

**MINUTES #154, FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 12, 1994**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 12, 1994, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Alwyn Barr, president, presiding. Senators present were Aranha, Burnett, Cardenas-Garcia, Couch, Cravens, Curzer, DeBell, Dunham, Durland, Endsley, Floyd, Fortney, Goebel, Gregory, Heintz, Held, Hensley, Hopkins, Huffman, Howe, Jonish, Marlett, D. Mason, J. Mason, McGlone, Morrow, Nathan, Oberhelman, Payne, Perl, Schoenecke, Sorenson, Steinhart, Thompson, Weber, and Westfall. Senators Burns, Coulter, Fedler, Khan, Pearson and Troub were absent because of University business. Senator Higdon is on leave from the University. Senators Bliese, Mann, Tock and Welton were absent.

President Barr called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and recognized the two newly elected Senators for the School of Law, Susan Fortney and Timothy Floyd. He then recognized the following guests: Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; Len Ainsworth, Vice Provost; Virginia Sowell, Associate Vice President; Jan Kemp, Library; Alfonso Scandrett, Athletic Department; and Don Galvez, University Daily.

Professor Gary Elbow, Geography, served as Parliamentarian.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the September 14, 1994 meeting were approved as circulated.

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

As a result of Dr. Haragan's recent meeting with other academic officers of the Big Twelve Conference, the following items were discussed:

Recruitment of minority faculty. A renewed effort to recruit minority faculty members is to be undertaken. Dr. Haragan stated that Texas Tech University has been an "absolute failure in this matter," and that in conjunction with the Faculty Senate the Provost's Office plans to sponsor an Issues Forum on the matter of attracting people of color to the University.

Accelerated degree programs. The average length of time to complete an undergraduate degree is nearly 5 years. Efforts to accelerate this process are to be undertaken. Such matters as advanced credit by testing and credit for work experience should be considered as a means to give students degree credit.

Other matters discussed included:

Resignation of Dean Clyde Hendrick. The resignation of the graduate dean, effective August 31, 1995, comes at a time when the restructuring of the Graduate School should be reviewed. For example, the relationship between the Office of Research Services and the Graduate School is a point to be studied.

Engineering dean search. This search has resulted in a total of 3 finalists who are to be invited back to the campus for a second visit.

Teaching Resource Center. This matter is still being pursued, and President Lawless has allocated funds to begin this effort.

Computing needs. In each college a group has been identified to define future computing needs for that college. A report is due by February 1, 1995.

III. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Provost Council Meeting - Alwyn Barr - The academic status of librarians is to be considered by the Board of Regents at the end of this week. A written report of the meeting was distributed and is on file in the Faculty Senate office.

Academic Council - Lynn Huffman - A report was distributed and is available in the Faculty Senate office.

Graduate Council - Sue Couch - It was noted that funds are available to recruit graduate students. Such funds may be used for travel to recruit students.

Research Council - Mica Endsley - A report was distributed and is available in the Faculty Senate office.

Development Council - Ritch Sorenson reported that the council met on September 19, 1994, and John P. Butler III was introduced. His agency, Barnes & Roche, has been retained to organize a campaign to boost the University's endowment fund.

General Education Committee - Robert Marlett distributed a memo on the committee's last meeting. The memo is available in the Faculty Senate office.

IV. REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

Academic Programs Committee - Robert Marlett - The Academic Programs Committee was charged with reviewing and commenting on the Draft Report Recommendations For an Automated Degree Audit System. The Faculty Senate approved a motion on January 19, 1994, to "support development of computerized degree audit system" and the Academic Programs Committee examined the Draft Report and finds no need for comment other than to encourage the advancement of the Degree Audit System.

At this time Provost Haragan commented that President Lawless has agreed to help develop the Automated Degree Audit System with funds from his office.

There were no other reports.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS There were no items of new business.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Piper Professor Award announcements have been sent to all colleges, departments, and schools. Nominees are sought for this state-wide award. The deadline is November 1.

The Council of Faculty Governance Organizations (CoFGO) will meet in Austin October 28-29. Vice President Huffman will represent the Texas Tech Faculty Senate.

Joan Conway, a graduate student in English, is the new student assistant for the Faculty Senate and its committees.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harley D. Oberhelman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harley D. Oberhelman
Secretary 1994-95