

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 91

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 14, 1987 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Georgette Gettel, president, presiding. Senators present were Barnard, Barr, Brink, Burnett, Cartwright, Dometrius, Ethridge, Fish, Gades, Gustafson, Hartwell, Hayes, Lawrence, Long, M. Mann, U. Mann, Mathis, Payne, Pearson, Platten, Reid, Rinehart, Rogers, Samson, Sasser, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Skoog, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Trost, Whitehead and Wilson. Senators Koh and Smith were absent because of University business. Senator McLaughlin was absent because of illness. Senators Aycock, Craig, Howe, Muma and Wood were absent for personal reasons.

The meeting was called to order by President Gettel at 3:40 p.m.

I. Recognition of guests

Guests present were Lauro F. Cavazos, President; Virginia Sowell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Joe Sanders, News and Publications; Amiee Larson, University Daily; James Ricketts, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Rodney Markham, student liaison; Stephanie Laird, President Student Senate and John Bliese, Senate Parliamentarian.

II. Approval of minutes of the meeting of September 9, 1986

The minutes of the September 9, 1987 minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Report on Academic Council meeting of September 15, 1987

Vice President McLaughlin's report was read by President Gettel. Two video presentations were given. The first by Joe Sanders of News and Publications of the video presentations to be run at half-time of televised Texas Tech football games. The second by Bell Telephone presenting new communications technology.

IV. Report on October meeting of Council of Faculty Governance Organizations by Secretary Stoune

The central topic of the meeting was the role of faculty and faculty Senates in the budgeting process of the University. This is a priority item at most colleges and deserves further study at Texas Tech.

V. Presentation by Student Senate President Stephanie Laird

Laird reported that the group is studying admission standards, a student endowment fund and the image of the University. She invited faculty to attend Student Senate meetings.

VI. Comments by President Cavazos

The President reported on current funding efforts for the Texas Tech Museum, status reports on Plant Stress Laboratory, fish and wildlife facility, and the prospect of a co-operative program between USSR and the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Future concerns include the Regents Study of University Organization, the implementation of the Basic Skills Test in 1989 (mandated by HB 2181, but not funded) and how to effectively work with those students who do not score at a qualifying level and recruitment of minority students and faculty. He announced the dedication of the Lubbock Lake Landmark site to take place on October 23. This is a joint venture with Texas Parks and Wildlife who will build a laboratory and visitors center at the site. President Cavazos briefly discussed

the October 6 Convocation and the Status of the Junction White Papers, requesting responses, comments and other reaction from the faculty to his office or other administrators and urging the Senate to address issues raised in this document.

Assistant Vice President Virginia Sowell commented on the status of 87-88 salary statements, and supported the Internship Program of the Coordinating Board.

VII. Presentation by Joe Sanders, Director of News and Publications

Sanders outlined the current status of his office and discussed the goals and mission of his service in relation to the University. He invited comments (742-2040). A detailed mission and role study is available in the Senate office.

VIII. Committee on Committees, David Payne, Chairman

This committee's report was approved as submitted. A request to restate the nomination of Professors Gary Elbow and Henry T. Nguyen to serve on the International Education Committee passed unanimously. A request to restate the nomination of Fredrick C. Volker to the Minority Affairs Committee passed unanimously.

IX. Other Business

Announcements:

Forty-four full professors left TTU in the last year. No statistics are available on the departures from other ranks.

Senate election will be complete by October 21 with new Senators in place for November meeting.

Pearson's resolution from September meeting has been helpful in setting a meeting of Senate officers with Wendell Mayes, chairman of the TTU Board of Regents.

The full text of House Bill 2181 is available in the Senate office.

Motion by Senator Mathis was discussed and passed unanimously.
(Text attached)

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Michael Stoune
Secretary 1987-88

MOTION FOR FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of October 14, 1987

Offered by Kary Mathis, Department of Agricultural Economics, Senator-at-large

MOTION: That the President of the Senate appoint a special committee to present to the University President and Board of Regents the faculty concerns with and viewpoints on the following:

1. Maintaining open avenues for faculty discussion of important issues affecting the faculty and academic programs with members of the Administration and the Board;
2. University responses to the major issues facing higher education in Texas during the coming five years;
3. Communication with the faculty regarding budget and salary matters and administrative organization and procedures affecting the faculty and the academic mission;
4. Communicating to state leaders and decision-makers and the general public the real accomplishments, present status, and future needs and contributions of the University and the faculty, in a constructive, positive and aggressive way;

It is further proposed that the President of the Senate chair this committee and appoint two Senators to serve with her; that this committee may request meetings with administrators, Board members, and the Board in executive session as the committee deems necessary; that the committee reports on appropriate matters to the Senate at its November meeting and at succeeding meetings, as determined desirable. This committee shall serve only during the coming academic year at the pleasure of the Senate President.