

MINUTES #164 - FACULTY SENATE
8 November 1995

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 8 , 1995, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Murray W. Coulter, president presiding. Senators present were Barr, Cardenas-Garcia, Casadonte, Corbett, Coombs, DeBell, Dowell, Dunham, Dunne, Durland, Elbow, Fedler, Fortney, Fox, George, P. Goebel, U. Goebel, Hartwell, Heintz, Held, Howe, Hufford, Jackson, A. Khan, S. Khan, Mann, Meek, Miller, R. Morrow, T. Morrow, Nathan, Opp, Pearson, River, Sarkar, Schaller, Schoenecke, Stout, L. Thompson, V. Thompson, Tock, Welton, Westfall and Whisnant. Senators Herring, and Steinhart were absent because of University business. Senators Endsley, McGlone and Ricketts were absent.

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; Don E. Cosby, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; Monty E. Davenport, Associate Vice President for Plant Services; Robert M. Sweazy, Vice Provost for Research; Professors Daryl Moorehead and Richard E. Peterson; Matt Freeman, Internal Vice President, Student Association; Sharon Hart, Office of Development; and Kirk Baird, University Daily.

I. The minutes of meeting 163 from 11 October 1995 were approved as distributed.

II. President Coulter announced Fall election results and welcomed new Senators Sandra River and Jon Hufford from the Library, Andy Herring from the College of Agriculture and Paul Goebel from the College of Business Administration.

III. Don Cosby, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, provided a report on the status of the insurance money paid in during FYs 90 to 92 when TTU was self insured. There is a surplus of funds of about 7 million dollars and TTU is considering the alternative uses for these funds. Any action concerning these funds will require Board of Regents action. The Senate's Faculty Status & Welfare Committee was charged with providing Faculty Senate input to the administration on possible alternative uses of these funds.

IV. REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Provost Council - had not met prior to the Senate meeting
Academic Council - Senator Barr verbally reported that two new topics were discussed without any action being taken. The first item was the desire of the Math Department to implement a math placement exam during summer orientation for which details of implementation are still under consideration. Anyone with questions or concerns are asked to provide this input to the Academic Council.

The second item considered was a new statement of assured admission, based on rank in their graduating class, such as the top 5% with no requirements for minimum SAT or ACT scores. No action was taken.

Graduate Council - Senator Durland reported Dean Langford's concern over the large numbers of PhD students in some areas, especially with regards to a limited employment potential.

Research Council - Senator Fedler provided a report that is on file in the Senate office. Two main issues were highlighted with the first explaining the results of the ATP/ARP/TPET awards from the State. The second item was notification that persons with unsuccessful proposals can be provided support for travel to other potential funding groups through the Office of Research Services. The procedure for requesting the funds is to send the request to ORS with signatures from the department chair and college dean.

University Center Board - no report

V. REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

Faculty Status & Welfare - Senator Dunham reported that some changes to the Tenure and Promotion procedures to include more on Teaching Effectiveness and Service are being proposed. A written report was also provided and is on file at the Faculty Senate office regarding a policy to enhance dual-career hirings. The four part recommendation was considered separately with parts 1 and 4 passing by a majority of 22 to 28 and 23 and 17 respectively. Parts 2 and 3 failed.

Study Committee B - Senator Pearson presented a revised proposed resolution on anti-discrimination statements of policy, which is on file in the Faculty Senate office. The resolution passed.

Study Committee C - Senator Mann verbally presented a report on the proposed rescheduling of classes to balance loads throughout the day and concluded that no action is necessary at this time. After the report and discussion of the Budget Study Committee's report, Committee C was again charged with examining rescheduling possibilities and its impact on the University.

Budget Study Committee - Senator Held provided 3 extensive handouts outlining the status of faculty salaries, the redistribution of enrollment for the Fall 1996 class schedule, and a previous report on a proposed parking fee increase. The discussion began with a motion to endorse a resolution to be sent to President Lawless stating that:

1. The Faculty Senate fully supports the goal of President Lawless to make Texas Tech University the number one choice in higher education among the public institutions in the state by the year 2005.
2. The current salary inequity between Texas Tech and other leading state universities is an impediment to this goal.
3. We therefore urge that faculty salaries at Texas Tech be raised to a level that is consistent with this goal.

The motion to endorse the resolution passed unanimously.

The second area of discussion centered on data showing that the number of students enrolled throughout the day has not changed over the last 6 years and does not seem to be the basis for the increased parking problems as per the issue to reinstate 7:30 a.m. classes. Provost Haragan responded by saying the issue of the 7:30 classes and parking was not related but the parking issue was a catalyst to the issue. The major problem is the inefficient use of building space in the eyes of the Coordinating Board. The reason for dropping 7:30 classes several years ago was due to the old accounting system used by the Coordinating Board which did not count students in classes that began prior to 8 a.m. That rule has now been changed. The Budget Study Committee offered a motion to (1) postpone any rescheduling until 1996-97, which is not a formula funding year; (2) solicit input from students, faculty, and faculty senate; (3) investigate whether the parking problem can be solved by a parking lot solution; and (4) present a plan to the Senate. The motion was tabled.

Senator Held also made a motion to make no schedule changes until student input could be obtained. Student Association Vice President Matt Freeman agreed with the need for obtaining student response since few students will be knowledgeable of all the facts surrounding the proposed changes. The motion was tabled.

VI. OLD BUSINESS There was no old business to come before the Senate.

VII. NEW BUSINESS There was no new business

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford B. Fedler Secretary 1995-96