

**MINUTES #155, FACULTY SENATE  
NOVEMBER 9, 1994**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 9, 1994, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Alwyn Barr, president, presiding. Senators present were Bliese, Burnett, Burns, Cardenas-Garcia, Couch, Coulter, Cravens, Curzer, DeBell, Dunham, Durland, Endsley, Fortney, Goebel, Hartwell, Heintz, Held, Hensley, Hopkins, Huffman, Howe, Khan, Marlett, J. Mason, Mann, Morrow, Nathan, Oberhelman, Payne, Pearson, Perl, Schoenecke, Steinhart, Thompson, Tock, Troub, Weber, Welton and Westfall. Senators Aranha, Fedler, and Jonish were absent because of University business. Senator Higdon is on leave from the University. Senators Floyd, Gregory, D. Mason, McGlone and Sorenson were absent.

President Barr 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; Jerry D. Ramsey, Associate Vice President for Operations; Gary Bell, Director of Honors Program; Gail Wolfe, Traffic & Parking; Dewey Shroyer, Grounds Maintenance; Jay Parchman, Chief of Police, TTU; Danny Davis, Police, TTU; Joan Conway, Student Assistant for Faculty Senate; Jonathan Harris, University Daily; Margaret Lutherer and Myrna Whitehead from the Office of News & Publication.

Professor Gary Elbow, Geography, served as Parliamentarian.

**I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 12, 1994, meeting were approved.

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

Coordinating Board Study of Administrative Costs. A study of higher education administrative costs has been completed by the Coordinating Board. Among state schools studied Texas Tech University had the lowest administrative expenditures.

Engineering dean search. This search has resulted in a total of 3 finalists who have been invited back to the campus for a second visit. A final selection can be expected shortly.

Productivity Task Force. Dr. Haragan met with the group last week. Their report is expected by the end of the semester.

Expenditures of Course Fees. The distribution of these monies was done under certain restrictions that were necessary to balance DOE vs. Course Fees.

Long Range Parking and Fees. This matter is under consideration. [See Section VIII of these minutes.]

In response to a question from the floor, Dr. Haragan stated that the matter of plus/minus grading is still under review.

### III. REMARKS BY DR. GARY BELL, DIRECTOR OF HONORS

Dr. Bell spoke about the Honors Program and its development. He compared last year's program with this year's and found a significant increase of students and courses. At present between 170 and 180 students participate in the program.

### IV. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Academic Council A report was distributed by Senator Huffman, and a copy is available in the Faculty Senate office.

Graduate Council Senator Couch noted that most items reviewed were of a routine nature. The impact of the 130 hour limit on doctoral study was discussed. This rule may result in the loss of up to \$5,000,000 to Texas Tech each year.

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

International Affairs Council - Senator Pearson - A report was distributed to the Senate and is available in the Senate office. Dr. Pearson reported that there are 1163 foreign students from 96 countries. The largest numbers are from India, China, and Korea. Construction of the International Cultural Center is to begin in the spring.

Affirmative Action Committee Senator Dunham distributed a report that is available in the Faculty Senate office.

### V. REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

Academic Programs Committee Senator Marlett's motion to receive this report passed unanimously. A copy of the report is available in the Senate office.

Faculty Productivity Senator Hensley gave the Senate two written reports, both of which may be seen in the Faculty Senate office. These were the results of the committee's study of the basic problem of how to increase faculty production. Six committee meetings were held in addition to several subcommittee meetings.

The yellow document contains tentative recommendations. The senators were asked to read it carefully and to seek reactions and input from colleagues. The white document is a preliminary report to the Faculty Senate.

### VI. COUNCIL OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE MEETING

Senator Huffman gave an overview of the meeting held in Austin. A report was available at the door and is on file in the Faculty Senate office.

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

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Traffic and Parking Fees Senate President Barr reported on a meeting he attended to discuss this issue. Parking fees will need to be increased to preserve facilities and to increase parking opportunities. The question was raised as to whether football parking fees could in part help meet these needs. There is the possibility of charging parking fees to students attending night classes.

Vice President Jerry D. Ramsey made additional comments on these matters. He stated that there were two basic plans under consideration: (1) Incremental increases over the next 1-2 years to bring basic charges up to \$125-\$135 for faculty and staff. Rates for commuters and student residence hall parking would also be raised. (2) Program a 10% yearly increase in all fees over the next four years.

Vice President Ramsey asked for faculty input into the decision phase. Various ideas were offered: parking fees for campus visitors, a parking structure with fees charged for its use, and charges for night time use of parking areas.

Senator Curzer moved to table the matter and refer it to a faculty senate study committee. Senator Cravens seconded the motion. There was a friendly amendment to refer the matter to the Senate's Budget Study Committee. There followed a motion to table the entire matter. The motion failed: 10 for to 20 against. A vote was then taken on the original motion. It passed on a voice vote.

### Motion Regarding President Lawless' Recent Statement

Senator Couch moved the following statement:

The Faculty Senate recognizes the inclusive perspective reflected in a recent statement by President Lawless, in which he expressed support for freedom of speech, the principles of diversity, a policy of non-discrimination, and the University Human Dignity Statement. The Senate believes that President Lawless' statement, which was published in the University Daily on October 28, 1994, is in the best interest of the University, its students and faculty.

To clarify its own views on the concerns that led to the statement by President Lawless, the Faculty Senate reaffirms its commitment to freedom of speech, the principles of diversity, a policy of non-discrimination, the University Human Dignity Statement, the *University Visiting Speakers policy* (which stipulates in part "No one shall be denied the right to speak within the physical confines of Texas Tech University solely because the views sought to be advocated differ from those of the Board of Regents, its members, the University President or another officer or employee of the University."), and academic freedom.

The motion was approved by a voice vote. There was a request for a show of hands. The results were: 21 yes, 6 no. The motion passed.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

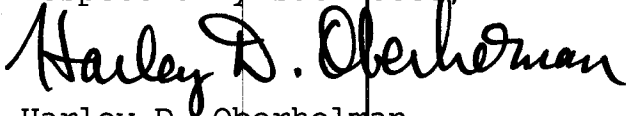
Senate Study Committee C will review the proposal for a Teaching Effectiveness Center.

The Budget Study Committee will review the matter of equity raises for faculty.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary 1994-95