

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #94

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Georgette Gettel, President, presiding. Senators present were Aycock, Barr, Bravo, Burnett, Coulter, Craig, Dometrius, Ethridge, Fish, Gades, Gustafson, Hartwell, Hayes, Howe, Ketner, Koh, Lawrence, Lee, Long, McLaughlin, M. Mann, U. Mann, Muma, Payne, Pearson, Petrini, Platten, Reid, Rogers, Samson, Sasser, Savage, Schoenecke, Scott, Skoog, Smith, Stoune, Whitehead and Wilson. Senators Barnard, Brink and Rinehart are on leave. Senators Mathis, Tereshkovich, Trost and Wood were absent because of University business. Senator Cartwright was absent because of personal reasons.

The meeting was called to order by Gettel at 3:40 p.m.

I. Recognition of guests

Guests present were Virginia Sowell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research; Eugene Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Amiee Larson, University Daily; Joe Sanders, Director, News and Publications; David Martin, The Texas Techsan, James Ricketts, Lubbock-Avalanche Journal; and John Bliese, Senate Parliamentarian.

II. Minutes of the December 9, 1987 meeting

Hearing no corrections or additions Gettel declared the minutes approved as circulated.

III. Report by Vice President Tom McLaughlin on Academic Council activities

The Image Task Force has had its first meeting. Senate President Gettel is a member of the Task Force. Implementation of aspects of the White Papers as well as an advertising campaign will be part of their concern. The Intellectual Property Policy has been slightly revised at the request of the Coordinating Board to meet a mid-March deadline so that Texas Tech may compete for the state reserve funds. A copy of the revised policy is in the Senate Office. The Faculty Status and Welfare Committee is studying the policy.

Texas Tech researchers offered 107 intent letters for the Advanced Research Program and 109 intent letters for the Advanced Technology Program representing 9% of the submissions statewide. Dean Hendrick, Graduate School, made a presentation on interdisciplinary doctoral programs at Tech. There are two such programs currently being offered, one in Fine Arts which is doing well, and one in Land Use Management which is languishing due to lack of funds.

A formula has been developed for the distribution of indirect cost from research with 15% to go to generators and 3% to deans for distribution at their discretion.

Work at the Lubbock Lake Landmark will begin soon with initial funding of about \$300,000. A proposal was made that the university should fund a substantial number of graduate and undergraduate scholarships which would link with revised admission standards and university recruitment.

IV. Remarks by Virginia Sowell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

Class rolls were not available at the beginning of classes this semester due to the fact that classes began on Wednesday, January 13, with registration closing on Tuesday, January 12.

V. Committee Reports

Committee on Committees presented the following nominations for Faculty Senate Standing Committees:

Senate Officer Nominating Committee

Uzi Mann, Marvin Platten and Jean Pearson Scott

Faculty Status & Welfare Committee

Kenneth L. Ketner (replacing James Brink)

The Committee on Committees presented a slate of nominees, which will be forwarded to the administration, to fill vacancies on the Honors & Awards Council and the Convocations Committee. The slate of nominees was accepted unanimously.

The Academic Programs Committee presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate, at the regular meeting of September 9, 1987, approved a motion which included support for increased admission standards for the university, and,

WHEREAS, the Academic Council, during the August 1987 retreat at Junction, recommended that admission standards be upgraded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University urge the administration and Regents to implement a program of gradually increasing standards of admission to the university to reflect the academic rigor of a tier-one institution.

The resolution was accepted unanimously.

Budget Study Committee:

Ernest Fish, Chair, reported that current salary data is available in the main Library and in the Senate office. The committee is examining 1001 records in the data base.

Committee reports continued.....

Faculty Status & Welfare Committee:

A presentation of IRS Section 125 plan for payment of employee deductions from "pre-tax dollars" was followed by general discussion. Vice President for Financial Affairs Eugene Payne estimated that implementation of such a plan is anticipated in January 1990. The following motion was presented:

The Faculty Senate appreciates the efforts of the Administration to implement a plan by which University employees will pay insurance premiums with pre-tax money according to Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Senate strongly urges the Administration to expedite these efforts so that the program will be implemented at the earliest possible date in the current academic year.

The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was offered:

We recommend that the Faculty Senate refer the issue of changing the current social security contribution to a contribution to non-taxable benefits to the University Benefits and Retirement Committee and request a reply at the March Senate meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Faculty Status and Welfare Committee is also comparing TTU's Intellectual Property Policy with that of other schools.

Senate Study Committee "A":

Senator Pearson reported having met with the University Library Committee and that a personal survey showed improved quality of the copy services in the library.

Senate Study Committee "B"

Senator Aycock reported that the General Studies Curriculum will be brought to the Senate at the March meeting.

Senate Study Committee "C":

Senator Rogers, convener of the committee, reported that this committee has yet to meet.

Special Issues Committee:

Gettel reported that this committee is working but has nothing to report at this meeting.

VI. Announcements and New Business

Applications for coordinating Board Fellowships supported by the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations are available.

President Gettel reported that the Image Task Force is currently collecting data on the way the university is perceived. It is concerned about methods of communicating the nature of the university to the public. Joe Sanders, Director, News & Publications, added that three themes grew from the first meeting: Implementation of the White Paper recommendations, a short term advertising campaign and a long term plan emphasizing News & Publication releases, speakers bureau, etc.

Senator Ketner offered the following motion:

That the President of the Faculty Senate appoint an ad hoc committee to study the state of research support at TTU. Here the concept of research is envisioned as including the creative activities of faculty and students, ranging from laboratory work, to literary study, artistic endeavor, social and historical study and field work. The notion of research support is interpreted as including all the administrative, institutional, and financial means and techniques for facilitating the research activities of faculty and students. The committee is charged with ascertaining both the general state of research support at TTU, as well as making recommendations to improve the state or research support in the future. The Senate President shall set the period in which the work of the committee shall take place.

The motion passed.

Senator Pearson proposed that the Faculty Senate President write a letter to Fred Wehmeyer, Associate Vice President for Physical Plant & Support Services, expressing appreciation for the snow removal teams who kept the campus open and accessible during the final week of school in December.

The motion passed without opposition.

Senator Howe spoke to several concerns, first regarding the campus bookstore, with the following motion.

That a letter of concern from the Senate officers be sent to the campus bookstore regarding purchase, shelving and notification policies of the bookstore, with a copy to the Bookstore Advisory Committee.

The motion passed.

A further motion was proposed by Senator Howe regarding current procedures of acquisitions in the main library. That motion was as follows:

That Senate Study Committee "A" work with the University Library Committee in investigating current discretionary purchase practices in the main library.

The motion passed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Stoune
Secretary 1987-88

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THE FACULTY SENATE
1987-88

Don Ethridge, Ag. Eco ----- 2-2821

Ernest Fish, Park Admin., ----- 2-2867
Landscape Architecture

Robert Long, Animal Sc. ----- 2-2513

Jusuck Koh, Architecture ----- 2-2849

Rinaldo Petrini, Architecture ----- 2-2897

James Brink, History ----- on leave

William Hartwell, Music ----- 2-2467

Tom McLaughlin, Math ----- 2-2566

John R. Muma, Speech/Hearing Sc. --- 2-3908

Neale Pearson, Political Sc. ----- 2-2991

Roger Barnard, Math ----- on leave

Walter J. Cartwright, Sociology --- 2-2422

Georgette Gettel, Music ----- 2-2296
2-3656

Roberto Bravo, Classical ----- 2-1560
& Romance Languages

Kenneth L. Ketner, Philosophy ----- 2-3128

David Payne, Music ----- 2-2270

John W. Samson, English ----- 2-2544

Michael Schoenecke, English ----- 2-2527

Michael Stoune, Music ----- 2-2653

Jane Ann Wilson, Music ----- 2-2283

Nelson Dometrius, Political Sc. --- 2-2988

Robert Hayes, History ----- 2-3728

John M. Howe, History ----- 2-2573

Sue Tolleson Rinehart, Political Science 2-2991

Carlton Whitehead, Business Administration ----- 2-2154

Grant T. Savage, Business Administration ----- 2-3902

M. Herschel Mann, Business Administration ----- 2-2037

Robert Gades, College of Education ----- 2-2367

Marvin Platten, College of Education ----- 2-2386

Maryanne Reid, College of Education ----- 2-2380

James Lawrence, Mechanical Engr. ----- 2-3563

Uzi Mann, Chemical Engr. ----- 2-1764 --- 2-3553

Milton Smith, Industrial Engr. ----- 2-3543

John P. Craig, Electrical Engr. ----- 2-3533

Thomas F. Trost, Electrical Engr. ----- 2-3505

Jean Pearson Scott, Human Development & Family Studies 2-3015

A. William Gustafson, Merchandising, Enviro. Design & Consumer Ec. - 2-1639

Robert E Wood, School of Law ----- 2-3542

Dellas W. Lee, School of Law ----- 2-3696

Senators At-Large

Wendell Aycock ----- 2-2524

Gerald Skoog ----- 2-2371

George Tereshkovich ----- 2-1627
2-2868

Kary Mathis ----- 2-2821

Murray W. Coulter ----- 2-2708

Elizabeth Sasser ----- 2-2799

Alwyn Barr ----- 2-2581

John H. Burnett ----- 2-3065

Ruth M. Rogers ----- 2-3361

The fundamental purpose of the Faculty Senate is to represent the Faculty of Texas Tech University on matters of concern to the University. Please use the reverse side of this sheet to write your senator(s), or contact your representative(s) by telephone. Your input is eagerly sought.

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