

## MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 82

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 8, 1986 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gerald Skoog, president, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Blair, Brink, Cartwright, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Ethridge, Ford, Gades, Gettel, Gipson, Gustafson, Hartwell, Higdon, Keho, Koeppe, McLaughlin, Mathis, Muma, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Owens, Payne, Pearson, Platten, Reid, Samson, Sasser, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Smith, Steele, Stockton, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Wicker, Williams, J. Wilson, M. Wilson and Wood. Senators Barnard, Carlile, Hudson, Koh, Lawrence, McKown, Mann and Postell were absent.

Calling the meeting to order at 3:37 P.M., Skoog recognized and welcomed the following guests: Lauro F. Cavazos, President; Donald Haragan, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Preston Lewis, News & Publications; James Ricketts, Avalanche Journal; Cindy Pandolfo, University Daily; Robin Fred, Channel 28; and Christy Grimes, Student Senate.

### I. Approval of minutes of September 10 and 24, 1986, meetings

Minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved as mailed. Minutes of the September 24 meeting have yet to be mailed and will consequently await the next meeting of the Senate for action.

### II. Report by Senate Vice President Hartwell

Issues addressed by the Academic Council in its September 30 meeting include:

- A. Naming of academic units - To be considered as cases arose, however the creation of new units will remain strictly an academic issue.
- B. Evaluation of Administrators.
- C. Report on the Select Committee - The reports of that committee will likely begin to be made public this month. A strong recommendation is expected on a core curriculum for the state.
- D. Council received report from Hartwell that a Senate approved version of the Financial Exigency Plan had been transmitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research.
- E. Discussion of ranking of graduate students, lecturers and instructors.
- F. Long Range Computer Plans - Two plans are being prepared, one for the academic area and one for administration.
- G. Policy for teaching loads for Arts and Sciences.
- H. Survey of television course committee concerns.
- I. Travel - Out of state travel remains frozen.
- J. Four day class week will be instituted again this coming summer.
- K. Funding levels for the summer session.

III. Comments and discussion by President Cavazos and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Haragan.

VPAAR Haragan addressed the issues of:

- A. Academic Computer Plan - The plan has been approved.
- B. Lubbock Lake Site - VPAAR Haragan clarified the most likely arrangement under which Texas Tech would continue to provide direction and leadership in the ongoing research at the site.
- C. Financial Exigency Plan - VPAAR Haragan assured the Senate that the Senate approved version had been transmitted to the Board of Regents. The Regents indicated that they wanted one more round of revisions, indicating the area in which they felt the revisions necessary.

President Cavazos then took the floor to address the following issues:

- A. Faculty reduction due to current financial situation - The reductions have impacted adversely on the University but, to date, not as severely as they might have. The need to educate the public to the necessity of supporting its higher education system was emphasized.
- B. Merit Raises - An attempt is being made to locate a pool of funds which can be made available for merit increases.
- C. Select Committee Report - The Select Committee will address two areas, in particular, on which President Cavazos requested advise and guidance from the Senate. The area of core curriculum and testing and admissions.
- D. Coordinating Board - The Board has requested a report from the University on consolidation efforts on the part of the University. President Cavazos indicated that in providing the report, he intended to provide a strong description of the areas of successful expansion as well.
- E. Role of the Faculty Senate - President Cavazos asserted his belief in the need for a strong Faculty Senate which can play an important role in the decision making and planning functions of the University.
- F. Meeting with Senate - The President offered to meet with the Senate on alternate meeting dates so as to keep it apprised of current issues facing the University.

Discussion followed the presentation and President Cavazos left to the applause of the Senate.

IV. Reports

No standing committee reports.

Ms. Cindy Grimes, Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate and Cravens, Faculty Senate representative to the Student Senate reported on the current efforts of the Student Senate.

V. New Business

Brink moved acceptance of the draft of the operating policy on grading procedures as reported. The motion was seconded.

Pearson moved to delete "a final" in line 7 of paragraph 3 and substitute the word "an". The motion was seconded.

Following discussion of the proposed amendment, Whitehead moved to table the motion to amend. The motion was seconded and passed by majority vote.

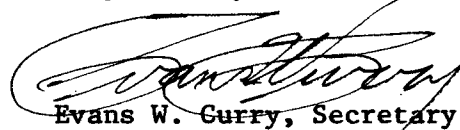
The question was called on Brink's motion. It passed without opposition.

At the state conference of the Texas Chapter of the AAUP, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, the Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors notes with pleasure that the tenure policy problem at Texas Tech University came to an end when, on May 16, 1986, the Texas Tech University Board of Regents approved an amended tenure policy written through the cooperative efforts of the faculty, the Board of Regents, and the administration, be it resolved that the Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors commends the faculty, the Board of Regents, and the administration of Texas Tech University for this exemplary demonstration of the cooperative and collegial process of dealing with a serious university problem.

There being no other business the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Evans W. Gurry, Secretary