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TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Margaret E. "Peg" Wilson, President
SUBJECT: Agenda for Meeting $\$ 79$, May 7, 1986
The Faculty \$enate will meet Wednesday, May 7, 1986 at $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. inn
the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:
I. Introduction of guests
II. Approval of minutes of the April 9 and May 5, 1986 meetings
III. Report of the Vice President of the Faculty Senate
IV. Report of Standing Committees
A. Copmittee on Committees - Minifie (see attachment)
B. Ac申demic Programs Committee - Carlile
C. Faqulty Status \& Welfare Committee - Lawrence
V. Old Busines $\$$
A. Grade Appeals - Langford
B. Jofnt Faculty Senate/Administration Committee to Review

Enrollment Procedures - Kimmel
C. Acłdemic Publications - Brink
D. Up 1 ate on Task Force on Tenure Policy - Eissinger
VI. New Busines $\$$
A. Lefter from Vice President Payne (see attachment)
B. Exferpts from CB Report (see attachment)
VII. Other Business
VIII. Closing repprt from President of the Senate
IX. Adjournment





Memorandum to: pr. Bob Ewalt
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April 2, 1986

From:
Subject:
I am pleased to fnform you that the new computer system will
now make it possible for us to catch up on our workload (i.e., interdepartmental transfers, application of interest allocations, etc.) that has been delayed over the past seven months. Although the total backlog will not be eliminated immediately, we expect to have all the delayed transactions processed before the end of summer.

In addition, we expect to be generating new fiscal reports within the next couple of months which should significantly help a number of department heads. Most importantly, after this symmer we expect to be able to process transactions and run financial reports on a timely basis.

This has not been an easy year for either the business offige or the departments that are dependent upon financial information. I have found it necessary to occasionally remind some individuals that they recommended the decisions that caused the reporting problems this year. After considering my warnings that these specific financial reporting problems would occur, the vice presidents and deans still recommended granting the academi申 affairs' requests to twice delay the planned computer upgraqe. It was necessary for the accounting and purchasing offices to bear much of the brunt of accommodating the resulting computer brownout since the processing of many routine accounting transactions was designated lower priority than the more criticaf work of registration, admissions, payroll, student lab work, and basic vendor payments.

The worst is nov behind us. There is still much hard work dhead because of the fost time. However, with the adequate compufer support, we feef confident that the system will provide outstanding support in providing financial information.

I will keep you informed of events as we progress through the rest of this fi\&cal year. I request that you pass this infprmation along to department heads.
cc: Academic Deans at the University and Health Sciences Center

The February-March 1986 issue of CB Report had a lengthy article faculty salaries. At the 24 January 1986 meeting of the Coordinating Board, a motion by Harvey Weil of Corpus Christi was adopted. The motion stated that in order to keep Texas competitive, spending should measured against the 10 -most populous-states average instead of the national average when consfdering faculty pay. Corpus Christi State University President Alan Su\&g, Chair of Council of Presidents of the Public Senior Colleges and Universities of Texas, presented figures for the 1984-85 piennium which showed an aperage salary of $\$ 31,640$ for Texas, $\$ 32,180$ for the national average, and $\$ 33,820$ average for the 10 most populous states. He noted that Texas lost the most ground during that biennium to California, Massachusetts, and New York. Callifornia's ayerage salary stood at more than $\$ 38,000$ and average salary gains for those three states were $\$ 2,500$ to $\$ 3,500$ higher than in Texas.

The Board voted to ask the 1987 Legislature to increase formula funding for faculty salanies by 8.7 percent the first year of the new biennium and 10.9 percent the following year.

Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth said "damage to educational quality in Texas has been minimal so far because of a 'buyer's market' nationwide with mobility curtailed for all but the best faculty. But he added that morale is endangered by lagging salary growth and in increased use of part-time faculty."

The Board afso recommended slightly less than $\$ 13$ million in funding for faculty leaves and recommended raising the level of research funding to $\$ 38.5$ million for 1988 and $\$ 40$ million for 1989. "Those figures would bring state support up to 1968 levels in real dollars."


