

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 88

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 8, 1987 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Gerald Skoog, president, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Blair, Brink, Cartwright, Cravens, Curry, Davis, Ethridge, Ford, Gades, Gettel, Gipson, Gustafson, Hartwell, Higdon, Keho, Koeppe, McLaughlin, Mann, Mathis, Muma, Newcomb, Oberhelman, Owens, Payne, Pearson, Platten, Reid, Samson, Sasser, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Stockton, Stoune, Tereshkovich, Williams, J. Wilson and M. Wilson. Senators Carlile, McKown, Whitehead, Wicker and Wood were absent because of University business. Senator Barnard is on leave from the University. Senator Steele was absent because of jury duty. Senators, Hudson, Koh, Lawrence, Postell, Smith and Whitsitt were absent.

The meeting of the Texas Tech Faculty Senate was called to order by President Skoog on Wednesday, April 8, 1987 at 3:38 p.m.

Skoog welcomed and recognized visitors. Those in attendance include: Clint Ramsey, Counselor for Athletes; T. Jones, Director of Athletics, Robert Sweazy, Research Services; James Ricketts, Lubbock Avalanche Journal; Virginia Sowell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Cindy Pandolfo, University Daily.

I. Approval of minutes of the meeting of March 11, 1987

Minutes of the March 11, 1987 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved with the following corrections:

1. "alligations" is changed to "allegations" in II.B.2,
2. the parenthetical phrase is to be deleted from II.A.3.

II. Report by William Hartwell, Vice President of the Faculty Senate on the Academic Council

A. Hartwell reported the following activities of the Academic Council in its meeting of March 10, 1987

1. The Academic Council will consider the recommendation that the grade of A be recorded on a student's transcript when such grade was earned in a course taken pass/fail.
2. It is hoped that candidates for Vice President of Development can be invited to visit campus within the next two or three weeks.
3. Dr. Larry Ludewig and Dr. Rolf Gordhammer presented a report on the Testing and Evaluation Center. The Center typically received none of the fees it charges for testing. Strategies for deriving budgetary support from the Center's activities were then discussed.
4. Dr. Tom Newman presented a report on Academic Computing and the ATLC. The report indicated that student educational computing costs (instruction and research) are low in comparison to other organizations in the region and around the country.
5. The Academic Affairs Retreat is tentatively scheduled for early fall of 1987.
6. Dr. Haragan thanked the Academic Council members for their assistance in making the Texas Tech Appreciation Dinner and the Research Day Program a success.

III. Comments by and discussion with President Cavazos

Item III was deleted. President Cavazos was unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting due to a death in his family.

IV. Comments by and discussion with Virginia Sowell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

1. AVPAAR Sowell indicated that the legislature has yet to reach a decision on university budgets. We are, consequently, probably left with a long wait for information on the budget for next year.

V. Election of Senate Officers for 1987-88

The election was conducted by Senators Cravens and Newcomb.

Elected were:

Georgette Gettel, President
Thomas McLaughlin, Vice President and
Michael Stoune, Secretary

VI. Special Report by Clint Ramsey, Counselor for Athletes on graduation rates and standings of scholarship athletes at Texas Tech University

Graduation rates of athletes at Texas Tech currently run behind the national rates. Efforts are currently underway to raise the academic quality of athletes recruited. A copy of Ramsey's written report is available at the Faculty Senate office.

Following Ramsey's report, T. Jones, Athletic Director, briefly addressed the Faculty Senate. Jones indicated his support for the NCAA's proposition 48 on standards. Jones asserted that he has instituted an emphasis on recruitment of quality students as athletes for Texas Tech.

VII. Report of the Committee on Committees

Reporting for the Committee, Keho noted that Brink's name is to be removed from the Convocations Committee since he will be away on Professional Development Leave in the Fall semester. Keho moved that, with the change noted above, the nominations of the committee be accepted.

Pearson nominated Peggy Williams for the Convocations Committee. Keho accepted the nomination on behalf of the Committee on Committees.

The Senate voted approval of the nominations list without opposition.

VIII. Faculty Senate liaison to Student Senate

Following discussion from the floor and with comment from Cravens, current liaison, Wilson moved to authorize a meeting of the Faculty Senate President, Ms. Love of the Student Senate, and other appropriate individuals with the intent of developing a proposal for a liaison relationship modified from that of the previous year. This proposal is to be brought to the May meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

IX. Other Business

Wilson moved that the Faculty Senate express its condolences to President Cavazos and his family on the death of President Cavazos' mother and to Mrs. Grace Frazier and her family on the death of Mrs. Frazier's mother.

The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Evans W. Curry, Secretary