

Minutes
The Faculty Senate
Meeting #46
December 8, 1982

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 8, 1982 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Virginia M. Sowell, President, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Bacon, Berlin, Bloomer, Brink, Bubany, Cepica, Chonko, Clements, Cochran, Coulter, Davis, Denham, Elbow, Gettel, Hickerson, Hill, Hudson, Keho, McKown, McLaughlin, Malloy, Mayer-Oakes, Maynard, Mehta, Newcomb, Owens, Pearson, Richardson, Robins, Sasser, Sosebee, Urban, Williams, Wilson, and Zyla. Senators Cummings, Horridge, and Nelson were absent because of University business. Senators Ayoub, Benson, Burkhardt, Freeman, Graves, Mogan Rude, Tan and Welton were also absent.

Guests included John R. Darling, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ernest Sullivan, Parliamentarian; Preston Lewis, University News and Publications; Pat Graves, Avalanche-Journal; and Alison G. Lightly, The University Daily.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

At its December 8, 1982 meeting, the Senate:

1. passed a motion asking the Senate president to write a letter to Eugene E. Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, concerning faculty parking after 5:30 p.m.,
2. moved to forward information entitled "Competition for TIAA-CREF Pension; Some Colleges Offering Mutual Funds" to the Benefits and Retirement Committee,
3. decided to leave the January meeting date on January 12, 1983 as previously set,
4. heard a report from the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee,
5. heard a report from the Tenure and Privilege Committee,
6. heard a report on the December 6, 1982 meeting of President Cavazos, Vice President Darling, and Senate President Virginia Sowell,
7. informally discussed pending legislative action.
8. thanked Professor Tom Bacon for his service on the Faculty Senate.

Sowell called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and introduced the guests and the new member of the Faculty Senate, Tom McLaughlin.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 1982 MEETING

Wilson moved approval of the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Elbow introduced the issue of faculty parking problems in the 24-hour spaces adjacent to classroom buildings during evening periods. These spaces are often filled with non-authorized persons and, although these persons are ticketed, the spaces are still unavailable because illegal parking is not towed away. Another problem discussed is that faculty are often ticketed by mistake when parked in these 24-

II. New Business continued.....

hour spaces. Although tickets can be cancelled by going through the appeals process, this is a time-consuming nuisance for faculty.

The faculty members are concerned that they do not have a part in the decision-making process setting policy in matters of ticketing and parking assignments.

Elbow moved that the Senate President write to Eugene E. Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, for his assistance in identifying the best person to address this issue and that the Senate President invite this person to meet with the Faculty Senate. Elbow's motion passed unanimously.

Maynard brought to the attention of the Senate an article from the November 24, 1982, issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education entitled "Competition for TIAA CREF Pensions: Some Colleges Offering Mutual Funds" and moved that this information be forwarded to the Benefits and Retirement Committee for its study. The motion carried. (A copy of this article is on file in the Senate Office).

III. DATE OF THE JANUARY 1983 MEETING

The January 12th meeting date was discussed briefly and no objections were raised. The date will remain as scheduled, January 12, 1983.

IV. REPORT OF THE FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Bubany, Chairman, reported that the committee has been reviewing the proposed Texas Tech University Faculty Grievance Procedures in consultation with John R. Darling, Vice President for Academic Affairs. The committee has approved the proposed Grievance Policy conditioned on certain modifications being made. These modifications have been incorporated into a revised draft, a copy of which has been forwarded to Dr. Darling and to the Faculty Senate President with the request that the Senate review and consider the draft in an advisory role to the Office of Academic Affairs.

V. REPORT OF TENURE AND PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE

Wilson, Chairman, reported on that committee's work on the draft policy for financial exigency. The Tenure and Privilege Committee hopes to have a financial exigency plan to present to the Senate in February.

VI. REPORT OF MEETING DECEMBER 6, 1982, OF PRESIDENT CAVAZOS, VICE PRESIDENT DARLING AND SENATE PRESIDENT SOWELL

Sowell said that the status of various Senate Study Committees who are working on charges given to the Senate by Dr. Cavazos last year are being discussed. Committee reports sent to the Faculty Senate office were considered. It was decided that by May 1, 1983, study committees will be requested to submit progress reports with possible recommendations to President Cavazos and Vice President Darling. During the summer of 1983 they will study the reports and make a written response to the committees. In the fall of 1983 the committees will study the responses and decide on further action to be taken.

VI. Report of Meeting on December 6 continued.....

President Cavazos has tentatively set the date of January 12 at 2:00 p.m. for a meeting of the Senate Study Committee chairmen and the chairmen of other committees working on these charges.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was a brief discussion concerning an announcement about faculty workloads. Coordinating Board Chairman Kenneth Ashworth has inquired in a letter to the Senate President whether or not faculty workload reporting is of concern to Tech faculty. After considering AAUP and TACT input, the agenda committee responded that workload reporting is no real problem for the Tech faculty. Ashworth replied that Tech's response concurred with that of other colleges and, therefore, he would not go to the legislature with a request for changes in the present policy.

Bacon directed questions to Vice President Darling concerning Texas Tech's outcome with the Legislative Budget Board's recommendations and the outlook regarding enrollment. Darling replied that he had no specific information at hand, but that generally enrollments looked good since they were higher than previously predicted by the Coordinating Board, and that "we came out exceptionally well" with both the Coordinating Board and the LBB.

In response to Adamcik's inquiry about what to expect during the upcoming legislative session with respect to the allocation of dedicated funds for capital equipment and buildings, Darling said that the Council of Presidents has established a position on the matter. Although controversy still exists between Tech and Houston on the matter, Tech favors funding on a formula basis.

Sowell extended thanks to Professor Bacon for his service on the Faculty Senate. Bacon has resigned from the Senate and will be on leave from the University during the spring semester.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



Lloyd V. Urban, Secretary
The Faculty Senate