

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #102

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 7, 1988 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Michael C. Stoune, president, presiding. Senators present were Barnard, Barr, Burnett, Coulter, Ethridge, Fish, Gustafson, Hall, Hayes, Hildebrand, Hildreth, Ketner, Kimmel, Long, McClendon, Mathis, Mehta, Payne, Peters, Peterson, Rogers, Savage, Schoenecke, Smith, Strauss, Trost, Vann, Wagner, Westney, Whitsitt, J. Wilson, M. Wilson and Weinger. Senators Bravo, Dometrius, Rinehart, Samson, Finn, Mann and Petrini were absent because of university business. Senator Couch is on leave from the university this semester. Senators Gettel, Howe and Reid were ill. Senators Cartwright and Craig were absent for personal reasons. Senators Koh and Lee were absent.

President Stoune called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Elizabeth G. Haley, Interim President; Donald Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; C. Len Ainsworth, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Joe Sanders, News and Publications; Mike Sanders, Vice President for Governmental Relations; Martha Brown, Assistant Director, Public Affairs; Jim Barlow, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal; Doug Saul, Student Association and John Bliese, Parliamentarian.

I. Consideration of the minutes of the November 9, 1988 meeting

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 1988 were approved with the addition to Section V, paragraph 3, report of the Budget Study Committee: "Copies of the report are available in the Senate office or from individual senators."

II. Remarks by the President

President Haley reported on the administration-athletic trip to Tokyo. She characterized events and results of the trip as very positive for the University.

She discussed other items from the November 28, 1988 Faculty Convocation and responded to Senators' questions.

III. Student Association Enhancement Committee

Doug Saul, representing the Student Association, asked the Senate to provide information about people, programs and other facts about Texas Tech, to be used in brochures and other promotional efforts. His request is attached.

IV. University Council Reports

Senator Reid's report on the Academic Council meeting was distributed with the agenda of this meeting and is on file in the Senate office.

Senator Payne reported on the meeting of the Administrative Council. His report was circulated with the agenda and is available in the Senate office.

Senator Peters reported on the meeting of the Research Council. His report was circulated with the agenda and is in the Senate office. He noted that this council meets at the same time as the Senate, so that

he attempts to divide his time between the two meetings. He stated that he wishes to provide a strong voice for the faculty on this body.

Senator Ketner reported on the meeting of the Development Council. A summary of giving during the Enterprise Campaign is attached to these minutes.

President Stoune reported on the formation and first meeting of the Provost's Council. This body is made up of Vice Presidents, Deans and the President of the Faculty Senate. Items covered were primarily those discussed by President Haley and Executive Vice President and Provost Haragan at the November 28 Faculty Convocation.

V. Remarks by the Vice President for Governmental Affairs

Mike Sanders, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, reported on the makeup and responsibilities of his office. He summarized the outlook for the coming legislative session as likely to be very difficult for higher education funding. He stated that priorities established by the Board of Regents and the President for legislative funding requests for Texas Tech will be: (1) Faculty salaries; (2) Library funding; (3) Staff benefits.

VI. Remarks by the Executive Vice President and Provost

Executive Vice President and Provost Haragan reported that the new administrative structure has resulted in one less administrator overall in central administration. The Councils remain very important in decision-making. The makeup and responsibilities of all councils have not yet been completed, but current councils are: Provost's Council, made up of Deans, Vice Presidents and the Faculty Senate President, chaired by Dr. Haragan; Academic Council, combining the former Academic and Administrative Councils and concentrating on academic matters, makeup not yet final but will include Faculty Senate Vice President, Chaired by Dr. Len Ainsworth; Operations Advisory Council, keeping its former responsibilities and adding a number of administrative ones, makeup not yet final but will include the Faculty Senate Secretary, chaired by Dr. Jerry Ramsey; Research Council, continuing as before, including a designated Faculty Senator, chaired by Dr. Bob Sweazy.

Dr. Haragan reported on the coming December 17 commencement, including presentation of an honorary degree to His Excellency Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister of Turkey. He asked faculty members to arrive early to speed up necessary security precautions.

VII. Remarks by the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Vice Provost Ainsworth reported on TASP material and procedures, as known so far. Summary descriptions have been sent to Colleges and Departments.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

Faculty Status & Welfare -- two nominees were proposed to complete the committee, Dr. C. Reed Richardson, Animal Science and Dr. Mary Tallent, Education. Both were accepted unanimously.

Study Committee B -- Senator Hildebrand asked for additional information from the faculty regarding the items listed in the committee charge on registration, advising and student records: (1) effects of no drop or withdrawal notices, (2) Information on buildings and room numbers being dropped from printed class schedules, (3) Attendance records, (4) Deadline for assigning grades of WP, (5) On-line information for advisors, and (6) Computerized registration.

Senator Hildebrand's complete report is attached to these minutes. All faculty members are encouraged to review these requests and send comments to Senator Hildebrand or members of Committee B.

Study Committee C -- Senator Rogers reported for Chair Jane Ann Wilson that the committee study of suspension and other academic matters concerning student athletes is proceeding.

ad hoc Research Study Committee -- Senator Ketner reported this committee's report is being drafted.

IX. Other Business

Senator McClendon moved that the Senate officers address faculty problems reported to him concerning medical insurance claims and reimbursement rates. Motion passed. Senate President Stoune stated that the officers will take these matters to the University committee on benefits and retirement.

Senator Ketner moved that the President of the Faculty Senate correspond with the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to inquire about the status of a proposed policy document, "Guidelines for the Review of Untenured Faculty" being considered in that College. The Senate President should also state that the Senate would like a copy of the proposed document for study in light of the University tenure policy.

Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kary Mathis
Secretary 1988-89

A REMINDER:

The January meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Wednesday,
January 18, 1989.

ATTACHMENT: AGENDA ITEM III.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION REQUEST

Information Guidelines

TO ELIMINATE ANY CONFUSION AS TO THE TYPE OF INFORMATION WE ARE LOOKING FOR, THE TECH ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING FIVE GUIDELINES:

- 1) NEWSWORTHY FACTS - ANY FACT THAT IS CURRENT AND OF A NATURE AS TO BE EXPECTED TO BE FOUND IN A NEWSPAPER
- 2) UNIQUE FACTS - ANY TRIVIA OR TRADITION THAT IS UNIQUE TO TECH, ESPECIALLY IN REFERENCE TO OTHER TEXAS UNIVERSITIES.
- 3) PRESTIGIOUS AND DISTINGUISHED FACTS - ALL HONORS BESTOWED UPON TECH, VARIOUS COLLEGES AND DEPARTMENTS, ALUMNI, AND STUDENTS, THAT ARE AWARDED BY ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE TTU + TTUSM SYSTEM.
- 4) DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI - ANY ALUMNI THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED A HOUSEHOLD NAME OR WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZABLE TO THE AVERAGE PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR GTE.
- 5) RESEARCH - ANY RESEARCH THAT HAS NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OR IS SUPPORTED BY LARGE GRANTS, FOR EXAMPLE, SDI OR FORD MOTOR CO. RESEARCH

PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL FACTS SHOULD BE CITABLE; WE MAY HAVE TO BACK UP WHAT WE SAY! YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED; TOGETHER WE CAN TRULY MAKE TEXAS TECH TWICE THE UNIVERSITY!

Contact Doug Saul -- 741-0890

ATTACHMENT: AGENDA ITEM IV.

THE ENTERPRISE CAMPAIGN

These are the final report figures being sent to major donors.
Next issue we may have a further breakdown showing where the money goes.

| | REALIZED | GOAL |
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| FUNDS FOR ENDOWMENT | | |
| Academic Enrichment: endowed positions, funds to allow faculty to strengthen their professional credentials. | \$22,401,146 | \$20,000,000 |
| Student assistance: scholarships, fellowships and assistantships. | 10,502,897 | 18,000,000 |
| Research and venture: funds to underwrite promising projects. | 8,461,000 | 5,000,000 |
| TOTAL FOR ENDOWMENT | 41,365,043 | 43,000,000 |
| FUNDS NOT FOR ENDOWMENT | | |
| Major capital equipment: to expand equipment inventories in critical disciplines | 8,308,001 | 7,000,000 |
| Construction and renovation: Ex-Students Assoc., Southwest Collection, physical fitness/sports complex, Museum. | 4,853,351 | 7,500,000 |
| Annual Giving: | | |
| By support groups | \$4,579,516 | |
| Other: | | |
| for student aid | 2,437,484 | |
| for athletics | 695,054 | |
| departmental supp. | 1,306,685 | |
| museum | 623,779 | |
| faculty development | 1,140,000 | |
| TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING | 20,782,518 | 2,500,000 |
| TOTAL NOT FOR ENDOWMENT | \$33,943,870 | \$17,000,000 |
| ENTERPRISE CAMPAIGN TOTAL | \$75,308,913 | \$60,000,000 |

*Totals include pledges, expectancies (through wills and bequests) and gifts-in-kind, which include buildings, equipment, collections, art, etc.

Our committee has no detailed information about concerns we were requested to address. We want in each case to hear specific complaints concerning the following:

LACK OF DROP AND WITHDRAWAL NOTICES: We felt that the present system is sufficient because professors usually know through absences who is/has dropping/dropped even without notices. It will be useful to ask the registrar if there have been other complaints, if more speedy/frequent reports can be made available.

BUILDING AND ROOM INFO AND CLASS SCHEDULES: We need to know the reasoning behind this proposal. Is it just a money-saving or time-saving idea? Students have to be informed on their enrollment slips in any case. Does delaying the decision until that point help?

ATTENDANCE RECORDS: Most departments/professors have their own systems in place for keeping attendance. Are there numerous complaints about the failure to keep attendance? We are all charged in the Catalog to keep Deans informed of excessive absences. We felt that a standardized reporting system, such as public schools have, would meet with considerable opposition from a number of faculty, since there are about as many different attitudes and systems as there are professors.

DEADLINE FOR WP: Once again, we need information. Why did we change to the present system (No drop allowed after 10/10, this year, barring complete withdrawal) from the one that allowed professors to assign a WP, if the student was passing, virtually up until the last moment? The faculty should be asked which system they prefer. If students are complaining that they are being forced to stay in classes for which they no longer have time or in which they no longer are interested, they may have a legitimate gripe. The present practice of circumventing the rule by assigning a WP anyway may encourage favoritism.

ON-LINE INFORMATION TO ADVISORS: Some departments have already made on-line capabilities available to their advisors/faculty; others are currently free to do so. If the practice becomes generalized, the University will have to bear some of the expense, as it has for departments already on-line, but departments will have to purchase terminals, cables, etc. It must be recognized that there are distinct limitations (primarily slowness) to using the computer to advise. Moreover, some advisors will not be interested in using it, or will make only limited use of it. So the use may not balance the cost. The University/registrar may want eventually to consider allowing direct enrollment from the advisor's terminal; which may allow a reduction in expenses and a more efficient enrollment system.

COMPUTERIZED REGISTRATION: This discussion overlapped somewhat with the preceding one. We agreed overall that computerization has improved registration, but we do still see a weakness in the students' being sent running back and forth from advisor to West Hall. In order properly to study virtues and problems of the system, we would of course need to consult with the registrar, as well as to survey students. Are there numerous complaints? What is their nature? From whom do they come?