

**MINUTES #153, FACULTY SENATE
SEPTEMBER 14, 1994**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 14, 1994, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Alwyn Barr, president, presiding. Senators present were Aranha, Bliese, Burnett, Couch, Coulter, Cravens, Curzer, DeBell, Dunham, Durland, Fedler, Goebel, Heintz, Held, Hensley, Howe, Huffman, Jonish, Marlett, D. Mason, McGlone, Mann, Morrow, Oberhelman, Payne, Pearson, Perl, Schoenecke, Sorenson, Steinhart, Thompson, Tock, Troub, Weber, Welton and Westfall. Senators Cardenas-Garcia, Endsley and Khan were absent because of University business. Professor Nathan was absent with prior notification. Professor Higdon is on leave from the University. Professors Gregory, Hopkins, and J. Mason were absent.

President Barr called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Professor Gary Elbow, Parliamentarian; Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; Len Ainsworth, Vice Provost; Virginia Sowell, Associate Vice President; Curt Borene, Internal Vice President, Student Association; Jan Kemp, Library; Alfonso Scandrett, Jr., Athletic Department; and Jonathan Harris, University Daily.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the May 5, 1994, meeting were approved following several comments regarding the Minority Affairs section made by Senator Weber.

II. REMARKS BY DONALD R. HARAGAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST

Faculty Senate - Provost Haragan wished the Senate success and offered to work with it during the academic year.

Enrollment - The Provost reported that there was a small drop of 55 students this fall in comparison with last fall. No trends are discernible. There are 8 fewer graduate students this year in an area where growth is desirable. Fewer A&S students is the result of a change in the admissions policy in the College of Business Administration that allows students to move directly into business courses.

Task-Force - A task force will be developed to look at all international programs. Criteria are to be developed to reward faculty who participate in international programs that do not lead directly to promotion, tenure, and related benefits.

Teaching Resource Center - The administration is seeking ways to fund such a center.

Hearings on Legislative Appropriations - begin on September 15 in Austin. Legislative Budget Board, House Appropriations, and Senate Finance Committee hearings are yet to come. The expectation is that we may receive roughly the same funding as for the present fiscal year.

Library Matters - Membership of the Texas Tech University Library with the Association of Research Libraries is to be reconsidered.

Academic status for librarians will be considered by the Board of Regents of the university.

President's Meeting with Faculty - Dr. Lawless will meet with the faculty on September 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Human Sciences 169.

III. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Provost Council Meetings - (2) Reports from three meetings were distributed. Minutes of the Council meetings are on file in the Faculty Senate office.

Academic Council - Reports were distributed and are available in the Faculty Senate office.

Graduate Council - Senator Couch spoke of the increase in fees for graduate students, 80% of which is to be returned to departments and schools. Concern was expressed over the fact that some professors were on 40-50 graduate student committees.

IV. REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees - James E. Jonish - distributed (1) nominations for University Committees. The recommendations were approved by unanimous vote. (2) Recommendations for Faculty Senate committees were also presented and approved unanimously.

There were no other reports.

V. OLD BUSINESS - There were no items of old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Dates for future meetings of the Faculty Senate were presented. The normal meeting time is the second Wednesday of each month during the academic year. It was moved and seconded that the Senate meet on January 18 and May 3 to avoid conflicts with vacation periods and final examinations. The motion passed with Senator Perl voting against the measure.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clarification of the Grade Replacement Policy was discussed. It was established that a student cannot replace an F with another F. Senator Curzer noted that the original motion stated that "only the higher grade" would replace the lower one.

Assignments to Faculty Senate Study Committees will be made for study of (1) Faculty Senate Structure, (2) faculty leaves for Fulbright and similar grants, and (3) a proposal for an automated degree audit.

At a later date the Senate will receive last year's annual report and the status report of administrative responses to Senate recommendations.

There is a position for a graduate assistant to work with the Senate and its committees. Information was sent to departments with a deadline of September 16, 1994.

Senators were asked to complete schedule forms and send them to the Faculty Senate Office as soon as possible.

In reply to an earlier question Parliamentarian Gary Elbow reported that a Senate committee report (if made by a Senator) serves as a motion and requires no second.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary 1994-95