

Minutes

The Faculty Senate, Meeting #52

September 14, 1983

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 14, 1983, in the Senate Room of the University Center with Charles P. Bubany, President, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Anderson, Berlin, Burkhardt, Burnett, Chonko, Coulter, Cummings, Davis, Dixon, Dvoracek, Eissinger, Elbow, R. Freeman, Gettel, Goss, Gott, Havens, Hudson, Khan, McLaughlin, Maynard, Mehta, Oberhelman, Pearson, Richardson, Sasser, Sowell, Sosebee, Sparkman, Sullivan, Teske, Twyman, Urban, Vallabhan, Wright, Wunder, and Zyla. Senators Graves, Mayer-Oakes, Strauss and Williams were absent because of University business. Senators Ayoub, Bloomer, B. Freeman, Hickerson, McKown, Shine, and Welton were absent.

Guests included, John R. Darling, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Gene Medley, Director of Admissions and Records; Preston Lewis, University News and Publications; Dan Waggoner, President, Student Association; Pat Graves, The Avalanche Journal; John Reid, University Daily, and John S. Murray, Parliamentarian.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

At its September 14, 1983, meeting the Faculty Senate:

1. heard a report from Dr. Gene Medley, Director of Admissions and Records, on registration procedures,
2. was given a list of goals of the Office of Academic Affairs for the 1983-84 academic year and discussed some of these goals with Dr. Darling,
3. was reminded by the Senate President that the business of the Senate is to "consider all matters of University concern" and that these concerns are brought to the Senate by individual faculty members or through Senators who represent them,
4. elected Professor Neale Pearson, Political Science, as one of the Senate's representatives to attend the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations meeting in Austin on September 23-24.

Bubany called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and recognized senators and guests.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 1983 MEETING

Zyla moved the approval of the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

II. REPORT OF REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

According to Gene Medley, Director of Admissions and Records, more students were registered this fall in courses they needed than ever before, and although there were 7,771 schedule changes after classes began this was 24% fewer changes than last year. These changes were done in drop/add without error. The lines moved rapidly, except when the computers were down; the longest time a student waited in line was about 50 minutes. Advisement is an area of concern and this procedure is being studied at the present time in order to try and make the system work smoother.

Registration of students is only one of the five components to the system that

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must be integrated to computerization and from an overall standpoint, Medley said, the system is working very well. Senators had questions about specific concerns and there was a lengthy discussion. Medley credited much of the success of the system to cooperation of faculty and deans.

III. GENERAL REMARKS - JOHN R. DARLING

Referring to the 24 issues from the office of the President which have been under study by various Faculty Senate and University Committees, Darling said the President is committed to responding to the reports of the committees studying the issues and will do so as soon as all the final reports are received.

Darling discussed goals of the Office of Academic Affairs for the 1983-84 academic year. He said that funding for the Mini-Development Program has been doubled and that a real effort is now being made to increase the number of Faculty Development Leaves. The Board of Regents has approved an Academic Retention Policy and work is being done by a subcommittee of the Board on an admissions policy. Darling said that The Tenure Policy has been assigned to a subcommittee of the Board and that the Grievance Policy is now in place. The Tenure and Privilege Committee now has under study a Financial Exigency Policy he said. Senators asked questions, expressed concerns, and discussed various other specific goals of the Office of Academic Affairs.

IV. ASSIGNMENT OF ISSUES TO COMMITTEES


Bubany reminded Senators that it is the business of the Senate to "consider all matters of University concern" and that matters of concern are brought to the Senate by individual faculty members or through senators who represent the faculty. These concerns are discussed and resolved on the Senate floor or are assigned to an appropriate Senate committee for further study and recommendations.

V. FALL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE ORGANIZATIONS

This body will meet on September 23-24 in Austin and the Grievance Procedure recently approved at Texas Tech University will be highlighted and discussed at the meeting. The President of the Faculty Senate will be one of Tech's two representatives. Sowell moved that nominations be made from the floor for the second person to represent Tech at the upcoming meeting. Sowell's motion passed unanimously.

Elbow nominated Neale Pearson, Political Science. Elbow's motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.


Murray W. Coulter
Secretary
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