

## MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #104

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, February 8, 1989 in the Senate Room of the University Center with Michael C. Stoune, president, presiding. Senators present were Barnard, Barr, Bravo, Brink, Burnett, Cartwright, Couch, Coulter, Craig, Dometrius, Ethridge, Finn, Fish, Gettel, Gustafson, Hall, Hayes, Hildebrand, Hildreth, Ketner, Kimmel, Lee, Long, McClendon, Mann, Mathis, Peters, Peterson, Reid, Rinehart, Rogers, Samson, Savage, Schoenecke, Smith, Strauss, Trost, Vann, Wagner, Westney, Whitsitt, J. Wilson, M. Wilson and Weinger. Senator Howe is on leave. Senators Metha and Payne were absent because of university business. Senators Koh and Petrini were absent.

President Stoune called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Elizabeth G. Haley, President; Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; C. Len Ainsworth, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Virginia Sowell, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Don Garnett, Coordinator, TASP; Margaret Simon, News and Publications; Marsha Gustafson, Ex-Students Association; Neale Pearson, Political Science; Melissa Waddell, University Daily and John Bliese, Parliamentarian.

### I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 1989 MEETING

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

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stoune congratulated Senator Gettel on her coming marriage to Dr. Neale Pearson on February 9th.

President Stoune announced that the University's Benefits and Retirement Committee has been studying insurance programs. Dr. James Mertes, chairman of the committee, will be available to meet with Senators and other faculty members to hear views on programs and costs and to gather information on problems encountered by faculty members. This meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room, University Center, and is open to all faculty members.

The General Education Task Force is reviewing courses proposed for General Education requirements. Senator Westney, Senate representative to the comprehensive writing task force, reported on the status of this effort.

### III. REMARKS BY THE PROVOST

Dr. Donald R. Haragan reviewed several current items. A search committee has been appointed for the position of Vice President for Fiscal Affairs. Dr. Len Ainsworth chairs this committee and the Faculty Senate representative is Herschel Mann. Dean Joe R. Goodin chairs the search committee for Dean of Education. Objectives of both search committees • are to have the positions filled and persons on campus September 1.

Remarks by the Provost continued...

Dr. Haragan reported that LBB directives and information from the Legislature at this time indicate a small budget increase for the 1989-91 biennium.

A special committee was appointed to review student suspensions and any overrides by deans. Because the largest number of these cases have been in Arts and Sciences, the committee was appointed from that college. Dr. Haragan has also met with coaches and staff of the Athletic Department on academic requirements. Discussion followed.

#### IV. REMARKS ON TASP

Donald Garnett, TASP Coordinator, reported on the status of his responsibilities and his office.

#### V. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT HALEY

Dr. Haley reported on the status of the legislative session and her presentation to the House Higher Education Oversight Committee. Her statement is available in the Senate Office. She repeated the budget priorities established by the Board of Regents earlier, of faculty and staff salaries, scholarships and stipends, library funding and student financial aid.

President Haley noted that the hearing was friendly, but that there were many questions from legislators. These included present remedial programs and expenditures; minority faculty and student recruiting; energy conservation in campus facilities; university activities with public schools to improve student preparation for college; TTU line items; some TTU centers and institutes.

Dr. Haley noted that summaries of all bills filed are available in the President's office and in the Provost's office. She also asked for faculty comments on proposed bills of interest or concern to them.

#### VI. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Burnett reported for Study Committee A on review procedures for untenured faculty in Arts & Sciences. His report was distributed at the Senate meeting and is available in the Senate office. Senator Burnett moved adoption of the report and that the committee recommendations be included in Arts & Sciences tenure procedures.

Senator Brink proposed an amendment, substituting on p. 1, paragraph 2, sentence 2, "... formal advice of the department." After discussion, the amendment passed.

The report, as amended, passed, and will be sent to Dean Goodin.

Reports from Standing Committees continued...

Senator Mann reported on the Academic Program committee consideration of the university calendar for 1990-91. He offered three separate motions for the committee to recommend to Dr. Ainsworth: (1) That a day of no classes nor any other organized activity be scheduled immediately prior to the beginning of finals in each long term; (2) That classes meet on Labor Day; (3) That the Monday after Easter be a day of no classes. Considerable discussion followed, including an explanation by Dr. Ainsworth of the calendar and the semester length mandated by the Coordinating Board.

Motions (1) and (3) passed, motion (2) failed.

Senate Jane Ann Wilson presented an interim report for Study Committee C, which was distributed with the agenda, and is available in the Senate office.

#### VII. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Senator Strauss moved adoption of the report of the committee studying procedures and eligibility for voting on faculty promotion. The report was distributed with the agenda. The report was adopted and will be forwarded to the Provost with recommendations for changes in the Faculty Handbook.

#### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaws, tabled at an earlier meeting, were returned to active consideration. An additional revision, requested by several senators to cover a possible misinterpretation, was proposed by Senator Mathis:

Add to Section 1 Officers, as second sentence: "Nominees must have at least one full year remaining of their Senate term at the time of their nomination."

After discussion, Senator Jane Ann Wilson moved to table until the March 8 meeting. The motion passed.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Savage, chair of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1989-90.

Office	Nominees	Term ends
President	Monty Strauss	1991
	Julia Whitsitt	1991
Vice President	Nelson Dometrius	1990
	Arlin Peterson	1991
Secretary	W. Penny Vann	1991
	Betty Wagner	1991

Nominations for Senate officers continued...

Nominated from the floor:

Office	Nominee	Term ends
President	James Brink	1989

Senator Margaret Wilson distributed information from the Texas Faculty Association on bill introduced by Senator Carl Parker to establish a minimum salary of \$20,000 for faculty in public universities. She moved that the Senate endorse this legislation. Senator Ketner moved to table the motion until the March 8 meeting, to allow Senators time to read the proposed bill. Ketner's motion passed.

Senator Reid noted that she will prepare her report on the Academic Council to be distributed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Senator Peters reported on the meeting of the Research Council. This report was distributed with the agenda. He asked that Senators consult their constituents on the issue of funding of computer use in sponsored research projects, and that this issue be placed with a Senate study committee. Senators were asked to volunteer service on this committee if they are concerned with this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kary Mathis  
Secretary 1988-89

The meeting with James Mertes, chairman, Benefits and Retirement Committee on Wednesday, February 22nd at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room, University Center is open to all faculty.