

## MINUTES #180

### MINUTES #180 - FACULTY SENATE APRIL 30, 1997

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 30, 1997 at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with President John Howe presiding. Senators present were Bremer, Casadonte, Corbett, Couch, Coulter, DeBell, Dornier, Dunham, Elbow, Fedler, Fox, George, P. Goebel, U. Goebel, Held, Hensley, Herring, Hufford, Khan, Lan, Liman, Mann, Meek, Miller, Nguyen, Olivarez, Opp, Reed, River, Robert, Schaller, Stinespring, Stout, L. Thompson, V. Thompson, Tock, Urban and Whisnant. Senators Dunne and Myers were absent because of University business. Senators Coombs, Dowell, Floyd, Jackson, Morrow, Rainger, Reckner, Sarkar and Welton were absent.

I. President Howe called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and recognized the following guests: John T. Montford, Chancellor; Donald R. Haragan, President; Virginia Sowell, Associate Provost; Ben W. Lock, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor; John E. Opperman, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance; Gene W. Medley, Director of Admissions and Records; Michael D. Shonrock, Dean of Students; Peg Wilson, Professor, HPER; Neale Pearson, Professor, Political Science, and Matt Henry; Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Senators-elect present were Mallory Boylan, College of Human Sciences; William R. Burkett, College of Engineering; Duane Crawford, College of Human Sciences; Marc Giaccardo, College of Architecture; Richard Gomez, College of Education; Mindy Stombler, College of Arts & Sciences; and David B. Thompson, College of Engineering.

Professor Clarke Cochran, Political Science, served as Parliamentarian.

II. Minutes of the April 9, 1997 meeting were approved as submitted.

### III. Suspension of the Rules

Senator Dunhan moved and Senator Virginia Thompson seconded a motion to call for a suspension of the rules. The motion passed with one abstention. The motion was made to allow for resolutions to be made from the floor of the Senate, if need be, because this was the last regular meeting of the

Senate for 1996-97.

#### IV. Remarks from Invited Guests

Faculty/Staff Employee Dependent Scholarships - John Opperman, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Chairman of the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Committee, reported on the status of the Faculty/Staff Scholarship Fund. A draft of the guidelines for eligibility and awards was available at the meeting. Two categories for scholarships were created: Category 1 for employee dependents (an employee's spouse or dependent child) and Category 2 for full-time TTU/TTUHSC employees scholarships. Awards will be determined annually based on the number of recipients and the income earned by the fund. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA, may receive the award for a total of eight semesters as an undergraduate or for no more than four semesters at the graduate level, and must continue to meet certain eligibility requirements. The award amounts may increase. Ten percent of the interest from the endowment will be go toward the principal for future growth. Application information will be distributed through payroll, most likely within the next month.

Chancellor's Strategic Plan Proposal - Chancellor John Montford presented the Strategic Plan proposal, which in concept has been endorsed by the Board of Regents. The Strategic Plan seeks to create the best environment for academic excellence.

Specific goals include but are not limited to: 1) To have Texas Tech University designated as a Level I Research Institution, 2) To take the necessary steps to establish a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Texas Tech University, 3) To increase endowment funds to a minimum of \$500 million by the year 2000. A complete document containing the Strategic Plan Proposal is available at <http://www.ttu.edu/newspubs/goals.htm>. and in the Senate office. Chancellor Montford indicated this is a proposal--the creation of a final Strategic Plan is ongoing. Comments on the proposal are welcome. Montford indicated that the quality of the document will not be sacrificed for expediency, but it is hoped that the Strategic Plan will be completed by the fall of 1997. A question and answer session on the proposal followed. The Agenda Committee proposed the following resolution in relation to the Strategic Plan Proposal:

Be it resolved: 1) That the Faculty Senate send this statement to one of its committees, requesting a report on specific changes to be ready for the September meeting if possible; 2) That this statement also be sent for comment to the Student Senate and the Senate bodies at TTUHSC; 3) That this statement be sent for detailed comment to the TTU Provost's Council, to be examined in the light of the documents produced by the Provost's Retreat on the future of the University; 4) That this statement be sent to other bodies

whose input the Chancellor and the President deem appropriate; and 5) That, on the basis of the comments secured by the steps noted above, a revised version be drafted, one that might be ready for campus approval prior to the start of the capital campaign in late October of 1997. Senator Couch offered a friendly amendment which was accepted by the Agenda Committee that item 1 include

"or an ad hoc committee" to be inserted after "one of its committees." The resolution was unanimously accepted by the Senate. Individuals can send general comments directly to the Chancellor's office.

## V. Announcements

The following reports were available at the meeting or on the Senate web page: Senator Meek's Report on Big XII Athletic Councils; Principles on Faculty Performance from 1995.

Administrative Responses to Senate Issues:

OP 32.32 - Provost Burns in a letter dated April 21, 1997 indicated that a review of OP 32.32 will proceed. It will be examined by both the Provost's Council and the Academic Council. A Faculty Senate representative is on both Councils.

Plus/Minus Grading - Provost Burns reported that the plus/minus grading issue will be examined by the Academic Council and the Provost's Council. Input from the Student Senate will be obtained as well.

Senator George moved and Whisnant seconded that the Senate's original resolution on plus/minus grading be sent forward to the administration, dropping the need for approval by the Student Senate. Senator Stinespring moved to table the motion which was seconded by Senator Held. George's motion was tabled.

## VI. Committee, Council and Liaison Reports

Liaison appointments for Provost's committees made by the Agenda Committee were presented to the Senate for approval: 1) Committee to Examine the Creation of a Fine Arts College - Walter Schaller, 2) Committee to Examine the Structure of the College of Architecture - John Stinespring, 3) Committee on Revising Faculty Workload Calculation - Ed George, Sue Couch, Murray Coulter and John Howe. Senator Hensley moved to have the Senate consider each committee in a separate vote. Senator Held seconded the motion. The motion failed (14 in favor, 17 opposed. The Senate approved the appointments with two dissenting votes.

A discussion of the third committee preceded the voting. Pertinent points from the discussion are summarized. The Committee on Faculty Workload will be chaired by the Provost's office and concerns were expressed that the

composition of the committee was not known. A second concern was that the work of the committee would be conducted over the summer when many faculty are not on campus. It was pointed out by President Howe that a special Senate meeting could be called in the summer by in-coming President George if warranted. Senator Held requested that past and present members of the Senate Faculty Performance Committee be consulted for input. Vice President Sowell indicated that the intention of the Committee was not to restructure faculty workloads but to give faculty more credit for work that they are currently performing.

Academic Programs Committee - University Courses Taught Outside of Colleges - The Academic Programs Committee offered a resolution. Be it resolved that: All courses offered for credit at Texas Tech University must undergo an approval process that incorporates faculty review and input consistent with the guidelines of individual Colleges. Any course that is interdisciplinary in nature and that is not suitable to be reviewed under established process and procedures of a specific college must be reviewed by 1) the Academic Council; or 2) an appropriate committee, such as the General Education Committee, that the Academic Council designates; or 3) a separate academic unit established by the Academic Council that would house all interdisciplinary courses and have an established faculty-based review process. Senator Couch moved to remove item 1) "the Academic Council" from the resolution. Elbow seconded. The Senate voted unanimously to accept the amendment. Senator Elbow moved and Senator Herring seconded to delete "such as the General Education Committee," from item 2. The Senate voted to unanimously accept the amendment. The Senate accepted the resolution with the two amendments with one dissenting vote.

## VII. Old Business

Senator Held moved to remove from the table the Budget Study Committee motion #2 of February 12, 1997 regarding Bookstore profits for Athletic Department Use. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted to move the motion from the table. Senator Hufford presented the motion. Be it Resolved that: Bookstore Profits should be dedicated to academic purposes, including the purchase of books and journals for the Library. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Held moved to remove from the table the Budget Study Committee motion #3 of February 12, 1997 regarding the use of Student Service Fees for the Athletic Program. Senator Whisnant seconded the motion. The Senate voted to remove the motion from the table with two dissenting votes. Senator Hufford presented the motion. Be it resolved that: Subsidies to the Athletic Program from Student Service Fees should be decreased in proportion to

increased profits generated by Athletics itself or discontinued altogether. The Senate defeated the motion with 12 in favor and 14 opposed to the motion.

Senator Held moved to remove from the table the Budget Study Committee motion #1 of February 12, 1997 regarding the use of Faculty Salary Funds for Administrator Salaries. Hensley seconded the motion. The Senate voted to untable the motion with one dissenting vote. Senator Hufford presented the motion. Be it resolved that: Administrators who are not teaching classes should not be paid from Faculty Salary accounts. If, however, these administrators continue to receive funds from these accounts, that a uniform standard should be applied to Administrators and Faculty in evaluating teaching load credit. The Senate unanimously passed the motion.

#### VIII. New Business

Senator Stinespring requested that a study be conducted to examine the possibility of student's evaluating all courses including laboratory and studio courses that are not currently evaluated by students.

Senator Hensley presented a motion, seconded by Held. Hensley and Held accepted a friendly amendment to allow the motion to read; Be it resolved that: The Faculty Senate President assign an appropriate committee to inquire into the University's methods of managing academic affairs, with the intent of making recommendations for the improvement of academic administrative systems that will facilitate scholarly work. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Hensley presented a motion, seconded by George. Hensley and George accepted a friendly amendment to allow the motion to read; Be it resolved that: The Faculty Senate President appoint a special investigative team to inquire into the University's methods of accounting for institutional expenses, with the intent of making recommendations for the improvement of financial administrative systems that will facilitate scholarly work and reduce administrative costs. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IX. Outgoing and Incoming Senate Presidents' Addresses.

President Howe thanked all Senators for their service and recognized retiring Senator Virginia Thompson for being selected as the faculty banner bearer for the 9:00 a.m. commencement ceremony on May 10, 1997.

Senator George, incoming Senate President, expressed a debt of gratitude to

President Howe, Vice President Elbow and Secretary Thompson for their service.

X. Adjournment

The Senate Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectful submitted,

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Leslie Thompson  
Secretary 1996-97