

**MINUTES #144, FACULTY SENATE**  
**September 8, 1993**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 8, 1993, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Sue Couch, president, presiding. Senators present were Barr, Bliese, Bradley, Burnett, Cardenas-Garcia, Ceniza, Cravens, Curzer, Davis, Dragga, Dunham, Dunn, Dvoracek, Haigler, Heintz, Hensley, Higdon, Hopkins, Huffman, Jonish, Khan, Kiecker, Marlett, D. Mason, J. Mason, McGlone, Miller, R. Morrow, T. Morrow, Oberhelman, Payne, Perl, Roy, Sanchez, Schoenecke, Shroyer, Sorenson, Strawderman, Urban, Wagner, Weber, Westfall, Zanglein and Zartman. Senator Aranha was absent because of university business. Senators Gregory, Pearson and Troub were absent.

President Couch called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; Len Ainsworth, Vice Provost; Virginia Sowell, Associate Vice President; David Starnes, Office of Development; Steve Kauffman, News and Publications; Mary Ann Higdon, Library; Jennifer Gilbert, University Daily; and Dorothy Gentry, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Professor Steve Frazee, Agricultural Education and Mechanization, served as Parliamentarian.

**I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 5, 1993 meeting were approved as distributed.

**II. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

Provost's Council--Oliver Hensley (report distributed to Senators and on file in Senate office). The Provost's Council discussed the provisional admission policy which would be effective for the academic year beginning on September 1, 1994. The draft policy provides that "[p]rior to their initial fall enrollment, provisionally admitted students must pass at least six hours of college level work with a C average on all nondevelopmental courses attempted. Three of these hours must satisfy General Education requirements in the student's academic program. Courses may be taken either at Texas Tech or at another college or university. However, students must meet transfer requirements if they have attended another college or university."

The Provost's Council also discussed the impact of the Academic Fresh Start program on TASP. Students who enter under the Fresh Start program by dropping out courses more than ten years old cannot use any of those dropped credits to meet the TASP exemption for students who have accumulated three or more hours prior to Fall 1989.

The Provost's Council also reported that the average SAT of admitted students is 970 and 92% of students are in top 50 percentile of their high school class, with 57% from the top 25% and 21% from the top 10%.

Graduate Council--M. Catherine Miller (report distributed to Senators and on file in the Senate office). Senator Miller reported that the Graduate Council met in July at which time changes were made in the graduate program to accommodate the 130 hour requirement. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be on September 9, 1993. The proposed suspension and probation policy is on the agenda.

Research Council--Fred P. Wagner, Jr. (report distributed to Senators and on file in Senate office). Senator Wagner reported that the Research Council met on September 1, 1993. A videotape concerning the use of human subjects is available for viewing from Research Services.

A new rate of indirect costs has been negotiated. The on-campus rate has been increased to 46%. Senator Wagner noted that this is an increase of 2% from last year. The off-campus rate is still being negotiated.

Senator Wagner noted that research awards to faculty for the 1992 academic year exceeded 23 million, and increased by \$2.3 million from the prior year. Indirect costs were 2.8 million. The Research Council commended faculty for its "record setting" year for research.

### **III. REMARKS FROM PROVOST HARAGAN**

Provost Haragan addressed several matters of concern to the Faculty Senate.

Budget--Provost Haragan indicated his satisfaction with the budget. He noted that "it is safe to say that we are in a safer budget position than we thought we might be." He noted that a survey is being conducted of statewide faculty salaries. Some major Texas universities have reported no faculty raises and these claims are being investigated. Haragan stated that he does not believe Tech faculty salaries will be significantly impacted in the second year of the biennium.

Academic Bankruptcy--Haragan reported that the Fresh Start legislation has been passed. The statute allows Texas residents to seek admission to public universities without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. Haragan is not sure if the legislation applies to both admission and GPA but he believes that the legislative intent was to apply to both.

Haragan plans to ask the Faculty Senate for guidance on the grade replacement policy. He believes the policy is working well but would like to revisit the grade replacement issue now that the Academic Fresh Start program is being implemented. Haragan noted that the intent of the academic bankruptcy policy is to give students a fresh start - not to allow them to pick and choose which semesters to keep or drop. response to a question from Senator Huffman, Haragan explained that students are not required to take advantage of the Fresh Start program if they have good grades.

Multiculturalism Course--Provost Haragan noted that he just received a committee report on the multiculturalism course. He will discuss the report at a future Senate meeting.

Merger of Colleges--Haragan noted that Arts & Sciences is too big to handle efficiently. More than 50% of faculty and students are in Arts & Sciences. Because of the inefficiencies of Arts & Sciences, possible mergers of colleges are being investigated. For example, a new college of fine arts may be created or a college of fine arts and, for example, communications. Haragan emphasized that he has no preconceived notions and is not trying to force a merger.

Haragan has received a committee report on a potential merger of two colleges. He explained that he had requested a committee to report on the pros and cons of a possible merger. The committee found more negatives than positives. Haragan will prepare a report on the merger issue and submit it to the Senate. In response to a question from Senator Cravens, Provost Haragan stated that Administration is considering merging the College of Education with the College of Human Sciences. The committee report mentioned earlier referred to these two colleges. However, he cautioned that a merger between any two colleges is possible.

Service Plus--Haragan reported that the Service Plus program is being adapted for the faculty. Some possibilities include the creation of an academic advising center. Haragan plans to work with the faculty on ways to implement Service Plus for faculty.

#### **IV. REPORTS FROM AD HOC AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

Committee on Committees--(report distributed to Senators and on file in the Senate office). Senator James Jonish reported that the Committee on Committees had recommended committee assignments to fill vacancies on the Faculty Senate Budget Study Committee and on the following University committees: Convocations; Recruitment, Admissions and Retention; Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Awareness; Personal Safety Awareness; and Student Publications. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the committee. The motion passed without discussion. The recommendations will be forwarded to the appropriate administrators.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### Clarification of Report of the Athletic Department

President Sue Couch reported that she had received a letter from Ronn Reeger, Academic Counselor, in response to the Senate's request for clarification of the report of the Athletic Department.

(1) Table C on p. 4 (regarding graduation information on 1991-1992 Football scholarship seniors). Reeger was unable to verify additional information because the person who compiled the information is no longer employed and he cannot find the source of the information.

(2) Table 1B on p.1 (referring to the number of freshmen scholarship athletes who would have been on probation if they had not received

scholarships). Reeger reported that 11 of the 48 freshman athletes would have been admitted on academic probation if they had not been awarded scholarships.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

President Couch introduced a proposal by the Agenda Committee to advance the January meeting date to January 19, and move the May meeting back to May 4. A motion was made and seconded to hold the January meeting on January 19 and the May meeting on May 4. Senator Perl objected to the May date, which is on the last day of classes. President Couch explained the rationale of the Agenda Committee: it is even more difficult to meet during exams. Senator Payne suggested moving the May meeting to Thursday, May 5, a day of no classes. This was accepted as a friendly amendment. The motion to change the January meeting date to January 19 and the May meeting to May 5 passed unanimously.

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Couch reported that the Senate officers met with Ben Newcomb and a group of deans to discuss implementation of faculty involvement in budget decisions. President Couch had a similar meeting with Dean Somerville and other administrators of the College of Engineering. Couch also represented the Faculty Senate on the Search Advisory Committee for a Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Secretary Zanglein attended a Coordinating Board meeting in May. In June, Vice President Hensley met with the State auditor who was conducting an audit of teaching work loads. In October, Zanglein and Hensley will report further on these activities.

President Couch had requested funds for a graduate assistant to help the Faculty Senate by collecting data and compiling reports relating to the work of the Senate committees. The Graduate Assistant will serve as a liaison between the Faculty Senate committees and the Office of Institutional Research, which maintains official data for the University. She reported that Provost Haragan had made funds available to hire a graduate assistant. A position announcement was disseminated to all graduate advisors in all departments and to all faculty senators, with the expectation that qualified individual will be promptly found.

President Couch noted that Study Committee B and the Environmental Impact Study Committee have continuing assignments from last year. She also identified new issues to be considered by Senate committees including: identification of funds which might be diverted to the library; a proposal to initiate a library fee; the rising cost of library journals; applicant tracking system proposed by Institutional Research; implementation of Senate resolution on faculty involvement in budget decisions; cost of accrued vacation time; procedures for changes in personnel policies; policy on faculty and teaching assistants who tutor students for pay; summer admission of provisional students; and recommendations from General Education Committee.

Provost Haragan reported that according to preliminary estimates, enrollment had decreased overall by 29 students. Nursing students had increased by 45 students. Human Sciences increased 9%; Agriculture increased 4%; Engineering increased 3.6%; and Arts and Sciences and Law remained stable. Business Administration declined by 2.7%; Architecture declined by 23.6% and Education suffered a 19% decline. Graduate programs overall suffered a 2.5% decline in enrollment. More accurate enrollment figures will be available shortly.

Senator Higdon noted his plans to propose a resolution to add pluses and minuses to grades.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Zanglein  
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