

Texas Tech University

The Faculty Senate March 4, 1982

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Benjamin H. Newcomb, President

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting #40, March 10, 1982

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 1982, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Consideration of the minutes of the February 10th meeting.
- II. Election of officers for the Senate for 1982-1983 (see attachment). Prepared ballots will be distributed at the meeting.
- III. Report of the senate president on his conference with President Cavazos on procedures for the adoption of tenure policy revisions.
- IV. Report of the Committee on Committees (see attachment). Senators may amend this report only by moving to strike a name and substitute another. Any person so nominated must have given prior consent to serve.
- V. Reports of Senate Study Committees: Study Committee A--on academic security Study Committee B--on faculty development leave application forms Undergraduate Programs--on deans' list.
- VI. Discussion of President Cavazos' letter to the Senate on enhancing academic excellence (see attachment). Senators may wish to rank some of the 24 issues noted therein and consider how the most important of them may best be dealt with.
- VII. Report of the faculty members who conferred with administrators and others on Library photocopying--Professor James Brink.
- VIII. Report of action of the Affirmative Action Committee in re: Department of Labor Review--Professor Alexis Tan, Senate Representative on the committee.
- IX. Discussion of the disposition of lapsed salary monies, with possible referral of the matter to the Budget Study Committee--Professor Gary Elbow.
- X. Report by the president on the meeting of the Council of University Governance Organizations, February 26-27, in Austin.

XI. Other Business and Announcements:

- A. Disposition of Senate recommendations:
 - 1. Dr. Darling reports to the Senate on February 10, 1982, that the financial exigency policy continues under review.

- 2. Dr. Darling and the president have conferred on a draft charge which would give the Tenure and Privilege Committee jurisdiction over academic freedom matters.
- B. Other action of university committees and councils:
 - 1. The Tenure and Privilege Committee has considered the policy on Minimum Standards for Tenure and Promotion. It made revisions which will be considered by the Academic Affairs office. The policy will be returned to the committee for final review.
 - 2. President Cavazos has informed the Regents at the January 29th meeting of plans to develop specific goals for the university. Inquiries have been made about the role of the faculty in this process and further report may be available at the Senate meeting.
- C. Miscellaneous:
 - Because of recent concerns, the resolution of the Senate of November 14, 1979, regarding the affiliation of Texas Tech University with National Public Radio, has been sent to President Cavazos; Vice-President Darling; Professor Billy I. Ross, Chairperson of Mass Communications; Mark Norman, Director of KTXT-FM; and John Henson, Station Manager, KTXT-TV.
 - 2. President Cavazos will be calling a general Faculty Convocation for April 7, 1982, in the University Center Theater. Presentation of awards and an address to the faculty are planned for this convocation.
 - 3. The "Achievement Reports and Planning Statements" prepared by each college in January 1982 for the Office of Academic Affairs are on file in the library for consultation by interested faculty. These will be hereafter collected and filed annually.

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ATTACHMENTS

Agenda Item II.

The following are the nominees for Senate Officers for 1982-1983:

President

Vice-President

Dr. Patricia E. Horridge Associate Professor & Chairperson Clothing & Textiles

Dr. Virginia M. Sowell Associate Professor. College of Education Dr. Neale J. Pearson Associate Professor Political Science

Cliff H. Keho Associate Professor Civil Engineering

Secretary

Dr. Marvin Cepica Associate Professor Agricultural Education

Dr. Lloyd V. Urban Associate Professor Water Resources

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NOMINATIONS FOR UNIV	RSITY COMMIT	TEES AND COUNC	CILS AND SENATE COMMITTEES	
Athletic Council Jerry Stockton Ray Purkerson			Benefits and Retirement Robert Amason Stanley E. Fowler Jon P. Wardrip	<u>ommittee</u>
<u>Alternate</u> Russell H. Seacat			<u>Alternate</u> Murl A. Larkin	
Honors and Awards Cou Jack R. Gipson Clara McPherson	<u>ncil</u>		<u>Biosafety Committee</u> Leon Hopkins Murray W. Coulter James K. Wangberg	
<u>Alternate</u> Ray Purkerson			<u>Alternate</u> Barbara Stoecker	
Academic Affairs Info Eugene Aronin Charles Bubany Nelson Dometrius	rmation Syst	ems Committee	Campus Security & Emerger MurlaA. Larkin Gene Teske	ncy Committee
Alternate Gerald Skoog			Alternate Frank Bloomer	
Academic Publications	Policy Comm	nittee	Code of Student Affairs Michael G. Crews John M. Burns	
Connie Steele Donald W. Rude Murray C. Havens			Alternate Marvin R. Platten Convocations	
Alternate William E. Sparkmar Leon Higdon	1		Patricia Horridge Cleborne Maddux Paul Ellsworth	
Admissions and Retent Gary White	ions Committ	tee	Alternate Jack R. Gipson	
H. J. Mackenzie Merrilyn Cummings			Faculty Senate Committee Carlton Whitehead	on Elections
Alternate Ralph M. Carter			Alternate Pennington Vann	
Artists and Speakers Judith Fischer Joe Nelson Virginia Kellogg	Committee		International Education (Julian L. Biggers William A. Stewart Leon Hopkins	Committee
Alternate Phillip Lehrman			<u>Alternate</u> Ralph Carter	

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<u>Library Committee</u> William T. Patterso Otto B. Schacht Shirley M. Stretch James W. Oler Alternate	n		<u>Student Publications</u> Julia Whitsitt Walter Calvert <u>Alternate</u> Cleborne D. Maddux	
Charles W. Myles <u>Minority Affairs Comm</u> Frank Gonzales	ittee		University Discipline Commi Larry Masten Richard Munson <u>Alternates</u>	ttee
Alternate M.A.K. Lodhi Parking Violations Ap Committee A. Roger			Herman Plott Diana L. Bates <u>University Discipline Appea</u> Norwood H Andrews, Jr.	ls Committee
Committee B. Henry Committee C. Joe N <u>Alternate</u> Diana L. Bates		III	Diana L. Bates <u>Alternates</u> Daniel Benson Larry Hovey	
Radiation and Laser S Barbara Stoecker Hadley Edgar	afety		Warm Blooded Animals Commit S. P. Yang Donald Orr	tee
Alternate Heywood Ramsey			<u>Alternate</u> Robert J. Baker	
Special Hearing Panel George Tereshovich Myra Timmons Daniel Benson Rae L. Harris, Jr. Robert Amason Helen Brittin Kenneth Davis Will Portnoy Wilburn Willingham Charles Reavis	for Tenure	and Privilege	<u>Committee</u>	
Alternate Joe Ransdell Student Financial Aid	s/Scholarshi	ps		
Ruth W. Volz <u>Alternate</u> Walter L. Calvert				

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Office of the President

February 24, 1982

Dr. Benjamin H. Newcomb President, Faculty Senate Campus

Dear Dr. Newcomb:

This letter is being sent through you to the Faculty Senate. I hope that you will have the opportunity of bringing its contents to the attention of this body at the earliest possible date.

During the time in which I have served as President of Texas Tech University the primary emphasis has been that of enhancing the academic excellence of the institution. With regard to this, I am sure that most of us associated in the university community--faculty and administration--are committed to the investment of our energies toward such an objective. In fulfilling this commitment, it seems imperative that we keep in mind that all of us should be expected to function as a cohesive whole centering on students as the focal point of our various programs and activities.

At the present time there are a number of issues which deserve the attention of both the faculty and the administration. Some of these are more short-range in nature, and others have a much longer-range impact on university affairs. However, they all relate to the importance of academic excellence, and the continued growth and development of Texas Tech University within that frame of reference. These issues, not necessarily in priority order, include the following:

- 1. Undergraduate Student Recruitment
- 2. Graduate Student Recruitment
- 3. Admission Standards and Requirements
- 4. Student Retention and Readmission
- 5. Academic Program Counseling
- 6. Career Counseling and Planning
- 7. General Education Requirements
- 8. Curriculum and Course Analysis and Review
- 9. Computer Usage by Students
- 10. Increase in Use of the Computer in Programs and Courses
- 11. New Academic Program Development
- 12. Grading and Reporting Standards
- Library Usage by Students and Faculty

- 14. Teaching Evaluation Procedures
- 15. Teaching Change and Improvement
- 16. Innovative Course Delivery Systems
- 17. Faculty Recruitment and Repention
- 18. Faculty Development and Retraining
- 19. Faculty Involvement in Student Activities and Organizations
- 20. Institutional Improvement Through Accreditation Activities
- 21. Improvement of Research Atmosphere
- 22. Increase of External Research Funding
- 23. Increase of Endowments for Academic Support
- 24. Role of Continuing and Adult Education

With this letter I would like to request the assistance of the Faculty Senate to work with the administration to address these areas of vital importance. You may feel free to deal with all or only a few of these issues, depending upon the interests of the Faculty Senate. In doing so, you may be assured that the members of my staff will be committed to a creative and meaningful interaction with the Senate in order to arrive at the most effective solutions possible with regard to these areas of concern.

As these issues are addressed by the Faculty Senate, I would also welcome suggestions as to how the faculty can be effectively involved with the solutions. You may wish to use existing committees or form special committees for input on those concerns regarded as important by the Senate. In the analysis, I would appreciate receiving a formal report from each of the committees regarding the various topics of deliberation. These reports should identify the major problem(s) under consideration and the various alternatives that seem to have value as solutions to the issues. These alternatives may include ideal answers, but in each case I would also like to receive recommended solutions that can be achieved within the current allocation of resources. As we commence this joint endeavor, I would also be pleased to meet with the chairpersons of these committees as a group at a mutually convenient time.

Please feel free to check back with me or any of the members of my staff for further clarification regarding these areas of concern. I know that it will take some time for the Senate to address these issues and hold appropriate deliberations concerning them. However, I look forward to receiving the committee reports as soon as they are available.

Sincerely yours,

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Lauro F. Cavazos, Ph.D. President

xc: Dr. John R. Datling Dr. Robert H. Ewalt Dr. J. Knox Jones, Jr. Dr. Eugene E. Payne