

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 84

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 10, 1986 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gerald Skoog, president, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Barnard, Blair, Brink, Cartwright, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Ethridge, Ford, Gades, Gipson, Gustafson, Hartwell, Higdon, Hudson, Keho, Koepp, McLaughlin, McKown, Mann, Mathis, Muma, Newcomb, Owens, Payne, Platten, Reid, Samson, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Steele, Stockton, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Whitehead, Whitsitt, Williams, J. Wilson, and M. Wilson. Senators Gettel and Sasser were ill. Senators Carlile, Lawrence, Oberhelman, Pearson, Postell, Wicker and Wood were absent. Senator Smith was absent because of University business.

The meeting of the Texas Tech Faculty Senate was called to order by President Skoog on Wednesday, December 12, 1986 at 3:38 P.M.

Skoog welcomed and recognized visitors. Those in attendance include: Donald Haragan, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Preston Lewis, News and Publications; Beth James, Tom McMurray, Scott Collen, Student Association; and representatives from Channel 28 and the Avalanche Journal.

I. Approval of minutes of the meeting of November 12, 1986.

Minutes were approved with the change of the word "work" to "class" in section II. B.

II. Report by Bill Hartwell, Senate Vice President.

Reporting on the deliberations of the Academic Council, Hartwell noted coverage of the following items.

1. Report by Sanders on the Larry Temple memo on higher education.
2. Report of Admissions and Retention Committee on standards for admission. Copy of the report is available at the Faculty Senate Office.
3. Meeting of the Science and Technology Committee meeting was noted.
4. VPAAR Haragan will appoint a planning committee in preparation for teacher appreciation day.
5. VPAAR Haragan requests continuing input on the performance evaluation operating policy.
6. VPAAR Haragan reported on a brief meeting with the Legislative Budget Committee.
7. Junction Campus will have a full schedule of classes for both intersession and regular summer session.
8. Sweazy, Associate Vice President for Research, discussed the need to develop policy for the conduct of classified research. Currently there is no classified research on campus.
9. VPAAR Haragan indicated that the financial exigency plan has not yet been submitted to the Board of Regents.

III. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Haragan.

VPAAR Haragan's report covered the following topics.

1. Report of the SACS meetings - New criteria for employing Teaching Assistants are forthcoming. The primary change involves the requirement of eighteen hours beyond the baccalaureate degree for any student given primary responsibility for the conduct of a class and assignment of final grades.
2. Report of Select Committee on Higher Education - The committee has prepared a charter on which it has not yet voted. In that document, Texas Tech University is given equal status with other major universities in the state including The University of Texas at Austin.
3. There will be a meeting in Austin on the University of Texas campus on January 13, 1987 to address the issue of advocacy for higher education to the Legislature at the next biennium. Leadership of the conference will come from outside higher education organizations but leaders of the colleges and universities are invited to attend.
4. Texas Tech University Press is now established as a separate entity from the printing and binding operation. The new entity reports to the VPAAR and will have sole authority for publishing decisions.
5. A VAX 8650 will be installed this Spring as the computer for academics and research. Additionally, networking will also begin this Spring with hopes of substantial accomplishment by the Fall.
6. Finalists for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences have been selected. They are Dr. Ron Pollit of the University of Cincinnati and Dr. Joe Goodin, current interim Dean of Arts and Science at Texas Tech University.
7. An Academic Affairs retreat is being planned. Members of the Faculty Senate and of the Board of Regents will possibly be invited in order to provide another setting for the exchange of ideas.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Report of the Ad Hoc Financial Exigency Policy Committee.

The committee has yet to meet with the Academic Council. Such a meeting is needed before the committee reports to the Faculty Senate.

B. Report of the Representative from the Student Senate.

Reporting for the Student Senate representative, Senator Cravens reported the following activities.

1. Student Senate passed a resolution supporting the faculty and administration during this difficult period.

2. Student Senate passed a resolution calling for a university accessible test file on campus.
3. Resolution passed calling for a grade of "A: to be recorded as such when earned in a pass-fail course.

C. Report of the Committee on Committees

On behalf of the committee, Keho moved that Thomas Lehman, Geosciences, and James W. Kitchens, Park Administration and Landscape Architecture, be nominated to fill vacancies on the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee, a Faculty Senate Standing Committee; that Monte Bobele, Human Development and Family Studies, be nominated to fill a vacancy on the Code of Student Conduct Committee and that Georgette Gettel, Music, be approved as the Faculty Senate Liaison to the Intellectual Property Committee. The motion passed without opposition.

V. New Business.

A. Consideration of the recommendations of the Enrollment Procedures Committee.

Brink moved that the document be accepted. The motion was seconded.

Wilson moved to amend by deleting the last sentence of item 9. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Newcomb moved to commit item 9 as amended to committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Newcomb moved to amend by striking item 6. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Davis moved to amend by changing the last sentence of item 3 to read, "in that event, English 1300 and appropriate math courses to satisfy the student's college requirements must be taken during the first enrollment." The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Brink moved to amend by adding "if requested" to item 15. The motion was seconded but failed.

Newcomb moved to refer item 13 to committee. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Wilson moved to amend by changing "Terminals" to read "Terminals which access WYLBUR" in item 15. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Brink's motion as amended passed without opposition.

B. Resolution concerning Larry Templer's proposal to create a four-tiered system of higher education in Texas.

Davis moved to table the reading and consideration of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

C. Other Business

Brink introduced the resolution:

WHEREAS, any activity which relieves students of the responsibility for their own work and which therefore undermines the educational process in a fundamental way is intrinsically unacceptable and,

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Faculty Senate that the University Center has (probably unwittingly) cooperated in such activity,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University requests that the Vice President for Student Affairs review the relevant policy of posting notices in the UC, and take such steps as necessary to implement measures which will assure that future University Center practices will avoid endorsement of any activities detrimental to the educational process.

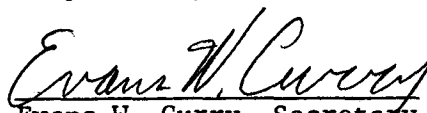
The resolution was seconded and passed without opposition.

Hartwell announced the circulation of a questionnaire concerning commencement issues.

Cravens moved that the Faculty Senate express its appreciation to the administration for its consideration of inclusion of Faculty Senate members in the forthcoming Academic Affairs Retreat. Motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Evans W. Curry, Secretary