

Minutes
Special Meeting, April 4, 1979
Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 4, 1979 at 3:30 p.m. in a special session in the Senate Room of the University Center with President Wilson, presiding. Senators present were: Alexander, Allen, Aycok, Chamberlain, Christian, Dale, Davis, Dixon, Elbow, George, Hunter, Jebson, Keho, Lee, L. Luchsinger, V. Luchsinger, McDonald, McGlynn, McGowan, Michael, Morris, Nelson, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Owens, Pearson, Roberts, Rylander, Sanders, Sasser, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Troub, Walkup, Williams and Wright. Absent because of other University business or pressing personal matters: Adamcik, Brittin, Eissinger, Kellogg, McLaughlin, McPherson, Mehaffie, Mogan, Reichert, Shine, Smith, Sowell, Vines and Wagner. Absent: Cummins, Gillas, Higdon and Wade.

Guests included Charles S. Hardwick, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Rod McClendon, University Daily Reporter.

This special meeting of the faculty senate was called by President Wilson for the purpose of concluding the business on the agenda of the March 14 regular meeting, which was terminated for lack of a quorum.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The Faculty Senate:

- I. Moved to endorse and forward to the President of the University a resolution calling for the establishment of a university media center.
- II. Adopted and forwarded to appropriate University and State officials a resolution stressing the important contribution of foreign students to the academic environment of the University.
- III. Approved by an unofficial straw vote a proposal from Vice President for Academic Affairs Hardwick to create two administrative internships for University faculty.
- IV. Heard President Wilson report on the latest Gaston Bill, which would require periodic review of tenured faculty.
- V. Heard President Wilson report on legislation raising the amount of Equalization Grants which may be awarded to students at Texas private universities.
- VI. Voted to disband the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee at such time as the Grievance Panel procedure is implemented.

I. RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSITY MEDIA CENTER - Pearson

Wilson opened the meeting by recognizing Sasser, who had held the floor at the time of adjournment of the March 14 meeting. Sasser withdrew her previous motion to amend the resolution introduced by Pearson and substituted the following statement as an amendment to the penultimate paragraph of the original resolution:

RESOLVED THAT: University administration procedures be initiated which will centralize media and technician services, to the end of providing a Media Center for the benefit of Texas Tech University. It is recommended, however, that recognition should be given to the fact that in certain areas the use of visual materials, slides, movies, tapes, are a

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part of every lecture and course presented. Therefore, in such cases resources, equipment and budgets should not be dislocated.

Senators voiced both support for and opposition to the amendment. Hardwick explained the administration's concept of a Media Center and stressed that there are no plans to remove existing equipment, slides or other resources from departments. A maintenance center staffed with technicians to maintain all media equipment on campus would be provided and most equipment purchased in the future would be kept in a central pool and checked out for use by the various departments. There would be provision for housing frequently used items in departments or classrooms as appropriate. Target date for beginning the media center is fall of 1979.

Jebsen's motion to cease debate carried with one negative vote.

The motion to amend the one paragraph of the original Pearson motion carried with one negative vote.

The motion to endorse and send the resolution as amended to the appropriate members of the administration carried with one vote in opposition.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: there has been increasing emphasis on the importance of instructional media systems and considerable availability of materials and equipment to support improved teaching techniques and/or implement innovative instructional projects;

WHEREAS: there have been several University and College committees appointed to investigate the desirability of a centralized media center during the past five years;

WHEREAS: several individuals with expertise in educational media are now employed at Texas Tech;

WHEREAS: fifty thousand square feet of available space exists in the University Library;

WHEREAS: two inventories of existing equipment on campus reveal duplication of efforts and inefficiency;

RESOLVED THAT: University administration procedures be initiated which will centralize media and technician services, to the end of providing a Media Center for the benefit of Texas Tech University. It is recommended, however, that recognition should be given to the fact that in certain areas the use of visual materials, slides, movies, tapes, are a part of every lecture and course presented. Therefore, in such cases resources, equipment and budgets should not be dislocated.

RESOLVED THAT: the administration report to the faculty on this matter on April 18 at the meeting of the general faculty.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements were discussed very briefly.

III. RESOLUTION - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - Troub

Troub moved that the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the President of the University, Board of Regents, and area State legislators.

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The Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University recognizes the significant importance of the valuable contributions made by international students to education in the campus community, to programs of the University, and to the creation and maintenance of the environment of a true university.

Furthermore, the Faculty Senate strongly supports policies and practices which strengthen and maintain the quantity and quality of valuable resources available to the University provided by international students.

The Senate voted unanimously to adopt Troub's resolution.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIPS - Hardwick

Hardwick stated that the administration desired to know the sense of the Senate regarding a proposal to establish two administrative internships for faculty members, one in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the other in the office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Plans are for internships to be of one year duration, with interns spending half time in the administrative offices and half time in their academic departments. Applications would be solicited on a competitive basis and the administrative portion of intern's pay would come from funds other than faculty salaries.

Hardwick felt that this would create within our own system a group of people who have experience with and understanding of the workings of the administration from the department chairperson on up. Discussion brought out points in favor of such an internship and also indicated possible difficulties in such a program. Finally, in a straw vote, Senators indicated general approval of the internship plan.

V. GASTON BILL - Wilson

Wilson referred to the new Gaston Bill, House Bill 1337, Tenured Faculty Review. It was the opinion of Tech's Office of Public Affairs that this bill has a very slim chance of passing, but that concerned faculty members might write to legislators urging opposition to the bill. Since the bill has not been acted upon by the Higher Education Committee it seems likely to die without further action.

VI. TUITION GRANTS FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS - Wilson

The University will take no institutional position on the legislation pending to increase tuition equalization grants for private schools. The State supported

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universities do not wish to initiate action which could be construed as hostile to the private universities in Texas. Therefore, the Office of Public Affairs of the University has urged the Faculty Senate to take no action in this matter.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Wilson indicated her opinion that President Mackey will probably accept at least three and possibly all four of the changes in the second draft of the Grievance Panel procedures which were requested by the Faculty Senate. A final draft of the procedures will probably be presented to the Senate at the May meeting. If this draft is accepted by the Faculty Senate the document could be ready for Presidential approval.

Upon approval of the Grievance Panel procedures, there will be two committees with overlapping duties, the Grievance Committee, a Senate body, and the Grievance Panel, a University group. Wilson suggested the possibility of terminating the Grievance Committee at such time as the Grievance Panel procedure has been fully approved by all parties concerned. Dale moved Wilson's suggestion. There followed a discussion of the issue, which was terminated by passage of Walkup's motion to end debate.

The motion to disband the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee upon full approval of the new Grievance Panel procedures passed without opposition.

Wilson then opened for discussion a question regarding procedures for election of faculty senators. An individual was nominated to run for a position on the Faculty Senate who will complete his first academic year at the University in May. It was agreed that this individual is ineligible to be elected to the Senate until he becomes a member of the voting faculty, which will not occur until the beginning of his second calendar year at the University.

Wilson was directed by the Senate to write a letter to Dr. William F. Dean, Director of the Ex-Students Association, thanking him for sending copies of the most recent Texas Techsan to faculty members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Faculty Senate