

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 89

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, May 6, 1987 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gerald Skoog, president, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Blair, Brink, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Ethridge, Ford, Gades, Gettel, Gustafson, Hartwell, Higdon, Keho, Koeppe, Lawrence, McLaughlin, McKown, Mathis, Muma, Newcomb, Owens, Payne, Pearson, Samson, Schoenecke, Scott, Steele, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Williams, J. Wilson, and M. Wilson. Senator Barnard is on leave from the University. Senators Carlile, Koh, Smith, Stockton, Wicker and Wood were absent because of University business. Senators Cartwright, Gipson, Hudson, Mann, Oberhelman, Platten, Postell, Reid, Sasser, and Savage were absent.

The meeting of the Texas Tech Faculty Senate was called to order by President Skoog on Wednesday, May 6, 1987 at 3:37 p.m.

I. Recognition of new Faculty Senators and other guests

Skoog welcomed and recognized new senators and visitors. Those in attendance included: Don Haragan, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Research, Amy Love, President, Student Association; James Ricketts, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Jennifer Cargill, Associate Director of Libraries; Senators-elect John Howe, Alwyn Barr, John Burnett, Sue Tolleston Rinehart, Nelson Dometrius and Ruth Rogers; and Sean McLaughlin, Channel 11.

II. Approval of minutes of the meeting of April 8, 1987

Minutes of the April 8, 1987 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with the following corrections:

1. The minutes are corrected to indicate that Brink is on leave in the spring of 1988 rather than the fall of 1987.
2. The comma following "Senators" in the sentence reading "Senators, Hudson, Koh, . . . were absent." on page 1 is to be deleted.

III. Report by William Hartwell, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, on the Academic Council

A. Hartwell reported the following activities of the Academic Council in its meeting of April 21, 1987

1. Reporting on Academic Computing, Newman noted:
 - a. the VAX 8650 is installed and being tested,
 - b. the VAX 11-780 is to be moved to the ATLC in May, and
 - c. wiring for the Ethernet is in place.
2. Hartwell reminded deans that it was time for letters of invitation to commencement from outstanding students to be mailed to faculty.
3. Dr. Haragan provided a legislative update. He noted that both the House and Senate versions appeared to restore 1985 funding levels.
4. The Coordinating Board at the behest of the Select Committee is developing plans for doctoral program review. VPAAR Haragan serves as a member of a state wide steering committee for the effort. Haragan stressed the need for concern for quality of programs over attempts of definition for need or location.

D. Select Committee Recommendations.

Much of the Select Committee Report will be ignored in the current legislative session. Later legislatures will likely return to those recommendations. This year has been too encumbered with other pressing issues for the Select Committee Report to find a place on the legislative agenda.

E. Meeting of the Board of Regents

The upcoming meeting should be relatively routine. Faculty are reminded that they are welcome to attend those meetings.

F. Publishers have begun to complain of late of the sale of texts intended for faculty review only. Haragan indicated that he welcomed faculty suggestions.

V. Recommendations of the Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee in regard to student admissions and retentions.

Whitehead, reporting for the committee, moved acceptance of the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded. Payne moved to amend the recommendations by striking the sentence reading, "However, any person with a deficiency will automatically be admitted on a conditional basis." The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

After considerable discussion of the problem of defining the term "conditional admission", Cravens moved to end debate. The motion was seconded and passed.

The motion, as amended, failed on a count of hands of voting senators.

VI. Report of the Academic Programs Committee in regard to the Select Committee on Higher Education recommendations concerning teacher education

Wilson, reporting for the committee, moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

VII. Report of other Senate Committees

A. Resolution of the Faculty Status & Welfare Committee.

Reporting for the committee, Scott moved acceptance of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

VIII. Faculty Senate liaison to Student Senate - Sydney Cravens

Cravens moved approval of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate authorize its officers for 1987-88 session to arrange for the continuation of the liaison between the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate."

The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

IX. University Library policies and procedures - Brink

Brink moved approval of the following resolution:

1. Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate expresses to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research and to the Director of Libraries its concern and alarm about and its opposition to the present policy to remove hard copies of scholarly periodicals from the library collection.
2. Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate actively discourages this policy and requests an immediate return to the status quo ante with replacement of hard copies on the shelves.
3. Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate immediately appoint a committee to monitor, over the summer holiday, the Library's actions pertaining to the ongoing policy to remove hard copy scholarly periodicals from the collection.

The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

X. Other Business

A. On behalf of the Senate, Wilson extended condolences to Senate President Skoog on the death of his mother.

B. Owens moved that the Faculty Senate go on record as supporting the continuation of the university publication, Outlook.

The motion was seconded and passed.

XI. Closing report from Faculty Senate President

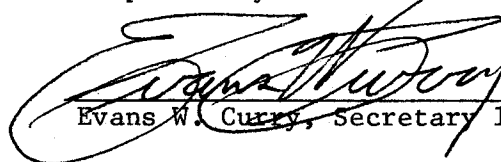
Skoog, in closing, thanked other Senate Officers and John Baliese for service over the past year. Skoog also thanked outgoing senators for their service.

He addressed the following issues:

1. Faculty Senate input to administration on policy issues.
2. Senator initiative in setting future agendas for the Faculty Senate.
3. The need for increases in faculty salaries.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Evans W. Curry, Secretary 1986-87