

## MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 74

The Faculty Senate met December 11, 1985 in the Senate Room of the University Center, with President Margaret Wilson presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Blair, Brink, Burnett, Collins, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Dixon, Dvoracek, Gades, Gipson, Hartwell, Havens, Higdon, Keho, Khan, McLaughlin, Mann, Minifie, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Owens, Pearson, Platten, Rude, Scott, Shine, M. Smith, R. Smith, Steele, Stockton, Strauss, Sullivan, Tereshkovich, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Wicker and Williams. Senators absent because of University business were Skoog and Wright. Senator Eissinger had jury duty. Other Senators absent were Carlile, Ford, Goss, Lawrence, Sparkman, Teske, and Vallabhan. Also attending was Senator Randolph who was elected recently to represent the College of Business Administration.

After calling the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m., Wilson recognized the following guests: Ed George, Classical & Romance Languages; Irmgard Hunt, Germanic & Slavic Languages, Donald Haragan, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Preston Lewis, News and Publications; Charles Brunt, Avalanche Journal; Chip May and Scott Faris, University Daily.

### II. Approval of minutes of November 13, 1985 meeting

The minutes were approved after the name of Senator Blair was added to the list of Senators absent because of University business.

### III. Report of the Vice President of the Faculty Senate

Vice President Havens reported that at the most recent meeting of the Academic Council two items of interest to the faculty were discussed. First, the Coordinating Board is scrutinizing more closely the use of classroom space, and is asking Texas Tech, along with other institutions, to use all classrooms for more hours per week. This request may result in some changes in class scheduling patterns. Our deans and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research are trying to minimize the ill effects of these changes.

Second, the faculty should not be surprised when faculty resources are shifted within the University to accommodate changing enrollment patterns. Colleges whose enrollments decline may not be able to keep their current levels of FTE.

### IV. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Committees. Wilson reported that a new University committee, "Personal Safety Awareness Committee," has been created. It consists of two full-time faculty members; one full-time staff member from University Police; one full-time staff member from Housing and Food Service, one full-time staff member from Grounds Maintenance; one full-time staff member from Building Maintenance; one full-time staff member from General Counsel; one full-time staff member from the Office of Dean of Students; Associate Dean of Students; ex officio and nonvoting; and four students. It reports to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The committee's charge is:

The functions of this committee shall be (1) to review existing facilities, programs, services, and activities relating to the personal safety of the Texas Tech community; (2) to make recommendations for the improvement or establishment of personal safety facilities, services, or programs; (3) to assist in the coordination of efforts designed to raise the level of awareness about personal safety for the student at Texas Tech University.

Minifie, chairperson of the Committee on Committees, reported that her group had been able to locate only one willing candidate for the new committee, Kenneth Rainwater of Civil Engineering. She asked for volunteers or nominees for the other faculty place, and moved approval of Rainwater. The motion carried without opposition.

B. Tenure and Privilege Committee. Chairperson Collins moved approval of the committee's report on the decision of the Office of Academic Publications not to publish the proceedings of the 1985 Comparative Literature Symposium, "War and Peace: Perspectives in the Nuclear Age." Newcomb offered a substitute motion to reject the committee report's majority statement, accept its minority statement, and send the entire matter to the Tenure Advisory Committee. Newcomb's motion was seconded.

Wilson noted that two guests wished to speak on this issue. Cravens moved that they be given the privilege of the floor. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

Wilson then recognized Edward George of Classical and Romance Languages. He explained that the proceedings of every Symposium in the past have been published by the Tech Press as submitted, but that the Executive Director of the press, whose name has never appeared as an editor or member of an editorial board of the press, declined to publish this year's manuscript because he found it "propagandistic." George believes that this action raises three questions: Who has what kind of editorial authority at Tech Press? How vulnerable are academic publications in general, and Comparative Literature Symposium Proceedings in particular, to editorial interference from non-specialists in their fields at Tech Press? When contributors to the 1985 Symposium are informed of why their papers will not be published, will not Texas Tech become known as an institution that welcomes only "safe scholarship"?

Wilson recognized Ingrid Hunt of Germanic and Slavic Languages, one of the two editors of the 1985 Proceedings. She noted that her understanding is that editorial procedures at Tech Press are being reviewed and that the decision on the 1985 Proceedings may be reconsidered. Nevertheless, she believes that academic freedom may be violated in this case, and that the integrity of the Interdepartmental Committee on Comparative Literature and the participants in the 1985 Symposium is under attack. Proceedings, she said, are published to "document what has been said" at a symposium, but in this case Tech Press is attempting "censorship." She is particularly concerned that the University will be embarrassed, especially in the eyes of those outside our institution.

During the discussion that followed these statements, several senators expressed concern that, should this decision by Tech Press not be reversed, all academic publications, including journals edited on campus, would be subject to the editorial review of the Executive Director. The Tech Press does not have written editorial policies, and the relationships between academic editors and press administrators are not clear. The basic issue, according to several senators, is whether any one individual, especially a non-specialist, can deny the "truth" of the findings of a group of scholars without violating academic freedom.

Newcomb's motion carried without opposition.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Haragan reported, during discussion after the motion, that some of the problems under discussion arise from the Executive Director of Tech Press having to "wear two hats," one as a manager reporting to the Vice President for Finance and Administration, the other as an academic publications specialist reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research. Haragan said that his office is formulating new guidelines on the relationship of the press to its executive director and its editors.

#### V. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

A. Financial Exigency Committee. Chairperson Aycock reported that the committee plans to meet this week with Vice President Haragan to discuss his response to the committee's draft policy statement.

B. Campus and Community Relations Committee. Collins, on behalf of the Chairperson Stockton who had to leave the meeting early, reported that the committee favors the continuation of the Speakers Bureau with all faculty members being eligible and no limits on their topics. Despite a recent call in Outlook for volunteer speakers, however, only 21 faculty have expressed willingness to participate, not enough to justify publishing a brochure about the bureau. The Senate voted to accept this report without opposition.

C. Joint Faculty Senate/Administration Committee to Review Student Enrollment Procedures. The committee includes the following members appointed by President Cavazos: Virginia Sowell, Max Tomlinson, Lee Alley, Gene Medley and Ronny Barnes. The committee also includes the following members appointed by the executive committee of the Faculty Senate: Jim Clark, Joe Yaney, John Nevius, Otis Templer, Bob Bethea, Virginia Felstehavsen, Panze Kimmel, Tom Langford and Janet Perez. Wilson reported that at its first meeting the committee elected Panze Kimmel to the chair. The committee hopes to issue a preliminary report in late spring of 1986, and a final report in October 1986.

#### VI. Old Business

A. President's Salary. Wilson reported that the President's total salary is set by the Board of Regents after its annual review of the President's performance. Usually half of the salary is provided by Texas Tech University and half by the Health Sciences Center. The executive committee of the Texas Tech Foundation must approve all expenditures of foundation money, including those supplementing the President's salary.

B. VPAAR Search Committee. Wilson reported that as of November 20 the committee had received 88 applications for the post, 34 by nomination and the rest in response to advertisements. A broad spectrum of academic fields is represented, and the applicant pool includes ten members of minority groups (one of whom is female). The committee is "on schedule" in reading the applicants' credentials.

#### VII. New Business

A. Coordinating Board Internships. Although application guidelines for these

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summer positions have not yet been received, Wilson urged any interested faculty members to talk with Associate Vice President Virginia Sowell for further information. Applications will probably be due in January.

B. Policy on Short Courses. Haragan reported that, in light of recent concern about the academic validity of short courses, the Texas Tech Board of Regents has adopted a policy that should be acceptable to the Coordinating Board (see attachment 1).

#### VIII. Other Business

A. Library Copy Machines. Wilson reported that Orca Corporation now has a representative in the library from 9 a.m. to midnight, and that devices to control fluctuations in electrical current and thus prevent machine breakdowns are in the process of being installed. The library staff is monitoring Orca's performance, and faculty members should continue to monitor the quality of service as well.

B. Academic Computing. Haragan announced that as of this afternoon Professor Thomas Newman of mathematics has accepted the post of Director of Academic Computing (the exact job title may be subject to revision), and that administrative and academic computing are being separated from each other. New hardware is being purchased and the current mainframe is being upgraded. These changes bring us closer to the goal of having a "completely networked distributive computing system" permitting all users access to an efficient system that will do their jobs.

#### IX. Adjournment

After wishing all Senators a happy holiday season, Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia Whitsitt, secretary

**Policy  
for  
Courses in Shortened Formats**

Courses offered for credit by Texas Tech University may be taught in formats shorter than semester length, with proper safeguards of quality, if recommended by the department or area to offer the course and approved through administrative channels, including the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research. In approving a course to be taught in shortened format, the attached guidelines shall be considered. The guidelines may be modified by the administration as necessary to maintain integrity of the courses and adherence to state and regents regulations.

**Guidelines for Courses in Shortened Formats**

1. The semester hour system is based upon one contact hour per week (50 minutes of instruction) or its equivalent for a semester of 15 instructional weeks. Instructional hours for shortened format courses shall generally maintain this standard; any deviation must be approved through regular channels.
2. Any regular credit course may be taught in a summer term, utilizing the extended class periods applicable to summer. In general, however, credit should be limited to no more than one hour per week (five days) of instruction.
3. Courses to be offered in shortened format must have prior approval at departmental (area), college and university levels.
4. Admission to short courses follows standards for all regular credit courses. Administrative issues such as use of different drop and withdrawal dates, refunds, and grading procedures shall be established prior to the beginning of any course.
5. It is recognized that not all courses are appropriate for shortened format; before developing such shortened courses the department or area proposing short courses should take into consideration such factors as amount of reading and analysis required, maturity of students, need for concentrated immersion in subject, and, in general, the nature of the learning required.
6. Department chairpersons and area coordinators shall formally advise their respective deans of courses to be taught in shortened format each semester.
7. Location of off-campus courses is approved through Coordinating Board procedures.