

Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting #28
December 10, 1980

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 10, 1980, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with Roland Smith, president, presiding. Senators present were Anderson, Bacon, Blaisdell, Cepica, Clements, Cochran, Collins, Dale, Denham, Filgo, Gipson, Harris, Hill, Horridge, Keho, Kellogg, Kimmel, Lee, McDonald, McGuire, McPherson, Malloy, Masten, Mogan, Nelson, Newcomb, Owens, Sanders, Schoen, Shine, Stewart, Tan, Troub, Volz, Williams, Wilson and Wood, Higdon, Jebson, and M. Smith were absent because of university business. Dixon, Morris and Rude were also absent.

The guests were Bill Dean, Executive Director of the Ex-Students Association; Len Ainsworth, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Kippie Hopper, Laurie Platt and Debbie Herring from the University Daily; Preston Lewis and Bea Zeeck of the University News and Publications.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

The Faculty Senate:

1. Heard Bill Dean report on the Ex-Students Association,
2. Discussed 1980 Summer School scheduling,
3. Recommended that future class schedules carry no advertising,
4. Discussed a letter from President Cavazos concerning committee appointments,
5. Set the date for a general faculty meeting, and
6. Discussed recent bomb threats, allegations made against the College of Business Administration, and the makeup of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee.

I. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 1980 MEETING

Anderson moved acceptance of the minutes of the November 12, 1980 meeting as written and distributed. The motion carried.

II. EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Smith introduced Bill Dean, Executive Director of the Ex-Students Association, who spoke at length about the Association's activities and problems.

Because of the poor image the Ex-Students Association had among student and faculty and the poor relationship the ESA had with the University administration, the Office of Development, the Texas Tech Foundation, the Red Raider Club, and several other support organizations, Dean said he was initially reluctant to become involved with the Association. During his twenty-eight months with the Association, however, a more positive attitude has evolved, and President Cavazos has placed a high priority on contact with alumni, on fund raising, and on overall development. Dean said that President Cavazos' willingness to meet with the alumni throughout the country does much to further the cause of the Association.

Record keeping and fund raising pose major problems, Dean added. The Association has current addresses for 48,071 of the 67,557 degree holders on record. Because no systematic approach to record keeping or fund raising was developed in the 1940s - 1960s, the Association lost contact with many degree holders.

To meet these problems, the Association has hired a full-time experienced individual for supervision, has acquired a computer program in order to update records, and has published a helpful alumni directory. The Texas Techsan, the Association's magazine, is sent to contributors six times a year, and a newsletter is sent to non-contributors twice a year. In 1979, the Association raised approximately \$250,000, an increase of \$30,000 over 1978, and, though Texas Tech is still far behind other universities in fund raising, the Association now generates enough money to support a variety of programs for the University. A committee involved in long-term planning has recommended a fund raising goal of \$750,000 a year by 1985, a goal which would require hiring a new staff person. The goal is to raise an initial endowment of \$500,000. The fund will eventually generate interest in establishing scholarships for academically talented students.

Dean outlined as priorities the need for more unrestricted money, faculty supplements, faculty development, and library support.

Horridge, Sanders, and Smith asked several questions, and Shine proposed that Dean and the Association be commended for their work and the progress made.

III. SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULING

Wilson moved that the Senate agenda be altered and that the Senate consider agenda item V as a committee of the whole. The motion carried unanimously.

After brief discussion, Newcomb moved that the Senate President refer calendar formulation to an appropriate committee of the Faculty Senate which will then develop the calendar in connection with administrative offices. The motion carried.

Newcomb's motion that the committee as a whole adjourn carried, and Smith reported that an appropriate Senate committee will consult with the Academic Vice President and the Vice President for Financial Affairs to work out a long-range schedule. The Senate approved the report.

IV. SPRING 1981 CLASS SCHEDULE

Smith reported several complaints about advertising in the new schedule of classes. Ainsworth pointed out that advertising was done on an experimental basis and that the proceeds did save money for the University.

Collins moved that the Senate recommend discontinuing advertising because the proceeds from advertising do not warrant continuing the format in the class schedules. Discussion for and against the motion followed. Lee moved the question, and the motion to close debate carried. Collins' motion did not carry.

Newcomb moved that the Senate President convey to the Office of Academic Affairs the sense of the Senate that some of the advertising in the current spring schedule is objectionable. The motion carried.

V. PRESIDENT CAVAZOS' RESPONSE TO A SENATE RESOLUTION

Smith referred to President Cavazos's letter, circulated with the agenda, concerning appointments to the four special committees that require expertise in certain areas for membership. Cavazos feels that the Senate's responsibilities do not extend to recommending appointments to these committees. Newcomb moved that the Senate President

V. President Cavazos' Response to a Senate Resolution continued.....

accept Cavazos' invitation to discuss the matter further. The motion carried by a vote of 23 to 11.

VI. GENERAL FACULTY MEETING DATE

Smith has reserved the University Center Ballroom for a general faculty meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 1981 at 3:30 p.m. so that the faculty can consider the proposed revision of TTU Tenure Policy, Part IV, Section 8.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Newcomb moved that the Senate President obtain the recent policy approved by the Administrative Council in regard to drop date and pass/fail date from the Office of Academic Affairs and refer this to the Senate's Undergraduate Programs Committee. Smith said he has already obtained the information and has sent it to that committee. Newcomb withdrew his motion.

Cochran asked Ainsworth what decisions have been made in regard to conducting classes in light of recent bomb threats. Ainsworth said arrangements will be made for alternate times and/or locations for students to take final examinations in case of bomb threats. The administration feels that as little publicity as possible is the best policy in dealing with the threats. The police are investigating the threats.

Smith announced that elections are underway to replace senators who have resigned and that new committee appointments will be made soon after the election.

Smith proposed that the allegations made against the College of Business Administration in the University Daily be referred to one of the Senate committees for study and that the University administration look into the allegations. The senators did not object to his proposal.

Volz moved that the Senate express appreciation to Ainsworth for his support of Faculty Development before the Coordinating Board's meeting in Houston. The motion passed unanimously.

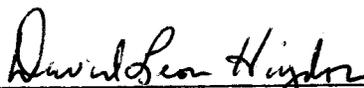
Collins asked permission to discuss, without a resolution, the matter of how the members of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee were appointed. Permission was granted and discussion followed.

Schoen moved that the Senate express to President Cavazos the faculty's concern and distress that members were appointed to this committee without consultation. Schoen's motion carried.

Newcomb requested information on the status of the survey of large classrooms. Ainsworth said that the administration is interviewing faculty members, trying to get an idea of the situation and to see what steps are necessary to remedy the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Faculty Senate