

## MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 80

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 10, 1986 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gerald Skoog, president, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Barnard, Blair, Brink, Carlile, Cartwright, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Ethridge, Ford, Gades, Gettel, Gipson, Gustafson, Hartwell, Higdon, Hudson, Keho, Koepp, McLaughlin, McKown, Mann, Mathis, Muma, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Owens, Payne, Pearson, Platten, Postell, Reid, Samson, Sasser, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Smith, Steele, Stockton, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Wicker, Williams, J. Wilson, M. Wilson and Wood. Senators Koh and Lawrence were absent.

### I. Introduction of Senate Officers

After calling the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M., Skoog introduced the officers of the Faculty Senate. They include Gerald Skoog, president, William Hartwell, vice president, Evans Curry, secretary, and Jacquelin Collins, temporary parliamentarian.

### II. Introduction of Guests

The presence of guests was acknowledged and they were made welcome. Guests in attendance were C. Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Preston Lewis, News & Publications; and Rhonda Norman, Avalanche Journal.

### III. Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 1986 Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### IV. Report of the President of the Faculty Senate

Skoog introduced the topic of financial exigency by providing a brief overview of the history of past financial exigency plans as well as the current financial exigency plan draft now in the hands of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Donald Haragan. This draft is to go now to the committee chaired by Wendell Aycock and will, hopefully, come back to the Faculty Senate by October 8, 1986. If events in Austin require faster action on the current plan, an emergency meeting of the Faculty Senate will be called.

In the past year there were 22 resignations of faculty. These included a substantial number of more senior faculty. The opinion was expressed that some portion (perhaps a major portion) of the resignations were spurred by the current budget situation.

Procedure for individuals getting items on the Faculty Senate agenda were delineated. To have an item included on the agenda an individual should communicate his/her desire to the President of the Faculty Senate. Any student, faculty member, or staff member of the University may bring a matter of university concern to the attention of the Senate by communicating with the President of the Senate. The Agenda Committee shall make an appropriate announcement of the matter either in writing attached to the agenda or by placing the matter on the agenda. However, only a senator can introduce a proposition to be voted upon by the Senate.

A procedural proposition may be introduced by a senator at a meeting. A substantive proposition may be introduced by filing the proposition with the President in time for it to be attached to the agenda for the next meeting. If the proposition does not

involve a matter of significant academic import or a policy recommendation then it may be voted upon at the next meeting. However, if it does involve a matter of significant academic import or a policy recommendation, and unless waived by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate, the proposition will be attached to the agenda of the meeting at which it is being introduced, the proposition will be offered for a short explanation, inquiry and debate at such meeting, and shall be committed by the Chair at the close of debate to an appropriate committee for study, report and recommendation. The proposition and the committee's report and recommendation shall be attached to the agenda for the next meeting and no vote shall be taken by the Senate before such meeting.

Any senator may move to call to the floor any item or subject that is not on the agenda, but such non-agenda items or subject shall not be discussed or considered unless the Senate by majority vote shall amend the agenda.

The role of the Faculty Senate was discussed in light of past events on the Texas Tech Campus and selected topics to be targeted for Faculty Senate consideration identified.

Vice President Hartwell's report of his meeting with the Academic Council was inserted into the agenda at this point. Salary "increases" were clarified. Although salary increases based on merit raises will be rolled back to the '85-'86 academic year levels after September 1986, promotion stipends will be preserved for those who earned them.

Travel funds remain frozen.

The latest estimate of this years enrollment is 23,376 students.

Approximately 7,000 drop/adds were handled during the five day period given to that activity. This is reported to be less than 25% of the number of drop/adds that typically occurred when registration was handled at the coliseum.

Concern was expressed from the floor that the current travel freeze may particularly hamper the vita building activities of younger faculty.

#### V. Comments and Discussion with VPAAR Representative

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Len Ainsworth, conducted the discussion in place of Vice President Haragan.

A new operating policy for faculty evaluation is not yet ready.

The new pass/fail policy has been adopted but will not be acted on until it appears in the new catalog.

The current salary situation was clarified. Ainsworth cautioned that no definitive statements concerning future budget and salary issues can be made until the Texas Legislature has completed its work. A 1987 summer session is anticipated but it will be one substantially reduced from that of this year.

New faculty were discussed. The opinion was expressed that Texas Tech had done well in recruiting highly competent faculty of widely diverse backgrounds despite the current budget difficulties.

Current policy on teaching loads was discussed and clarified.

## VI. Reports

Item A of this section was dropped.

B. Tereshkovich reported on the activity of the Committee on Committees. Keho was elected chair. New committee appointments were presented. They are as follows:

### Academic Programs Committee

Rinaldo Petrini - Architecture  
Carlton Whitehead - Business Admin.  
Cora McKown - Home Economics

### Budget Study Committee

- At Large  
David E. Koeppe - Agricultural Sciences  
Michael Schoeneche - Arts & Sciences

### Study Committee - A

William Gustafson - Home Economics  
John Samson - Arts & Sciences  
Steven Oberhelman - Arts & Sciences  
-Engineering

### Study Committee - B

Roger Barnard - Arts & Sciences  
Thomas McLaughlin - Arts & Sciences

### Study Committee - C

- At Large  
Grant Savage - Business Administration  
Jerry Hudson - Arts & Sciences  
Georgette Gettel - Arts & Sciences

### Study Committee - D

Grant Savage - Business Administration  
Maryanne Reid - Education  
Walter Cartwright - Arts & Sciences  
Michael Stoune - Arts & Sciences

Platten moved approval of the proposed appointments. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Tereshkovich concluded with an appeal for suggestions from the Faculty Senate for filling remaining vacancies.

## VII. Old Business

A. The state of development of an Intellectual Property Policy is, at this time, indeterminate.

## VIII. New Business

A. Skoog was elected to attend the fall meeting of the Council of Faculty Governance Organization.

B. Faculty salary re-adjustment had been adequately discussed earlier requiring no farther discussion.

C. Brink moved that the Faculty Senate hold its January meeting on January 21, 1987. Motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Keho moved that the Faculty Senate hold its May meeting on May 6, 1987. Motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

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D. Aycock, chairperson of the Ad Hoc Financial Exigency Committee expressed concern for some aspects of the current form of the draft on financial exigency. He strongly urged senators to read the current document and provide the committee with comment. Copies of the draft are available in the Faculty Senate office.

Skoog declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Evans W. Curry, secretary