

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
MINUTES #197 - FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 14, 1999

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 in the Senate Room in the University Center with Tim Floyd, president, presiding. Senators present were Misra, Loudon, Shinn, Borst, Dornier, Drager, Dunham, Hartwell, Held, Lodhi, Newcomb, McComb, A. Perez, G. Perez, Robert, Rylander, Stein, Stinespring, Stompler, Tuman, Whitlark, Bremer, White, Hartmeister, Ponticell, Burkett, Liman, Sarkar, Hoover, Khan, Spallholz, Floyd, Cochran, Boylan, Couch, Crawford, Farley, Meaney, Pigott, Becker, Trost. Senators Reckner and Boal were absent because of University business. Senator Reed was absent because of jury duty. Senators Herring, Thorvilson, Baker, Gomez, Oler, Thompson, Lan, Olivarez were absent from the meeting. Parliamentarian, Brian McGee, was present at the meeting.

I. Call To Order was announced by President Timothy W. Floyd at approximately 3:15 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 1998.

II. Recognition of Guests - Faculty Senate guests were recognized and they included Provost John Burns, Vice Provost Jim Brink, and Assistant Provost Elizabeth Hall as well as several Staff Senate members.

III. Approval of Minutes #196

Two corrections of the March Faculty Senate Meeting were noted, Senators Borst and Hartwell were present, and not absent as the minutes reported. The minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Presentations:

Due to the fact the two presentation were canceled, one by the TTU Administration on Master Plan parking and the other from the committee on Faculty Senate Initiatives, a report from the Senate Budget Study Committee was heard next. Senator Lewis Held spoke for the committee.

V. Committee Reports:

Senator Held passed out two handouts, one was a fax from Chancellor's office stating the matter of Master Plan parking would not be brought up before the Board of Regents until the October first meeting. The second handout was a committee recommendation entitled "Resolution Regarding the TTU Administration's Plan for Parking Garages". Senator Held read the recommendation and since it was a Budget Study Committee recommendation no second was required and President Tim Floyd called for discussion on the proposed resolution.

Senators Crouch, Boylan, Truman, Stinespring, Trost, A Perez, G Perez, White, and Newcomb as well as President Floyd and others spoke concerning the resolution. Concerns related to the cost of parking garages, loss of parking spaces during construction of buildings and parking garages.

Senator White moved to amend the amendment to include the following statement, " The Faculty Senate ask the Administration to consider and present other alternatives besides parking garages for the campus." The motion by Senator White to amend was seconded by Senator Newcomb and was passed unanimously.

Resolution --The amended resolution regarding Master Plan Parking was then voted on and passed unanimously. The Resolution reads as follows: " A Resolution Regarding the TTU Administration's Plan for Parking Garages 1. The Faculty Senate requests that no garage proposal go to the Board of Regents before the senate has been consulted and given sufficient time to respond. 2. In the opinion of the Faculty Senate, a period shorter than 2 months is insufficient for us to conduct careful studies, deliberate thoughtfully, and provide meaningful input. 3. The Faculty Senate asks the Administration to consider and present other alternatives besides parking garages for the campus. 4. The Faculty Senate asks that the Administration show courtesy to the Faculty, Staff, and Students Senates by tendering its proposal during the 1999-2000 school year (i.e., not demanding summer meetings) since the issue is not an urgent one."

VII. Announcement --Next the Faculty Senate turned its attention to an announcement by Vice Provost Jim Brink. He stated the following. There will be no Saturday classes in either summer term of the summer of 2000. Originally there had been planned 4 in one term and 5 for the other. Classes, however, will be 2 hours long. There was another announcement by Provost John Burns. Developmental leaves will be increased from the present 18 to 36 for next year. It is the hope of the Administration to increase developmental leaves in the next five years so that ten percent of the faculty (85) will be available for developmental leaves during any one school year.

VI. Unfinished Business --Senator Meaney had some unfinished business. She suggested that the senate study the election process, in particular the following areas: 1. The role of the nominating committee. What is its purpose? Does it need to be more clearly defined? 2. The timeliness of the elections. Nominations are taken from the floor the during the same meeting as the election. 3. Number of candidates for each position. Candidates numbered from one to five 4. Absentee ballots.

President Floyd recommended that the Senate give these recommendations serious consideration. He suggested that the recommendation may require an amendment of the by-laws. Senator Trost recommended that the new election procedures be in place by the next election.

VIII. Adjournment --There being no further business before the Senate, adjournment was announced by President Floyd at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

John T. (Jack) Becker
Secretary Elect, 1999-2000