

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, February 8, 1984, in room 6, Holden Hall with President William J. Mayer-Oakes presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Anderson, Berlin, Burnett, Chonko, Coulter, Cummings, Davis, Dixon, Dvoracek, Elbow, V. Freeman, R. Freeman, Gettel, Goss, Gott, Graves, Havens, Hudson, Khan, McKown, McLaughlin, Maynard, Oberhelman, Pearson, Sasser, Shine, Sosebee, Sparkman, Strauss, Sullivan, Teske, Twyman, Urban, Vallabhan, Welton, Williams, Wright, Wunder and Zyla present. Senator Richardson was absent because of University business. Senators Eissinger and Mehta were absent because of illness. Senators Ayoub, Bloomer, Bubany, Burkhardt, and Hickerson were absent.

Guests included John R. Darling, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Professors Brian Murphy and Ed Cheslak, Department of Range and Wildlife; Professor Kary Mathis, Agricultural Economics; Preston Lewis, University News & Publications; John Murray, Parliamentarian; Pat Graves, The Lubbock Avalanche Journal; Laura Tetreault, reporter and Liz Reyna, lab reporter, both from the University Daily.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

At its February 8, 1984, meeting the Faculty Senate:

1. heard a report from the Nominating Committee,
2. elected Dr. Joe Adamcik, Arts & Sciences, Vice President to serve the remainder of the academic year,
3. heard a report from the Agenda Committee and approved five committee reports
4. approved the final report of the ad hoc committee "to develop viable policy recommendations on external funding",
5. discussed Senator Wright's study priorities for the Senate
6. heard a report on the Spring meeting of Conference of Faculty Governance Organizations
7. heard a report on a meeting of representatives from the Faculty Senate and President Cavazos.

Mayer-Oakes, President, called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and recognized guests present.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 1984 MEETING

The motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 1984 meeting as distributed passed.

II. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cummings, reporting for the committee, presented the following slate of names and moved Senate approval. For Vice President to complete the 1983-84 academic year - Gary Elbow, Arts & Sciences; Neale Pearson, Arts & Sciences. For President for the 1984-85 academic year - Evelyn Davis, College of Home Economics; C. Reed Richardson, College of Agricultural Sciences. For Vice President for 1984-85 - Murray Havens, Arts

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and Sciences; Ernest Sullivan, Arts & Sciences. For Secretary - 1984-85 - Elizabeth Sasser, College of Engineering; Henry Wright, College of Agricultural Sciences.

A motion by Oberhelman to consider at this meeting as a separate matter the nominations for Vice President to complete the 1983-84 term of office passed. Nominations from the floor were opened for that office. Elbow nominated Zyla and Shine nominated Adamcik. A motion to close nominations from the floor passed. Senators Berlin and Williams were appointed to tabulate the election ballots. Joe Adamcik from Arts & Sciences was elected.

The floor was then opened for additional nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary for the academic year 1984-85. No additional nominations were made for any of the three positions. In accordance with the operating policy of the Faculty Senate, the election of 1984-85 officers will be held at the March 1984 meeting.

III. REPORT OF AGENDA COMMITTEE

Coulter, speaking for the Agenda Committee, said that the final reports of the five senate study committees studying assigned topics from the "24 issues" presented to the Senate in 1982 by President Cavazos have been received in the Faculty Senate office. Circulated with the agenda of this meeting was a brief summary statement from each of these committees. On the advice of the five committee chairs, Coulter and the agenda committee recommended that these five reports be approved by the Faculty Senate and forwarded to President Cavazos.

Wunder initiated discussion of the report of the Academic Programs Committee and after some discussion moved to amend that Committee's report by adding to the committee's list of recommendations that the pass/fail option be abolished for the University-wide general education requirements. After more discussion, Wunder's motion passed.

Referring to Senate Study Committee "C" report, Twyman moved that recommendation number one be amended as follows: There is a clear need to expand greatly current access to computing equipment. This amendment substitutes the word greatly for the words perhaps even double. Twyman's motion passed unanimously.

After a very brief discussion Senate Study Committee "D" report was approved as submitted.

Oberhelman moved the previous question. The motion passed. The motion to approve this group of five reports and forward them to President Cavazos passed.

Coulter then moved that the Senate approve and forward to the President the 1982-83 Faculty Development Committee's study and report on "Innovative Course Delivery". This motion passed.

IV. FINAL REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE "TO DEVELOP VIABLE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON EXTERNAL FUNDING"

Williams, committee chair, referred to the report which was circulated with the agenda of the meeting and moved that the report be approved and forwarded to the President for incorporation into the operating and procedures manual of the University. Williams motion passed.

V. "STUDY PRIORITIES" FOR THE SENATE

Senator Wright distributed at the January Senate meeting a prepared list of proposed study priorities which in his opinion are of concern to the faculty and the operations at Texas Tech. At this time Senators questioned Wright about which of the issues he considers top priority and what response does he expect from the administration. After some discussion President Mayer-Oakes said that according to the Bylaws, Section 9 of the Faculty Senate this matter is now ready to be referred to study committees of the Faculty Senate for their study and recommendations to be brought back to the Senate at the March meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayer-Oakes reported on the recent Spring meeting of the Council on Faculty Governance held in Austin and attended by he and Secretary Coulter. Secretary Coulter gave a brief report of the activity and goals of the organization.

Mayer-Oakes reported on the discussions of the "informal advisory group to the Senate president" which has met on four occasions. This group, composed of the chairs of the eight standing committees of the Senate, met recently with President Cavazos. Some topics of discussion at that time were the capital fund campaign; JHB 19, a Constitutional amendment which will come up for vote in November; and faculty concerns.

Havens asked Dr. Darling if he was in a position to comment on the action of the Board of Regents in rejecting the proposed new tenure policy for the University. Darling said that he had no comment - that nothing further has been done - "the report of the Board's subcommittee is a matter of public information and the matter has been referred to the Office of the President and that's where it now rests."

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Murray W. Coulter

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COUNCIL OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE ORGANIZATIONS

PRESS RELEASE: (Adapt and Use With Local Media)

Faculty Senates and Councils at Texas public universities, joining together in the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations (CoFGO) have seized the initiative and launched a campaign to improve higher education in Texas. The campaign is a grass-roots movement to improve the quality of education on each campus of the Texas state college and university system. This type of local movement differs from other recent state-wide educational efforts which have been initiated by the Governor's Office and administered through state agencies.

Faculty members from 24 institutions met over the weekend (Jan. 20-21) in Austin to formulate their plans for this movement. Their approach is local and voluntary, and focuses on performance in higher education, a topic which has been somewhat overlooked in the present push for reform in elementary and secondary education. The Council also called on Governor White to include the quality of higher education among his other educational concerns.

Without waiting for these concerns to receive attention at the state level, however, Council members are designing programs to increase academic excellence at their local institutions. Suggestions were developed on: 1) Raising academic standards and improving student performance; 2) Improving internal communication and understanding of purpose; 3) Providing meaningful opportunities for faculty development; and 4) Improving faculty morale.

Recognizing that faculty governance organizations cannot single-handedly improve education at any level, these leaders will be looking for the support of their colleagues and campus administrators for help in reaching their objective. The effort of local organizations will be coordinated by the Council, which is a federation of campus faculty groups. The Council will assist the local organizations in making their needs known to the Coordinating Board, the Governor's Office, and the state legislature as well as other state-wide faculty and administrative groups.

Dr. Peter Bishop is the newly elected President of the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations and is coordinating this effort. Dr. Bishop, an Associate Professor of Human Sciences at the University of Houston - Clear Lake City, says that there is really nothing new in this faculty movement. "The academic quality of colleges and universities has always been primarily the responsibility of the faculty. We are merely carrying out this responsibility by focusing on concrete, achievable actions to improve the quality of higher education in Texas."

The Council will be publishing a semi-annual report on progress made by its member institutions for the next two years. The first such report is due in November.

Other officers assisting Bishop in this effort and elected at the meeting are: Dr. Phil Holcomb, Associate Professor of English, Angelo State University, Coordinator in Western Region; Dr. Bill Pinney, Associate Professor of Systems Analysis, UT-Arlington, Coordinator in the Northeast Region; Dr. Donald Coers, Associate Professor of English at Sam Houston State University, Coordinator in East Region; and Dr. Reeves Perry, Professor of Chemistry at Southwest Texas State University, Coordinator in the South/Central Region.