking the sentence "membership on

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this committee shall be restricted to the graduate faculty."

McLaughlin moved to table the resolution so that the resolution could be studied further. The motion to table the resolution carried.

At this point Lee introduced from the floor the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate create a committee consisting of the present officers of the Faculty Senate, chairmen of existing standing committees of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Clarence Bell, Dr. Margaret Wilson, Dr. Jacquelin Collins, and a representative of the administration to study the needs for standing committees, both existing and proposed, of the Faculty Senate to more effectively fulfill its function.

Lee's motion to adopt the resolution carried.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

R. Smith said that some of his colleagues had instructed him to ask questions about the microfiche viewers that were provided to a great many departments and divisions this past year and for which there has been no use up to the present time. Smith asked several questions about microfiche viewers. Why were they ordered? What is going to be done with them? Is there a plan to put university budgets and other materials of that nature on microfiche eventually, or is this an example of a waste of resources? Can departments exchange the microfiche viewers for other more badly needed instructional materials?

Ramsey said that Kenneth Thompson, Vice President for Administration, was primarily instrumental in this distribution and that the idea relates to the budgets and the Financial Information System. The Senate discussed the matter briefly and several Senators said that the microfiche viewers were used in their departments. Others said that they were not used at all in their departments. The Senate instructed Elbow to contact Dan Williams, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, for more information on this matter. Elbow will convey any information that he obtains about the microfiche viewers to the Senate at the January meeting.

Collins referred to a memorandum dated October 24, 1979 (Subject: Responsibility for Public Statements) which was sent to all faculty and signed by Charles Hardwick. He said that he would like a clarification of the last paragraph of the memorandum which said, "when exercising their responsibilities as individual citizens, faculty and staff must not utilize university time, stationery, postage, telephone or other services in meeting those responsibilities." It was decided that, since Hardwick was not present at the Senate meeting, he will be asked to clarify the statement at another time.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

On December 1, 1979, Elbow, Collins and Lewis Hill attended a hearing in Odessa of the Subcommittee on Academic Tenure of the House Committee on Higher Education of the

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Texas Legislature. Elbow said that he thought that there would be some sort of action before the Legislature at the next session dealing with tenure. A lengthy discussion of impending legislation dealing with tenure followed.

Several weeks ago Elbow was asked by members of the faculty to write to Dan Williams, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, in regard to a memorandum which all faculty received inviting them to a reception for a member of the staff. The issue about whether state funds should be used (especially, since the university is now experiencing some economic difficulties) for sending invitations of a personal nature through campus mail was raised. It was estimated that the cost of sending a mailing of this sort through campus mail would amount to around \$280. Elbow suggested in his letter to Williams that this invitation, as well as many other items of information, might be printed in Insight to reduce costs.

In response to Elbow's letter Williams said that "State of Texas funds were not used for this mailing. We cannot use appropriated sources for this sort of activity. In a way, I feel that this is unfortunate, since there should be some way for the State to recognize an employee who has served a State institution for over (30) years." He went on to say that he would look into the possibility of making such announcements in Insight.

Elbow said that there has been faculty input into the presidential selection process up to this point and that he thought highly qualified persons were being considered.

Elbow read parts of a letter received recently from Frank Wright, Executive Director of TACT. Wright cited several issues which are being considered or are in a state of flux at the state level; he suggested that the Senate might want to be considering these issues soon:

a) Faculty Workload -- the Coordinating Board guidelines allow a more constructive, innovative approach than most Boards and administrators have instituted;


b) Merit System for salary increments and promotions -- this is a matter about which we will hear a great deal from the Governor and his appointees;

c) Outside Employment policy for faculty -- this topic is almost certain to become an issue over the next few years;

d) Tenure -- we lost some significant points in the recent revision of Policy Paper #1 and gained a few others, and Boards may be reconsidering policies because of these changes; and more is being considered by an Interim Subcommittee of House Higher Education;

e) Financial Exigency policy on release of faculty -- this matter is already an issue at some universities and may affect others before long. (Elbow will check on Tech's policy.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Wendell Aycock, Secretary
Faculty Senate
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