

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Meeting #22  
March 12, 1980

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 12, 1980 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gary Elbow, president, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Allen, Aycock, Bell, Blackburn, Blaisdell, Brittin, Dale, Dixon, Filgo, Finn, Gillis, Gipson, Gundersen, Harris, Higdon, Kellogg, Kimmel, Lee, L. Luchsinger, V. Luchsinger, McDonald, McGlynn, McGowan, McLaughlin, McPherson, Masten, Oberhelman, Pearson, Rylander, Sanders, Schoen, M. Smith, R. Smith, Sowell, Stewart, Stoune, Troub, Volz, Wagner, Walkup, White and Williams. Anderson, Ford, Hunter, McGuire, and Morris were absent because of other university business. Eissinger and Sasser were absent because of illness. Shine is on Faculty Development Leave and Jacq. Collins was absent.

Guests included Charles Hardwick, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dan Tarpley, University News and Publications; Jerri Pfiefer, Administrative Intern in the Office of Academic Affairs; Ruthanne Brockway, Avalanche Journal; Carmon McCain, University Daily; Arnold Gully, Associate Vice President, Office of Research Services; and Robert Siedel, History, Parliamentarian. Faculty members who are members of the Athletic Council attending were Valerie Chamberlain, Frank Elliot, David Northington, Robert M. Sweazy and Margaret Wilson.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The Faculty Senate

1. Heard a report from the Committee on Committees and moved to accept and forward to the proper administrative officer the committees' slate of nominees for university committees/councils
2. Elected faculty senate officers for the 1980-81 academic year
3. Moved to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate compliance of Texas Tech University with Southwest Athletic Conference Rules
4. Moved to create an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the institutional resource allocation data base and its application to the resource allocation process
5. Heard Arnold Gully, Associate Vice President for Research Services, discuss the report entitled, "Research in the Mission of the University"
6. Moved to create an ad hoc committee on energy usage and conservation
7. Accepted and moved to forward to the Ex-Students Association a resolution expressing appreciation for the establishment of a faculty development fund
8. Tabled for further study a resolution on teaching introduced by Vincent Luchsinger
9. Heard a brief report from Elbow and Aycock on the meeting of Faculty governance leaders
10. Heard a report from Faculty Senate Standing Study Committee A

Elbow called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and recognized the guests. Because of the length of the agenda, Elbow said that he would limit debate on each agenda item to ten minutes and reminded the senators that the limit could be extended by a simple majority vote if they wished to continue the discussion of an agenda item beyond ten minutes.

I. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 1980 MEETING

Schoen moved the approval of the minutes of the February 13, 1980 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

II. REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Dixon

Dixon moved acceptance of the slate of nominations for Faculty Senate and University Committees/Councils as distributed by the Committee on Committees. Dixon's motion carried.

R. Smith moved to elect Panze Kimmel to serve as the Faculty Senate representative on the Affirmative Action Committee. The motion to elect Kimmel carried.

The Senate elected ten faculty members to serve on the Special Hearing Panel for the Tenure & Privilege Committee. Those faculty members elected were George Tereshkovich, Plant and Soil Science; Robert W. Bell, Psychology; Robert Rouse, Economics; Charles Wade, Business Administration; Joe E. Cornett, Education; H. J. Carper, Mechanical Engineering; Stanley Fowler, Home & Family Life; S. P. Yang, Food & Nutrition; James Eissinger, Law; and Dan Benson, Law.

III. ELECTION OF FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1980-81

Oberhelman, chairperson of the ad hoc Nominations Committee, presented the slate of nominees (there were two nominees for each office) and instructed the senators to cast their vote on the printed ballots which were distributed. Senators elected were Roland Smith, President, William A. Stewart, Vice President, and Leon Higdon, Secretary.

IV. "RESEARCH IN THE MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY" - Gully

Darryl Sanders, chairperson of the Faculty Senate Standing Study Committee "B," said that after studying the report "Research in the Mission of the University," that committee's recommendation was to ask Gully to meet with the Senate for a discussion of the report on research status at Tech. Gully attended the Senate meeting in response to that request, and he said that this report was a reflection of the ideas and concerns that had been expressed at meetings of "Research Coordinators," a group consisting of associate deans in the various colleges who are the designated persons responsible for research and its enhancement in the colleges. These persons, he said, are convinced that the primary mission of this institution is the education of people and that, in carrying out this mission, research and instruction go hand in hand in the development of both undergraduate and graduate students. Research is

"Research in the Mission of the University" continued.....

absolutely essential in the graduate program and has strong effects in enhancing undergraduate programs. Gully said that when a faculty member is employed at Texas Tech University, he or she should be told that research is expected. Several Senators participated in discussion of the report and no action was required or taken on the report.

Debate on the "Research in the Mission of the University" report exceeded the time limit of ten minutes, and the Senate moved to extend the debate for another ten minutes.

Elbow then asked for a motion to suspend the rules of procedure and for permission to move agenda item number seven up to point number five on the agenda. McLaughlin moved to change the agenda, and the motion carried.

V. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND AD HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE COMPLIANCE OF THE  
ATHLETIC COUNCIL AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY WITH SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 20  
RULES

Lee moved the adoption of the following resolution (which was prepared and presented by the Committee to Study the Need for Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate):

WHEREAS the Athletic Council of Texas Tech University is charged with responsibility for "recommending to the President on policies and procedures affecting inter-collegiate athletics at Texas Tech University," and

WHEREAS the Athletic Council has not been consulted regarding certain matters relating to intercollegiate athletics during the current academic year, and

WHEREAS the rules of the Southwest Athletic Conference are very specific with regard to the nature and extent of faculty control of intercollegiate athletics,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate establish an ad hoc committee to investigate compliance of the Athletic Council at Texas Tech University with the rules of the Southwest Athletic Conference.

The Southwest Athletic Conference Constitution, Art. III. Members, Sec. 1. p. 4, reads:

"Membership in the Conference is limited to institutions in the Southwest which have recognized collegiate standing, and in which there is complete faculty control of intercollegiate athletics, which shall include: (a) Responsibility delegated to the faculty by the board of trustees of the institution concerned for the proper conduct of intercollegiate athletics in that school; (b) Enforcement of scholastic standards set by the institution and the Conference; (c) Enforcement of school and Conference regulations concerning recruiting and subsidizing athletics; (d) Preparation of the athletic budget for the consideration of the regularly-constituted authority; (e) The supervision of all expenditures; (f) The recommending of members of the athletic staff in the same manner that members of the teaching staff are recommended; (g) The discharge of all proper functions having to do with intercollegiate athletics through a regularly-constituted council, on which faculty members predominate."

Resolution on the Institutional Resource Data Base continued.....

Hardwick said that he wanted to clarify some of the misunderstanding and concerns which the resolution expressed. He said that the administration was aware that some of the data used was inaccurate, but that no single factor was used as a determining factor in finally evaluating the needs of any department in terms of FTE allocations. The program has two objectives: (1) to see if there are ways to reduce the total FTE in order to get a higher faculty salary pool, and (2) to look at whether workloads ~~are~~ are equivalent throughout each of the colleges and then within each college among the departments.

Elbow said the intent of the committee created by the resolution would be to help the administration get some input from experts and not to review the administration's decisions with regard to allocation of funds.

The motion to endorse and forward the resolution carried.

VI. RESOLUTION TO CREATE A UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY USAGE AND CONSERVATION

Bell moved to endorse and forward to the administration the following resolution which was prepared by the Faculty Senate ad hoc Committee on Committee Structure.  
Charge:

This committee shall make recommendations to the President of the University regarding the usage and conservation of energy, including but not limited to heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and lighting; construction and renovation of buildings; allocation of existing space; use of university vehicles; daily work and class schedules; and the academic calendar.

Composition:

Two members appointed from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Two members from the College of Engineering with appropriate expertise in matters related to energy usage and conservation, especially with reference to HVAC systems.

Three members selected from among the Texas Tech University faculty at large.

One ex officio and non-voting representative of the Vice President for Administrative Services.

The voting members of this committee shall be nominated by the faculty governing bodies of their respective unit (TTU & TTUHSC) and appointed by the President of the university to serve rotating three-year terms.

After a brief discussion, the senate voted unanimously to endorse and forward the resolution to the administration.

VIII. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Elbow read from a letter received from Bill Dean, Director of the Ex-Students Association which stated that the Ex-Students Association Executive Board voted at its meeting of 23 February to deposit \$1500 in a Faculty Development Fund with the Office of Development for faculty use in promoting faculty enrichment. He then called attention to the following resolution and asked for a motion for its acceptance; Sanders moved the endorsement.

WHEREAS the Ex-Students Association of Texas Tech University Executive Board has established a Faculty Development Fund, the intent of which is to promote faculty enrichment and,

WHEREAS the distribution of funds from this source is to be at the discretion of the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University publicly express its appreciation to the Ex-Students Association for its tangible support of faculty enrichment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Faculty Senate write a letter to Mr. Arthur Busch, President of the Executive Board of the Ex-Students Association, with a copy to Dr. Bill Dean, Executive Director of the Ex-Students Association, expressing the faculty's appreciation.

The Senate endorsed the resolution unanimously.

Elbow said a standing committee should be created to oversee the distribution of the fund since it is a permanent fund; with the permission of the Senate he agreed to work out the charge and structure of this committee

IX. RESOLUTION ON TEACHING - Luchsinger

Luchsinger spoke in favor of the following resolution and moved that it be endorsed and forwarded to the appropriate administrative official:

WHEREAS teaching has been a crucial mission of Texas Tech University;

WHEREAS instructional salaries are funded by formula generations based upon semester credit hours taught;

WHEREAS concern has been expressed over the quality of teaching which attracts students seeking education opportunities;

WHEREAS conventional wisdom suggests that demographic aspects of our potential student population do not point to enrollment growth;

BE IT RESOLVED that the teaching mission of Texas Tech University be affirmed as its primary function, and that the reward and support systems of the University facilitate the enhancement of teaching for educational purposes on behalf of present and future students, both undergraduate and graduate.

Resolution on Teaching continued.....

Several senators discussed teaching and the term "primary purpose of the university." McGlynn moved that this resolution be tabled until it can be studied further by the Senators. The motion to table the resolution carried, 19 votes for, 13 against.

X. REPORT ON THE MEETING OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE LEADERS, AAUP/TACT - Elbow

Elbow and Aycock reported briefly on events that occurred at the joint meeting of TACT and AAUP in Austin on February 29 and March 1, 1980.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Report of Standing Study Committee "A" - R. Smith


Smith introduced and moved the endorsement of the following resolution:

The official university policy on final examinations should be maintained. The enforcement of this policy is an administrative responsibility. Non-adherence to this policy by a majority of the faculty does not constitute sufficient justification for modifying or eliminating the policy. Adherence to the policy should be appropriately monitored by the Department Chairpersons, Deans, and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The motion to endorse and forward the resolution carried.

Smith then brought before the Senate the matter of dates of declaration for pass/fail. He said that the present system creates a number of problems for the Deans and for the Office of Admissions and Records. He recommended that the two pass/fail dates be eliminated and that one date be set on which a student may permanently opt for pass/fail. The date should be late in the semester (around the ninth week of the semester). There was a brief discussion of problems involving the present pass/fail system. Bell moved to table the matter in order to give the Faculty Senate Standing Study Committee "A" an opportunity to prepare a written resolution. The motion to table the matter carried.

Elbow adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

  
Wendell Aycock, Secretary  
Faculty Senate