



Texas Tech University

The Faculty Senate

October 9, 1981

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Benjamin H. Newcomb, President

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting #35, October 14, 1981

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, October 14, 1981, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Minutes of the September 9, 1981 meeting (as previously distributed).
- II. Discussion of health insurance rates with representatives of Faculty Benefits and Retirement Committee (see attachment).
- III. Annual Report (as previously distributed).
- IV. Report of the Committee on Committees (see attachment).
- V. Report of standing committees--possible interim reports from Study Committees A and C, and from the Budget Study Committee.
- VI. Resolution on summer school scheduling and budgeting-- Roland Smith.
- VII. Interpretation by the Senate on eligibility of administrators (see attachment).
- VIII. Report on discussions on proposed Energy Use and Conservation Committee.
- IX. Report on the meeting, October 2-3, of the Council of University Governance Organizations.
- X. Discussion of the problem of disorderly conduct at football games-- Panze Kimmel.
- XI. Other Business and Announcements.
 - A. Disposition of Senate recommendations.
 1. The fall commencement recommendations have been sent to the President.

Other Business and Announcements continued.....

2. The following recommendations are under consideration by the Academic Affairs office:

Academic Freedom Committee, Financial Exigency plan, and Pass/Fail restrictions.

3. The Academic Affairs Information System Committee is not yet implemented.

B. Other actions of University Officers and Committees:

1. Dr. Ainsworth informs that the Tenure Policy Review Committee has reported and the report is being considered.
2. In Academic Council Minutes, 8/25/81, "Dr. Darling indicated that he would recommend to the President that we set up visitations for Board Members on afternoons after the Board meets so that they would have an opportunity to visit in the individual colleges and schools."
3. In Academic Council Minutes, 8/25/81, "Information from residence halls regarding meals for faculty was distributed and it was asked that the material be made available in departmental offices."
4. The Library Committee has reported fully on its 1980-81 work, including matters recommended to it by the Senate. It appears to have carried out the Senate request of April 9, 1980, and made important recommendations to the administration. A copy of the report is in the Senate office. Only this committee and the former Tenure and Privilege Committee have filed reports with the Senate.
5. The Tenure and Privilege Committee is organized and currently considering the Minimum Standards for Promotion and Tenure developed by the Academic Affairs office and recently circulated. Dr. Darling by letter of October 9, 1981, has invited the Senate to participate in this consideration also.
6. Appointments to University Committees for 1981-1982 have been made strictly and completely in accord with Senate nominations. This includes the Biosafety, Radiation and Laser Safety, and Warm-Blooded Animal Research Committees. The membership of the Protection of Human Subjects Committee has not been announced yet.
7. Vice President of Student Affairs Ewalt, on request, is providing the Senate office with comparative data regarding SAT scores and ACT scores, which is the same material requested by the regents at recent meetings. This material will be published in Insight.

C. Miscellaneous

1. The academic security and discipline issue discussed last meeting has been assigned to Study Committee A and to the Campus Security and Emergency Committee.
2. The Academic Leadership Development Program is presenting a panel on faculty performance appraisal on Thursday, October 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Speakers will be Dr. Darling; Dean Curl, Agricultural Sciences; and Professor Roberts, Biology chairperson. Senators are welcome, and are asked to notify Ms. Olson at 2-3884 if they plan to attend.
3. Condolences have been extended to the families of Professors Fallon and Hubbard.
4. By letter of September 28, the United Mexican American Students has vigorously protested the Senate's recently recommended pass/fail restrictions.

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda item II.

The following questions were posed by letter to the representatives of the Benefits and Retirement Committee, except for the last, which was suggested by the Agenda Committee later.

- 1) What specific requirements provided by state law for companies that may submit bids may severely limit the number of bidders?
- 2) What changes in specifications, perhaps providing a less comprehensive health plan, might be made in the future?
- 3) What about the possibility of establishing a health maintenance organization?
- 4) Why according to report do other health plans, such as that at UT Austin and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, cost less than the TT plan?
- 5) Why are there according to report more medical benefits available to Medical School personnel than to university personnel?
- 6) Why was Lubbock General Hospital able to get a lower bid for staff insurance from a company other than Blue Cross after reportedly it was discovered that Blue Cross made mistakes in its bid?

Attachments continued.....

Agenda item IV.

The Committee on Committees recommends the following persons to fill vacancies on the Standing Study Committees of the Faculty Senate.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

*Valerie Chamberlain, Home Economics
Jerry D. Berlin, Arts & Sciences

FACULTY STATUS & WELFARE

Jim Graves, Agriculture
*Steve Beck, Chemical Engineering

BUDGET STUDY COMMITTEE

*Gary Elbow, Arts & Sciences
*Sue Gately, Business Administration

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Dorothy Filgo, College of Education
Lowell Blaisdell, Arts & Sciences

*Non-senators

Committee on Committees recommends the following persons to fill vacancies on University Committees and Councils

MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Jacquelin Reinier, History (member)
Frank Gonzales, College of Education (alternate)

Agenda item VII.

The Constitution provides under Article III, Nominations and Elections, Section 5, that "administrators serving one-half time or more in administrative positions shall not be eligible." The question has from time to time arisen as to whether this provision means either 1) no such administrator may serve and any person already on the Senate who becomes such an administrator should resign from the Senate; or 2) that while administrators are clearly not eligible for election, a senator may accept such administrative appointment subsequent to election and continue in the Senate. There is no such administrator presently on the Senate; the Agenda Committee thus believed that now is a good time to explore the matter further and perhaps settle it.