

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL  
AND  
THE FACULTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
1976-1977

The Executive Committee:

September 8, 1976

accepted the Annual Reports of the University Student Appeals Committee, the Admissions and Retentions Committee, the Student Financial Aids Committee, the University Discipline Committee, and the Code of Student Affairs Committee.

heard Grievance Committee Nominations and the Report.

accepted the names of faculty to accompany the football team out-of-town as submitted by committee.

noted report of ad hoc Recreational Fee Committee.

read distributed report of ad hoc Select Committee on Pass-Fail Grading and heard committee Chairperson comment on the report and restrictions the committee recommended.

heard report on Campus Energy Conservation and instructed Chairperson Collins to write the Associate Vice President for Administrative Services advising of faculty concern and desire to be consulted about changes in the use of utilities.

heard discussion and suggestions concerning library and moved to direct these matters to the Library Committee.

October 13, 1976

heard recommendation from chairperson of the Code of Student Affairs Committee that the Code of Student Affairs be rewritten. Passed motion to support this committee in this decision.

passed a motion to endorse the six recommendations of the ad hoc Select Committee on Pass-Fail Grading and forward it to the Faculty Council for consideration at the Fall meeting.

Chairperson Collins reported his investigation of hiring policy indicated the lack of a uniformity. The Executive Committee charged the Academic Status Committee with making further investigations, study and recommendations.

heard a report from the chairperson of the Committee on Committees indicating that President Mackey desires to have the committee structure rationalized and that a major overhaul of the committees will be necessary.

heard a report on a letter from Chairperson Collins to President Mackey concerning the Coordinating Board's proposed revision of its Policy Paper #1 on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Responsibility and asking him to request the Coordinating Board to hold public hearings on the proposed changes.

discussed the new Sick Leave Policy.

November 10, 1976

moved to endorse the nominee of the Committee on Committees for a vacancy on the Academic Affairs Committee.

heard a report from the chairperson of the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Council Charter Revision.

moved to refer a resolution on student advising to the Academic Affairs Committee.

discussed Academic Council consideration of the tenure policy and requested the Academic Vice President to make a statement in writing regarding the extent to which procedures for the granting of tenure have been altered and moved that the footnote which was omitted from the last Faculty Handbook be inserted in all future printings of the Handbook.

moved that the question of reinstituting the plus and minus in grade reporting be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee.

moved to refer questions of campus bookstore operations to the Academic Affairs Committee.

discussed Faculty Development Leaves and the lack of adequate funds.

requested the Academic Status Committee to develop recommendations with respect to evaluation, counseling and voting procedures on tenure and promotion.

December 8, 1976

moved to release the Academic Status Committee of its charge to develop recommendations with respect to evaluation, counseling, and voting procedures on tenure and promotion pending the development of procedures by the Academic Vice President's office with the assistance of the Tenure and Privilege Committee.

moved to request that the registrar send a copy of the final grade reports (computer printouts) to faculty members.

noted that President Mackey has yet to reach a decision on the matter of the charge to the Grievance Committee.

discussed a Grade Appeals procedure.

moved to ask the "proper" person that provisions be made at all entry stations to enable traffic to bypass stopped vehicles.

moved to encourage the installation of adequate light for Flint Avenue crosswalks.

moved to call attention to the need for guard rails around the Mass Communications Building and Holden Hall.

January 19, 1977

heard report on recent action of Legislative Budget Board.

heard report on campus energy conservation.

heard report from Vice President of Academic Affairs on home offices and the federal income tax law; who has authority to change a student's grade; and the status of the investigation of computerized pre-registration.

heard report of the ad hoc Committee to Review the Faculty Charter outlining procedures and timetable by which this committee will recommend replacement of Faculty Council and Executive Committee by a Faculty Senate.

heard report from Chairperson of Faculty Development Leave Committee that two faculty development leaves have been approved for next year.

February 9, 1977

heard a report from the Committee on Committees, studied copies of proposals for restructuring committees, and made numerous suggestions.

was advised that the Code of Student Affairs Committee is meeting regularly to work on specific recommendations to the Dean of Students.

passed a motion to recommend to President Mackey that he appoint an ad hoc committee to look into and find practical ways to conserve energy on campus.

March 9, 1977

discussed Adjunct Professor appointments and the need for guidelines.

heard a report from President Mackey on his recent appearances before legislative committees in Austin.

heard excerpts from minutes of the February 21, 1977 meeting of the Tenure and Privilege Committee and discussed certain implications.

moved to endorse and forward to the Vice President for Academic Affairs the Academic Status Committee's recommendation regarding the development of hiring policies.

heard a report regarding the Budget Advisory Committee.

chairperson of Committee on Committees distributed copies of revised proposed committee structures and charges.

moved to endorse the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee that a standing student/faculty committee of the Faculty Council be established as an advisory body in the policy and administration of the bookstore.

April 13, 1977

heard excerpts from the minutes of the Academic Council meeting of March 28, 1977 and discussed that part relating to the tenure policy.

noted the passage of amendment to the Faculty Council Charter at its April 5, 1977 meeting which says the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the Vice Chairperson and Secretary, in that order, shall act as presiding officer for the Faculty Council meetings.

moved to write letter of thanks to President of the Ex-Students Association for their recent contribution to Texas Tech.

heard report and summary of the work of the Affirmative Action Council, from the Executive Committee representative to that council.

Dr. John Cobb, Chairperson, Athletic Council, appeared before the Executive Committee to give information and discuss such matters as: relationship that exists between Athletic Council and other components of the University; choosing faculty to accompany football team to out-of-town games; the financing of the Athletic Department; and NCAA and SWC requirements for faculty participation in athletic councils.

Chairperson Collins appointed a committee, to report back in May, charged with defining how faculty members to accompany the football team out-of-town will be chosen.

elected Faculty Council Executive Committee officers for the 1977-78 academic year.

heard report from chairperson of the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Council Charter Revision.

heard report from chairperson of the Committee on Committees and reviewed and discussed revised recommendations for changes in University Committees and Councils.

moved to recommend the Committee on Committees proposed and amended committee charges and composition to the President's office.

voted to accept the suite of offices in Holden Hall to house the Faculty Council Offices.

May 11, 1977

voted to endorse statement concerning the proposed guidelines for the eligibility of those who are considered for Faculty Development leaves.

heard report from Chairperson Collins on his investigation of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee.

passed motion authorizing Chairperson Collins to write a letter of appreciation to Dr. Haskell Taylor for his work as Chairperson of the Retired Faculty and Staff Committee.

heard excerpts from the minutes of the Tenure and Privilege Committee meeting dated May 4, 1977. Indications are that President Mackey will appoint an ad hoc committee to study procedures by which tenure is granted, to review the current tenure policy and to determine the function of the Tenure and Privilege Committee.

moved that the Executive Committee urge the President to invite AAUP representation on this ad hoc committee.

accepted the report of the ad hoc Committee to Determine How Faculty Will Be Selected to Accompany Football Team on Out-of-Town Games.

moved that the chairperson of the Executive Committee should refer to the appropriate committee in the Fall the task of evaluating the process of peer evaluation for Merit Raises.

moved to accept the report of the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Council Charter Revision and to recommend the Constitution, as amended, to the faculty for its consideration.

passed motion that the structure of the Athletic Council be amended so that males and females are given equal representation.

accepted annual reports of committees and voted to forward these reports, along with a letter of commendation of the Library Committee, to the President's Office.

passed a resolution requesting the installation of an outside bookdrop for the Library.

The Faculty Council

October 28, 1977

passed a motion to accept the Gully Committee Report and pass-fail policy and forward it to the office of the President.

moved to endorse resolution on travel funds.

discussed resolution of faculty attendance at Commencement.

passed a motion to amend Article II, Section 4 of the Faculty Council Charter.

April 5, 1977

passed the motion to accept the proposed amendment to Article II, Section 4 of the Faculty Council Charter previously passed on first reading.

heard discussion on use of the funds given to Texas Tech by the Ex-Students Association; for the need for a more effective alternative to faculty participation in university governance.

heard report from chairperson of ad hoc Committee on Faculty Council Charter Revision. This committee will propose a document which will establish a Faculty Senate. Early in the Fall additional procedures for making this change will be set in motion.

heard a report on the legislative situation.