

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 75

The Faculty Senate met January 22, 1986 in the Senate Room of the University Center, with President Margaret Wilson presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Blair, Brink, Burnett, Carlile, Collins, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Dixon, Dvoracek, Eissinger, Ford, Gades, Gipson, Goss, Hartwell, Havens, Higdon, Khan, Koepppe, Lawrence, McLaughlin, Mann, Minifie, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Platten, Randolph, Rude, Scott, Shine, R. Smith, Sparkman, Steele, Stockton, Strauss, Sullivan, Tereshkovich, Teske, Vallabhan, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Williams and Wright. Senators absent because of University business were Skoog, and Wicker. Senators Keho and Owens were absent because of illness. Senator Pearson is on leave from the University and Senator M. Smith was absent.

I. Introduction of Guests and New Senators

After calling the meeting to order at 3:35, Wilson recognized the following guests: Robert Ewalt, Vice President for Student Affairs; Anthony B. Way, M. D., Director Lubbock City Health Department; Murdo MacDonald, M. D., Director Student Health; Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Jerry Ramsey, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Preston Lewis, News and Publications; Edward V. George, Classical/Romance Languages; Charles D. Brunt, Avalanche Journal; David Cortes and Chip May, University Daily. Wilson then recognized Senator David Koepppe, newly elected to fill the term of Hong Y. Lee, College of Agriculture, and Senator Paul Randolph, newly elected to fill the term of Robert Freeman, College of Business Administration.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 74, December 11, 1985

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Report of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Vice President Ewalt reported that within the past two or three months the American College Health Association has been providing information about acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and suggesting guidelines for Universities in confronting this problem. The Association has published an information brochure, copies of which will be available to students within the next few days, and which was distributed to Senators. According to Ewalt, no one is likely to contract AIDS in a normal classroom, laboratory, or residence hall setting. The recommended current policy is for Universities to have no formal policy, but rather to deal on a case-by-case basis with concerns about AIDS.

The Student Affairs office is taking three steps to confront the problem at Texas Tech: 1) sending information to residence halls, student groups, and faculty members; 2) establishing a hotline to the Student Health Service, the number of which will be published within the next few days; 3) providing informative programs through the Student Health Service for groups such as laboratories or classes with special concerns. Faculty members may avail themselves of all these services, and are urged to contact Dean of Students Ludwig (742-2192) to discuss specific cases or questions.

Ewalt noted that AIDS poses ethical and legal as well as medical problems on campus, and stressed the need to maintain confidentiality in working with any specific cases. Our University, like many others, now has people with confirmed cases of AIDS on campus.

IV. Report of Committee on Committees

Chairperson Minifie moved adoption of the following slates: Nominated to the Personal Safety Awareness Committee, William Marcy of Industrial Engineering and Sue Rinehart of Political Science; nominated to the Faculty Senate Nominating Committee, Monty Strauss of Mathematics, Henry Wright of Range and Wildlife Management, and Marvin Dvoracek of Agricultural Engineering. The slates were approved without opposition.

V. Report of Financial Exigency Committee

Chairperson Aycock reported that the committee met with VPAAR Haragan just before the holiday break, and has not yet found a time to convene this semester. He expects to have a substantive report at the February Senate meeting.

VI. Interim Report of Tenure Study Committee

Wilson reported that Chairperson Bolen believes that the committee is making progress, and that a report will be forthcoming at the February Senate meeting.

VII. Meetings of Faculty Senate and Faculty with VPAAR Candidates

Wilson reminded the Senate that time will be available for faculty to meet with the four VPAAR finalists during their campus visits, as follows: Monday, January 27, 3:30-5:00, Dr. Charles Jennett; Monday, February 3, 2:30-3:50, Dr. Roland Haden; Monday, February 10, 3:30-5:00, Dr. Marvin Barker; and Monday, February 17, 3:30-5:00, Dr. Donald Haragan. All four meetings will be held in the Home Economics Auditorium. Each candidate will be introduced by Wilson and will then give a 10 to 15 minute presentation, after which the floor will be open for questions.

Wilson reviewed the very strenuous schedule for the first finalist, and said that each of the four will do essentially the same things.

Wilson noted that, since each candidate will have only two days officially on campus, other faculty have been invited to join Senators at these sessions. She also said that copies of vitae will be available for faculty members at the Senate office and in all Deans' offices. Comments on the candidates should be sent to Dean Elizabeth Haley, College of Home Economics, before 5 p.m. February 24. The Search Committee will then meet and forward two or three names to President Cavazos.

During discussion, Senators were urged to meet the candidates and not rely only on vitae in making their choices. The Search Committee was urged to send forward only as many names as it believes represent truly strong choices, to rank the names it sends, and to ensure that proper procedures are followed for a vote by the appropriate department on the candidates' tenure and promotion.

VIII. Report on HEAF (Proposition 2) Funds Distribution

Wilson, noting that VPAAR Haragan was in Austin attending the Coordinating Board meeting concerning Texas Tech, recognized Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Ramsey, who reported that Texas Tech will have approximately \$104 million in HEAF funds to spend during the next ten years. Renovation and remodeling of buildings, and equipment purchases will receive \$40.5 million and \$31 million respectively. Some decisions have been made about projects to be funded,

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and equipment purchases will be made during the first five years when possible to make the most of funds without losing their value to inflation. During discussion, he added that the library will receive about \$500,000 per year for the ten years, and that specific dollar amounts of allocations by college are not yet available but will be soon, and that information will be available to faculty members.

IX. Report on 1986-87 Budget

Associate Vice President Ainsworth, representing VPAAR Haragan on this matter, reported the gloomy news that this year Texas Tech experienced a budget shortfall of \$3.8 million, \$400,000 more than expected, due to unrealistically high estimates from the legislature of the amount of local income the campus could generate. Next year he anticipated a \$4.2 million shortfall. Next year's budgeting process has begun, and should be completed during the next couple of months.

X. Report on Conference of Faculty Governance Organizations meeting

Wilson reported that Senate Vice President Havens will represent Texas Tech at the January 31-February 1 COFGO meeting, which will be almost entirely concerned with the State Select Committee on Higher Education. Havens will report to the Senate at the February meeting. Wilson also noted that former Senate President William Mayer-Oakes has been named to the COFGO task force on this issue, and called Senators' attention to a list of major concerns that faculty organizations intend to bring before the Select Committee.

XI. Visit of State Select Committee on Higher Education to Texas Tech, February 13, 1986

Wilson noted that the Select Committee is scheduled to visit Texas Tech on February 13, but details of the committee's schedule are not yet available.

XII. General Education Curriculum Proposal

Smith moved that the Faculty Senate request the university's General Education Committee to defer for at least two months the deadline for faculty input on the proposed general education curriculum. The motion was seconded.

During discussion, Carlile (the Senate's representative on the General Education Committee) stated that the Committee felt that fourteen weeks was enough time for faculty members to comment on the draft curriculum, and noted that, should the deadline for comments be deferred for two more months, the delay could easily become six months given the May examination period and summer vacation.

Wilson said that Smith's motion was intended to send the proposal to a Senate committee for study. Smith agreed, and noted that departments as well as the Senate have not had enough time to study the matter.

The motion carried without opposition.

Wilson then instructed the Academic Programs Committee to study the proposal and report to the Senate at the February meeting.

XIII. Student Absences and Tardiness

Wilson called the Senate's attention to a recent letter from Graduate Dean Clyde Hendrick expressing dismay at high levels of student absence and tardiness in a recent class of his. After discussion, Rude moved that Wilson refer the matter to committee for study. The motion was seconded and carried.

Wilson then stated that the committee will be charged with determining whether student absence and/or tardiness is a serious problem, among which student groups the problem is most prevalent, what can be done to solve the problem, and whether, specifically, advisors can help students avoid schedules that almost require them to be habitually tardy due to long distances between back-to-back classes.

XIV. Report of Secretary on Academic Council Meeting

Whitsitt, who attended the January Academic Council meeting in lieu of Vice President Havens, reported that the Council recognizes the need to refine the recently promulgated "Intellectual Property Policy," and that VPAAR Haragan intends to circulate a draft revision to the Senate before taking it to the Board of Regents meeting in March.

Whitsitt also noted that, according to VPAAR Haragan, the University currently has two conflicting policies concerning the status of department chairpersons: some documents state that they serve three-year renewable terms, while others state that they serve at the discretion of their deans. Haragan requests Senate recommendations on what kind of policy to adopt.

Finally, Whitsitt reminded the Senate of the ongoing financial problems of the Faculty Club, which were discussed at the Council meeting.

During discussion, Platten, President of the Faculty Club, invited suggestions for improving that organization.

Newcomb moved that Wilson select a study committee to consider the "Intellectual Property Policy" and to report to the Senate at the February meeting. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

Wright moved that the question of the status of chairpersons be referred to an appropriate committee for study. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

XV. Vacancy on the Board of Regents

Calling attention to the recent resignation of Regent Sowell, Rude suggested that the Senate send Governor White a list of potential candidates to fill the vacancy. Rude reminded the Senate that such a list had been compiled last spring. Sullivan moved that Wilson collect a list of nominees to be sent to the Governor as suggestions from faculty members. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

XVI. Commendation to Cheryl Locke

Wilson publicly thanked Cheryl Locke of the University Daily for her recent column, "Learn to Love College Professors."

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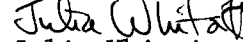
XVII. Attorney General's Opinion on Sick Leave

Sullivan called attention to a recent opinion of the Attorney General stating that accrued sick leave may be used only by the state employees currently eligible to accrue sick leave, thus eliminating the sick leave of all faculty members on less than 12 month contracts. Sullivan moved that the Benefits and Retirement Committee be asked to investigate this matter and to communicate its findings to Senate Wilhelmina Delco who is working on a new sick leave policy in the legislature. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

XVIII. Adjournment

No other business coming before the Senate, Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted,


Julia Whitsitt

Secretary