

MINUTES #190 - FACULTY SENATE SEPTEMBER 9, 1998

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 9, 1998 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Timothy W. Floyd, president, presiding. Senators present were Herring, Misra, Thorvilson, Loudon, Shinn, Dunham, Emmert, Hartwell, Held, Newcomb, A. Perez, G. Perez, Reckner, Reed, Stinespring, Stompler, Tuman, Whitlark, Gomez, Hartmeister, Ponticell, Sarkar, Thompson, Hoover, Khan, Spallholtz, Boylan, Couch, Crawford, Farley, Meaney, Peek, Bremer, Becker, Trost, Boal and Dornier. Senators Lodhi, Liman and White were absent because of University business. Senators Lan, and Pigott were absent with prior notification. Senators Baker, McComb, Robert, Rylander, Stein, Tsai, Burkett, Oler, Olivarez were absent from the meeting.

I. **Call To Order** was announced by President Timothy W. Floyd at 3:16 p.m. He advised the returning and new senators of the material they had before them. To the list of senators, he announced the addition of Professor Wes Cochran from the Law School. President Floyd also introduced Patty Pledger from the Faculty Senate office and Professor Brian McGee who will continue to serve as parliamentarian.

II. **Recognition of Guests** –President Timothy Floyd recognized the following guests: Donald R. Haragan, President; John Burns, Provost; Jim Brink, Vice Provost; Elizabeth Hall, Assistant Provost; David Waggoner, Presidential Special Assistant; Gretchen Verry, University Daily; Doug Mann, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning; Donal Simpson, W.R.T.; Art Glick and Gene Gibson, Texas Tech Operations; Gene West VP Operations; Keith Bearden, Tech Band; Thomas Newman, Professor/Associate Vice Provost; Kambra Bolch, Assistant Dean of Honors College. Among those who did not sign in were Gail Wolfe from Traffic and Parking and Jay Parchman from the University Police Department.

III. **Approval of Minutes** #189. The minutes from the meeting of May 6, 1998, were approved.

IV. Invited Guests:

Donald R. Haragan, President of Texas Tech University, was invited to address the Senate. He spoke about directions for the University and legislative appropriation requests under consideration. He observed that he expects a sense of shared governance and respects the faculty's role, particularly in academic matters. He commented that the State legislative session is dealing with a surplus of \$4 - 6 billion and that he considers education in the long run to be the first priority for the State. He agrees with the notion that K - 16 is seamless education. President Haragan referred to the strides Texas Tech has made in the past decade

and is making now toward becoming a Carnegie Research I institution. The window of opportunity in the State Legislature exists now through Chancellor Montford and several TTU graduates serving in Austin. He identified six goals for the near future: 1) develop and maintain comprehensive strength in undergraduate programs; 2) establish and maintain excellence in graduate education with the leverage of sponsored research; 3) develop faculty with national/international distinction; 4) develop strong out-reach programs such as through distance education; 5) internationalization of our programs; 6) maintain a supportive environment for students with a diversity of students. President Haragan continued by stating specific requests before the State legislature: state-funded pay raises of 5% in each year of the next two bienniums; new faculty hires; increased funding for the libraries; supplemental support for distance-education capabilities; moneys for new programs, such as the MA in Social Work.

Douglas L. Mann, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning, also addressed the Senate on matters pertaining to the Master Plan parking. He urged the Senate to distinguish between promise and process, stating that a full consensus on the parking plan from the Texas Tech community would occur before taking the plan back to the Regents. The parking plan is not a completed plan; rather Mr. Mann asked for ideas for process toward getting a consensus. Concerning a timetable, Mr. Mann restated that no parking spaces will be taken before alternatives are in place. He expects to give updates at the monthly meetings of the Senate prior to taking anything to the Board of Regents in November or beyond.

Mr. Donal R. Simpson with the architectural firm of Wallace, Roberts & Todd also addressed the Senate with a progress presentation on parking. He assured the Senate that there had been a process of meetings with individual departments and deans. The current focus is on the south part of the campus, east of Brownfield Hwy. This is part of demand-based parking strategy. There are 14,200 spaces on the main campus now. The new plans require a deletion of 5,200. Ultimately, 8,000 new spaces will be added, some of which will anticipate growth. Half of these spaces will be in garages; the rest will be on surface lots. The proposal includes four garages, three of which will be accessed either from University Avenue or 19th Street.

Mr. Simpson presented a slide illustrating the parking costs throughout the Big 12 universities, stating that the intention is to keep Texas Tech in the same relative position where it is now which is in the bottom half of the cost range. The mid-range is \$365 paid at Oklahoma State. At the moment, eight categories of prices are under consideration to give faculty choices based on need and pocketbook. Additional sources of parking revenue are under discussion to help off-set what the faculty would pay, such as paying for parking on campus while attending athletic events and an evening use fee. In view of the ground-breaking in October for the English/Philosophy/Education complex, there must be a recommendation to the Regents, in November, about the parking situation in lot R-6.

Mr. Mann added that lot R-6 contains 216 parking spaces which will be impacted by the new building complex. Due to the priority of completing the complex, a garage cannot be built before the surface lot goes off-line. In R-6 will remain 60 spaces on the east side, near the Foreign Language building and 20 near the Art/Architecture building. A new temporary lot for 150 will be built at the corner of 18th St. and Flint Avenue for those displaced. If the proposed garage site between Gates Hall and Hulen Hall on 18th St. is not acceptable, those using the new English/Philosophy/Education building will have to use their current parking spots until a substitute is built somewhere else.

A number of senators expressed dismay and concern over several points raised by Mr. Mann and Mr. Simpson on issues of charging for parking during athletic events, congestion of traffic on 19th St. and on University Avenue, and the fees. Concern was expressed over the loss of the practice area for the Goin' Band from Raider Land, but the Senate was assured by Mr. Mann that nothing will impact the area south of the Music building until discussions are held with Mr. Keith Bearden, director of the band.

Mr. Simpson directed the attention of the full Senate to a questionnaire he handed out entitled "Texas Tech Parking Implementation Plan Survey," urging everyone to complete it and return it to him at the close of the meeting or through the Senate office if they wished to write fuller comments than the multiple choice format allowed.

V. Committee Reports: Senator Ponticell presented the report from the Ad Hoc Honors College committee, asking all senators to read it closely for a discussion and possible resolution at the October meeting. She advised that two premises were particularly important: the need for significant funding for the new Honors College; development of a cohesive faculty identity with current faculty taking part in the new College. Dean Gary Bell will be invited to attend the October meeting of the Senate. Kambra Bolch, Assistant Dean, Honors College, offered to prepare written responses to the report. Thanking her, President Floyd accepted the offer.

VI. Old Business: The recommendations of the Committee on Committees were approved. Senator Dornier observed that she had not been assigned a committee, an oversight soon to be corrected. President Floyd also announced the Senate liaisons to various committees: Senator Floyd serves on the Provost Council; Senator Ponticell serves on the Academic Council; Senator Reed serves on the Graduate Council; Senator G. Pérez serves on the International Affairs Council; Senator Lan serves on the Board of the Teaching Learning Technology Center.

VII. New Business: President Floyd announced the following assignments for the various committees of the Senate. Study Committee "A" with Senator Dunham as convener will consider the student evaluation forms of the faculty and also the

conduct of student organizations off-campus especially if there is criminal conduct involved with an additional emphasis on sexual harassment training. Study Committee "B" with Senator Couch as convener will consider the Master Plan Parking situation relative to matters other than costs. Study Committee "C" with Senator Khan convening will consider the efforts of Texas Tech University to become a Research I institution. Academic Programs Committee with Senator Boal convening will consider the establishment of a campus-wide computer upgrade policy as well as the changes proposed by the Graduate School for graduate admissions. The Budget Study Committee, convened by Senator Held, will examine the financial aspects of parking under the new Master Plan proposals. The Committee on Faculty Status and Welfare, convened by Senator Stinespring, will consider the proposals for the formation of the College of Fine Arts and the issue of the appellate rights for those denied membership on the Graduate Faculty with particular attention to the impact such a denial might have in light of the Post Tenure Review provisions.

Senator Newcomb asked about the lack of raises for faculty who had announced their retirement at the end the academic year of '98-99. He was assured by Provost Burns that the oversight had been corrected.

VIII. Adjournment -- the meeting was adjourned by President Floyd at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted

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