



Texas Tech University

The Faculty Senate

April 8, 1983

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Virginia M. Sowell, President

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting #50, April 13, 1983

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 1983, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Introduction of guests
- II. Approval of minutes of March 9, 1983 meeting
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate Budget Study Committee - Billy Freeman
- IV. Report of the ad hoc Committee on External Funding - Davis Clements
- V. Report of Faculty Status and Welfare Committee - Charles Bubany
(professor emeritus designation)
- VI. Discussion of promotion and tenure procedures - Benjamin H. Newcomb
- VII. Report of the Committee on Committees - C. Reed Richardson
- VIII. Report of meeting with President Cavazos and Vice President Darling -
Virginia Sowell
- IX. Student Senate Resolution concerning appointment of student and faculty
members to TTU Board of Regents - Dan Waggoner, President, Student Assoc.
- X. Announcement of Regional Conference of Faculty Governance Organizations
meeting in San Angelo April 21-22
- XI. New Business
- XII. Other Business and Announcements
 1. Received notification of \$1200.00 for faculty development fund from
Ex-Students' Association. Wrote letter of appreciation.

Other Business and Announcements continued.....

2. The Agenda Committee approved and notified ad hoc Committee on External Funding Policy. Committee members are:

Davis Clements, Chemical Engineering, Chairman
Bob Hunt, Mathematics
Jim Jonish, Economics
Daniel Krieg, Agriculture
Colleen Leary, Atmospheric Sciences
Cora McKown, Home Economics
John Malloy, Business Administration
Paul Nelson, Mathematics
Benjamin H. Newcomb, History
Wilse Robinson, Chemistry
Rod Schoen, School of Law
Henry Thomas, Physics
Frazier Williams, Electrical Engineering

3. At its March 25 meeting the TTU Board of Regents approved the proposed changes in traffic and parking regulations allowing faculty to park in any 24-hour reserved space.
4. Wrote letter congratulating Professor Walter Cartwright on his appointment to the Faculty Senate Elections Committee.
5. Wrote letter to Vice President Darling thanking him for support of Texas Tech Faculty Senate membership in Conference of Faculty Governance Organizations.
6. Notified Vice President Darling of the election of Faculty Senate officers for 1983-84 and sent letters of congratulations to the officers.
7. Notified appropriate administrative officers of various nominations for Councils and Committees approved by the Senate.
8. Notified new officers of the upcoming Conference of Faculty Governance Organizations meeting April 21-22 in San Angelo.

From the Academic Council Minutes - March 1, 1983

1. Announcements

- a. The appointment of Dr. Clyde Jones as Director of the Museum was announced.
- b. A memorandum regarding faculty development assignments was distributed. The memorandum invited additional faculty development leave proposals on the possibility that funding for faculty development assignments may be passed in the current legislature.
- c. Information was distributed regarding review of prospective faculty, which essentially places the responsibility for the review for those with appropriate experience and terminal degrees in the office of the deans. An additional element of the operating policy draft was a continued emphasis upon the acquisition of qualified minority and protected group candidates for the faculty.

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d. Dr. Darling and Dr. Bradford are now establishing meeting times to visit with faculties and Dr. Darling, Dr. Jones and Dr. Payne will also be setting discussion meetings with faculties.

2. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the establishment of academic standards for admission and continuance in the university. Deans requested additional information regarding the impact of change in entrance scores and suggested some rewording of the probation and suspension regulations. This item is to be discussed at a subsequent Council meeting.
3. Dr. Ramsey distributed information about a proposal regarding computer literacy and asked for comments. Deans were asked to respond to the idea that at least one semester credit hour of content would be devoted in every degree program to involvement with the computer. Deans will be asked for a decision at the next Council meeting

Agenda item V.

Emeritus Appointments

It has come to the attention of the Faculty Senate that since the Board of Regents policy concerning emeritus appointments was published in the 1976-1977 Faculty Handbook that policy has been changed, apparently without notice to, or the advice of, the Faculty Senate. Perhaps the change was inadvertent but in any event its literal effect is to make an emeritus appointment for a faculty person who has completed service of ten years or more at Tech discretionary without providing any standard for exercise of that discretion. Absent any apparent rationale for the change and given the absence of standards for discretionary appointments, the former policy of automatic qualification on completion of the requisite years of service should be reinstated. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Faculty Senate recommends to the President that the Board of Regents policy concerning emeritus appointments at Texas Tech University be amended by substituting the word "shall" for the word "may" in the second sentence and third sentences.

Submitted by Senator Charles P. Bubany on behalf of Senator Otto M. Nelson and the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

*as approved by
the Faculty Senate*

Former Policy on Emeritus Appointments from Faculty Handbook 1976-77:

Emeritus Appointments

The Board of Regents has established the following policy with respect to emeritus appointments.

The title "emeritus" shall be conferred as a recognition for long and faithful service or for very distinguished service to the institution.

Members of the faculty with rank of professor or associate professor shall at retirement be given emeritus appointments, provided they shall have completed at least ten years of service at Texas Tech University or shall have been recommended on the basis of "very distinguished service." In the latter event, the advice of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council shall be sought by the President.

Administrative officers in major positions shall at the time of retirement from administrative duties be considered for emeritus appointments.

Emeritus appointment shall be strictly honorary and without stipend.

Each such appointment shall be subject to approval by the Board of Regents upon recommendation by the President.

Present Policy on Emeritus Appointments proposed to be published in the Revised Faculty Handbook:

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Changes from former policy indicated by underlining.

Agenda item VI.

To: Agenda Committee, Faculty Senate

Date: 3/27/83

Please consider the following to be placed on the agenda for the April meeting of the Senate:

Discuss of whether the recent denials of promotion to a sizeable number of applicants by the central administration was a substitution of its judgment for the judgment of collegial and departmental faculties.

Thank you,

B. H. Newcomb
B.H. Newcomb,
Senator, A&S.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE

SR 18:52

By: Waggoner
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1 (Stating the sentiment of the Senate con-
2 cerning the establishment and placement of
3 a nonvoting student and faculty member on
4 the Board of Regents of Texas Tech Univer-
5 sity during all regular and executive sessions)
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7 Whereas, The Texas Tech Board of Regents is the body which sets and
8 implements policy decisions on the Texas Tech University campus; and
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10 Whereas, These decisions affect every student and faculty member in one
11 way or another in regards to policy and program implementation and abolish-
12 ment; and
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14 Whereas, At this time the Board of Regents has an "open ear" to student
15 and faculty viewpoints, however, there exists no practical considerations
16 to implement any move that would place a non-voting student and faculty
17 member on the Board of Regents which would allow for all policy and admin-
18 istrative discussions to be heard by a student and faculty representative;
19 now, therefore, be it hereby
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21 Resolved, That the Board of Regents include a non-voting student and
22 faculty member in all regular and executive sessions in order that all policy
23 and administrative decisions be witnessed by a student and faculty member;
24 and, be it further
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26 Resolved, That the President of the Texas Tech Student Association and
27 the President of the Faculty Senate serve as two non-voting members during
28 all regular and executive sessions of the Board of Regents; and, be it further
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30 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Lauro cavazos,
31 President of Texas Tech University; Dr. John Darling, Vice President of
32 Academic Affairs; Joe Pevehouse, Chariman of the Board of Regents; Mrs.
33 Ann Sowell, Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents.