

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #105

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

President Stoune called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and recognized the following guests: Elizabeth G. Haley, President; Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost; Virginia Sowell, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Margaret Simon, Director News & Publications; Kim Davis, Avalanche Journal; Cortchie Welch, University Daily; Neale Pearson, Political Science; and John Bliese, Parliamentarian.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 1989 MEETING

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

II. Election of Officers

The following were elected for the 1989-90 academic year:

President, Julia Whitsitt; Vice President, Arlin Peterson; Secretary, Betty Wagner.

III. Remarks by Dr. Haragan

Dr. Donald R. Haragan, Executive Vice President and Provost, reported on several items.

A special committee on suspension overrides has reported to Dean Goodin of Arts & Sciences. Additional and revised data sources are available from this committee's efforts in Dr. Haragan's office for Senate Committee C, which is also studying suspensions and overrides.

Dr. Haragan and his staff are beginning the budgeting process for the 1989-91 biennium. Budget priorities have been listed and discussed with the Provost's Council.

Commencement May 13; speakers for the morning session are the Rector of the University of Guanajuato; for the afternoon, Mr. James Johnson, newly appointed Regent.

The Board of Regents meets March 16-17. Topics will include academic standards, TASP, contract for telephone service, holiday schedule, the Pyramid Plaza building and the freeway.

IV. Remarks by Dr. Haley

President Elizabeth Haley spoke to the Senate. She reported spending considerable time in Austin, meeting with legislative and Coordinating Board committees. Faculty and staff salaries continue as top priority in the University budget.

She reported that the President's Council is adding new members and expects to add to funding, especially to increase President's Scholarships.

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President Haley announced that Margaret Simon had been named Director of University News & Publications.

V. Reports from Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate

Budget Study Committee - Senator Fish distributed his report at the meeting. He also asked Senators to complete a questionnaire to express preferences on Budget Study Committee activities. He reported that the committee will also review user fees assessed units with work-study students.

Status & Welfare Committee - Senator Margaret Wilson reported that the University Intellectual Property Policy is being revised, and that a final draft will be presented to the Senate for final approval.

Study Committee "A" - Senator Burnett reported on several items. The sale of complimentary textbooks continues to be a concern of publishers and of universities. The committee did not propose policies or statements regarding this ethical issue.

Library privileges for retired faculty are the same as for active faculty, except that material loans are for one semester rather than for one academic year, as for active faculty.

This committee had earlier discussed a number of library issues, but has now fulfilled that charge, as the University Library Committee is now active and functioning.

Study Committee "B" - Senator Hildebrand reported that six recommendations concerning registration were being made by this committee and moved their adoption. Motion passed unanimously. List of recommendations is attached to these minutes. They will be transmitted by the Senate President to Registrar, Academic Facilities Coordinator, Provost and Vice Presidents.

Study Committee "C" - Senator Jane Ann Wilson reported that this committee is progressing and will have a report in May.

Committee on Committees - Senator Payne reported that nearly all nominations were complete, but that additional nominees were needed for the University Discipline, University Discipline Appeals and University Safety Committees.

VI. Special Committees

Senator Ketner distributed the report of the ad hoc committee on Research Support and moved its adoption. He urged Senators to distribute the report to their constituents and collect their comments. He moved to table his motion for adoption until the April Senate meeting, to allow time for study. This motion passed.

Senator Peters reported that the ad hoc committee on Sponsored Research Funding had not yet convened but would do so soon. His report on the Research Council meeting was distributed and is available in the Senate office.

VII. Unfinished Business

Bylaws Revision - Senator Mathis presented the bylaws revisions proposed earlier, and scheduled for consideration by an earlier motion. Senator McClendon moved to amend the bylaws proposals by striking the revision to Section 2 requiring the Senate President

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Bylaws Revision continued...

to be a tenured faculty member. Discussion followed. The motion failed.

The original motion, to revise Senate bylaws as previously distributed, passed. Copies of the bylaws with revisions included will be distributed to Senators.

Senator Margaret Wilson moved that her motion from the February meeting be removed from the table for consideration. That motion passed. The earlier motion was to endorse Senate Bill 198, which would establish a salary floor of \$20,000 for all full-time faculty in public universities in Texas. Discussion followed. The motion to endorse Senate Bill 198 failed.

VIII. Council Reports by Senate Representatives

All reports were distributed at the meeting and are available in the Senate office.

Provost Council - Senator Stoune

Graduate Council - Senator Hayes

Academic Council - Senator Rogers for Senator Reid. The Senate recommendation on the academic calendar was accepted by the Academic Council.

IX. Other Business

Senator Stoune distributed a summary of items discussed at the meeting and open forum of the University Benefits and Retirement Committee. He recommended to Executive Vice President Haragan, and the Senate concurred, that current University Benefits and Retirement Committee members whose terms end in May 1989 be continued for one more year, to provide continuity in the present important study and actions by this committee.


Senator Whitsitt announced that an Academic Freedom scholarship would be awarded this year and asked Senators to encourage students to apply.

Senator Stoune asked Senators to remind their constituents to nominate candidates for the Senate for the coming year.

Dr. Haragan noted that all recommendations from the Faculty Senate last month had been accepted by the Administration.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kary Mathis
Secretary 1988-89

COMMITTEE "B" REPORT

After reviewing the responses to Committee "B" 's request for information from members of the Faculty Senate, the committee discussed each topic and agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Building and room information should be included in the printed schedule of classes. (Kay Dowdy already has agreed to do so for the summer and fall 1989 class schedules. A request will be made that Kay Dowdy provide each department with a list of last minute building and room changes (for all departments) to aid in directing students to classes during the first week of the semester.)
2. The Registrar should send to the faculty every two weeks throughout the semester a list of students who have dropped each class.
3. There should be no change in the deadline for dropping a course with a "W". (One member of the committee favored a shorter period.)
4. Faculty should be allowed to follow their own systems with regard to student attendance, but should be encouraged to keep attendance especially in freshman classes.
5. On-line information should be available to all departments for advising
6. The Registrar should explore possibilities for developing a system which will not require students to run back and forth between advisors in departments and the registration lines in West Hall (or the Coronado Room) when classes are closed.