

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #101

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 9, 1988 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Michael C. Stoune, president, presiding. Senators present were Barr, Bravo, Burnett, Cartwright, Coulter, Dometrius, Ethridge, Finn, Fish, Gettel, Gustafson, Hall, Hildebrand, Hildreth, Howe, Ketner, Kimmel, Koh, Lee, Long, McClendon, Mann, Mathis, Mehta, Payne, Peterson, Reid, Rinehart, Rogers, Samson, Schoenecke, Strauss, Trost, Wagner, Whitsitt, J. Wilson, M. Wilson and Weninger. Senators Barnard, Hayes, Peters, Smith, Vann and Westney were absent because of University business. Senator Couch is on leave from the University. Senator Sasser has resigned as a representative. Senator Savage was absent because of illness. Senators Craig and Petrini were absent.

President Stoune called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Elizabeth G. Haley, Interim President; Jim Barlow, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Guy Lawrence, University Daily; Marsha Gustafson, Editor of Publication, Ex-Students Association; Margaret Simon, Associate Director for Media Relations, News and Publications and John Bliese, Parliamentarian.

I. Consideration of the minutes of the October 12, 1988 meeting

Hearing no additions or correction, President Stoune declared the minutes approved as circulated.

II. University Council Reports

Senator Payne, Faculty Senate representative, summarized the actions of the Administrative Council. His report was distributed with the agenda, and is on file in the Senate office.

Senator Reid, Faculty Senate representative, reported on the Academic Council meeting on November 8, 1988. Her report is on file in the Faculty Senate office.

Senator Fish, Faculty Senate representative, reported on the Operations Council meeting. His report was distributed with the agenda, and is on file in the Senate office. He asked for Senate discussion of and guidance on one item raised in that meeting. This was a proposed policy, in response to expressed Legislative concerns, covering use of travel credits accumulated from air travel paid by University-administered sources. Considerable discussion followed.

The general view of senators present was that very few faculty members accumulated enough mileage to receive free travel. For example, only two of the 39 senators present had realized free travel from accumulated mileage, and some of that had been from personal expenditures.

III. Remarks by Dr. C. Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Ainsworth announced Faculty Convocation for Monday, November 28 at 3 p.m. in the University Center.

Ainsworth's comments continued.....

He reported on organizational and title changes in the office of Academic Affairs and Research.

He discussed the TASP, reporting that a search is underway to fill a professional (not faculty) position for TASP coordinators. The University administration is concerned that the amount of funding indicated to be provided by the Legislature would be only one-third of the amount needed.

Dr. Ainsworth reported that deans are nominating faculty members for a General Education task force to review and approve courses for the General Education curriculum. Also, the Coordinating Board General Education curriculum will require a minimum of 45 hours, so the proposed TTU curriculum of 49 hours should be acceptable.

Dr. Ainsworth reported on actions of the Board of Regents concerning academic programs.

He asked, on behalf of Dr. Haragan, that the Senate consider and recommend guidelines for appointment of endowed chairs and named professorships. Senate President Stonne added that to the charge of the Faculty Senate Faculty Status and Welfare Committee.

IV. Report from ad hoc Committee for Bylaws Revision

Senator Fish moved to adopt the Bylaws revisions. The motion was discussed. Senator M. Wilson moved to table the motion. Wilson's motion passed. Reason for this action is the proposed formation of a Provost's Council to replace the Academic Council, and a lack of information on faculty membership for the proposed body.

V. Reports from Faculty Senate Standing Committees

Senator Mann reported on the new admissions standards discussed in the Academic Programs committee.

Senator M. Wilson reported on actions of the Faculty Status and Welfare committee. The committee could not convene a quorum at its meeting prior to the Senate meeting, so could not take official action. However, committee members' thoughts on the question of Horn Professorships being held by holders of endowed chairs were distributed with the agenda.

Senator Fish reported for the Budget Study committee. This report is attached to these minutes, as requested by Senator Ketner.

Senator Samson asked for discussion on the difference in administrative salary increases for the past year compared with faculty salary increases. Dr. Ainsworth was asked to present information on criteria and procedures for administrative salary determinations.

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VI. Remarks by President Elizabeth Haley


President Haley discussed a number of issues arising in recent meetings of the Coordinating Board, Council of Presidents, in legislative committees and other groups.

VII. Other Business

President Stoune asked for additional members for Standing Committees B and C and the Affirmative Action committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kary Matulis
Secretary 1988-89

A REMINDER!!!

The Faculty Senate will meet on the first Wednesday, December 7, 1988, instead of on the second Wednesday of the month.