

FACULTY SENATE ANNUAL REPORT
1992-93

The Faculty Senate held nine scheduled meetings during the 1992-93 academic year (meetings #135 through #143). Agenda committee members were Benjamin Newcomb, president, Candace Haigler, vice-president, and M. Catherine Miller, secretary. Clarke Cochran served as parliamentarian at the Senate's meetings.

SENATE VISITORS:

9 September 1992--President Lawless explained the capital fund drive. Provost Haragan addressed funding and enrollments.

14 October 1992--Provost Haragan explained the proposed cap on the funding of graduate credit hours.

11 November 1992--Provost Haragan asked that the Senate consider the impact of calls for educational reform on TTU's hiring and tenuring policies.

9 December 1992--Provost Haragan and Associate Vice President Sowell presented plans to change the summer school requirements imposed on provisionally admitted students.

20 January 1993--Dean Jacq Collins (A&S) presented an Academic Council proposal on the withdraw date.

10 February 1993-- Provost Haragan reported on the status of a variety of Senate proposals including those on grade replacement, academic bankruptcy, and academic freedom and artistic expression. He also commented on the budget situation and proposed an increase in parking fees.

10 March 1993--Provost Haragan addressed questions on TTU's preparation for possible budget cuts. Vice President Ramsey responded to the Senate committee report on parking fees.

14 April 1993--Robert Sweazy, chairman of the Athletic Council, and Ronn Reeger, academic program assistant, answered questions about the report of the Athletic Council and Athletic Department. Provost Haragan addressed the status of Senate recommendations that the university adopt a multicultural requirement and that a task force be created to study TTU's mission.

5 May 1993--James E. Brink reported on the progress of the SACS self-study committee. Provost Haragan reported on the status of a variety of Senate proposals and queries, including those on due dates, appointment of university committees, Service Plus, and the budget.

COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Academic Programs Committee-- The academic programs committee considered the proposed change of the College of Home Economics to the College of Human Sciences and reported that the policy pursued in implementing the change had been reasonable. In December, the committee presented a

report on grade replacement policies. It proposed both a new grade replacement policy and an academic bankruptcy policy. The committee was then charged to consider suggestions that TTU adopt a multicultural element as part of the GE requirements. In March it reported on GE requirements at various universities and recommended that a multicultural requirement be adopted and that the number of GE requirements be reduced. The committee also made specific recommendations for reducing the GE requirements that were not endorsed by the entire Senate.

Budget Study Committee--The Budget Study Committee reported on 5 May 1993. It undertook three studies, one comparing TTU faculty salaries with those in Texas and the nation, a second assessing the representation and salaries of women and minority faculty, and a third looking at administrative costs.

Committee on Committees--This committee reported actions in October, December, February, and March. At the March meeting it presented nominees for university committees and conducted an election to select Senate nominees for Athletic Council.

Faculty Status and Welfare--This committee was charged to consider Provost Haragan's concerns about educational reform. At the March meeting it presented a long series of questions that needed consideration, including the necessity that TTU adopt a specific, operational mission statement. It suggested that a task force of regents, administrators, students, and elected faculty be created to draft such a statement. In April, the committee reported on a proposal that the Senate be reorganized. It recommended that the Senate be more involved in the university's budget process.

Nominating Committee--In February this committee presented a slate of candidates for Senate office for the 1993-94 academic year.

Study Committee A--In October this committee reported on the parking problems caused by the lack of gate attendants. In December it recommended adoption of the policy document on Academic Freedom and Artistic Expression. In February it reported on the proposed summer school requirements for provisionally admitted students.

Study Committee B--This committee was assigned to consider the national AAUP's resolution on intercollegiate athletics and academics. In January it presented a report recommending rejection of the AAUP statement and recommending a series of other proposals. This Senate rejected this report and asked the committee to present a new report. In April, Study Committee B presented amendments to its earlier report. After discussion the report was tabled. In May, at the request of the committee chairperson, this report was received by the Senate. The report was not endorsed by the Senate.

Study Committee C--This committee considered the problem of the classification of research associates. Due to the complexity of the issue, it recommended formation of an ad hoc university committee to consider the issue. The committee also recommended formation of a Senate ad hoc environmental impact committee.

Ad hoc Committee on Parking Fees--In March this committee reported against the proposed increase in parking fees. It concluded from an examination of the budget that parking fees were not needed for parking maintenance and suggested other sources of revenue for funding repairs in parking lots and roads.

ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS BY THE FACULTY SENATE

14 October 1992

- Defeated a motion that grades for all courses (including repeated courses) remain in the GPA. Assigned consideration of the grade-repeat policy to a committee. Resolved to send letter protesting the announcement in the 1993-94 catalog of a grade-repeat policy that had not received the Senate's recommendation.
- Defeated a motion that the Senate set up its own strategic planning committee. Resolved that Senators on the university's Strategic Planning Committee report on its meetings to the Senate.
- Approved a motion to study how the Senate might gain a more active, monitoring role in university governance.

11 November 1992

- Adopted a recommendation that an ad hoc university committee be formed to re-evaluate the status of research associates.
- Adopted a recommendation to set up a Senate Environmental Impact Committee.
- Resolved to study the impact of calls for educational reform on TTU's hiring and tenure policies.
- Adopted a resolution on racist activities. Sent the recommendation for a multi-cultural requirement to committee for study.
- Resolved to send a letter opposing any change in the ORP to the Sunset Advisory Committee.

9 December 1992

- Adopted policies on grade replacement and academic bankruptcy.
- Unanimously approved statement on Academic Freedom and Artistic Expression.

20 January 1993

- Approved proposal from the Academic Council to change the withdraw policy.
- Rejected recommendations on athletics proposed by Study Committee B; rejected motion to adopt the AAUP statement on athletics and academics.
- Adopted resolution urging the governor to find qualified minority members for the board of regents.

10 February 1993

- Adopted recommendation that provisionally admitted students be required to take a minimum of 9 hours of course work in summer school, 6 of which might be remedial, or 6 hours if only three were remedial; of this one 3-hour course must come from the list of GE requirements.
- Sent proposal for restructuring the Senate to committee.

10 March 1993

- Selected nominees for Athletic Council by ballot.
- Approved 10% increase in parking fees for 1993-94; recommended that a committee of faculty, staff, and students be constituted to look into future increases.

-- Adopted recommendation that a task force of regents, administrators, students, and elected faculty be established to define TTU's mission.
--Adopted a recommendation that the GE requirements include a multicultural component. Adopted a resolution that GE requirements be reduced. Rejected proposals calling for the elimination of the Oral Communications, Technology, and PE requirements.
--Adopted a resolution on athletic policy that considered the composition, perks, and duties of the Athletic Council.

14 April 1993

--Tabled Study Committee B's amended report on athletics.
--Amended the introductory clauses of the resolution on athletic policy adopted at meeting of 10 March 1993.
--Adopted proposal that the Senate Budget Study committee participate in the initial university budgeting process and serve as an advisory committee to the Provost on the allocation of funds and that elected faculty participate in the budget process in the colleges.
--Adopted a resolution congratulating the TTU women's basketball team for attaining the 1993 Division I National Basketball Championship.

5 May 1993

--Adopted a resolution calling for a student user fee to support the library and requesting that the Faculty Senate Budget Study Committee examine TTU's extramural funding to find possible sources of increased funding for the library.
--Received the report of Study Committee B.

Respectfully submitted,

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