

MINUTES #171 - FACULTY SENATE
11 SEPTEMBER '96

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at 3:15 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center with John Howe, president, presiding. Senators present were Bremer, Casadonte, Coombs, Coulter, DeBell, Dornier, Dowell, Dunham, Dunne, Durland, Elbow, Fedler, Floyd, Fortney, Fox, George, P. Goebel, U. Goebel, Held, Hensley, Herring, Hufford, Khan, Lan, Liman, Mann, Meek, Miller, Myers, Nguyen, Olivarez, Opp, Reckner, River, Robert, Sarkar, Schaller, Stinespring, Stout, L. Thompson, V. Thompson, Tock, and Urban. Senator Corbett is on leave from the University. Senators Jackson and Whisnant were absent because of University business. Senators Morrow and Welton were absent.

I. President Howe called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and introduced newly-elected senators and the following guests: John Montford, Chancellor; John Burns, Provost; Virginia Sowell, Associate Provost; Alfonso Scandrett, Associate Athletic Director; and members of the news media in attendance.

II. Minutes of the May 1, 1996 meeting were approved with the following correction:

"Faulty Multimedia" should be "Faculty Multimedia".

III. Remarks from Invited Guests

Texas Tech University Chancellor, John T. Montford addressed the Senate regarding the responsibilities of the Chancellor position and the goals of his administration.

IV. Announcements

New Procedures on Senate Committee and University Council Reports - In an attempt to streamline the reporting process, President Howe requested that oral reports from various committees and University Councils be made only to convey information of particular importance to the Senate. If a report needs to be made, chairs and liaisons should, if possible, contact the Senate Agenda Committee at least one week prior to the regular Senate meeting so the report can be included as an agenda item. Handouts of relevant or supporting material or more routine

reports should be made available at the door and may also be placed on the Web Page.

Senate Web Page and E-Mail - The Senate now has an E-mail address (fdadm@ttacs.ttu.edu) and a Web page (<http://www.ttu.edu/~senate>), thanks to the efforts of former Senate President Coulter and Vice-President Westfall. A graduate student, Hong Zhou, has been employed part-time to develop and maintain the web page. A report entitled "Electronic Senate" is on file in the Senate office.

Chancellor and Presidents Convocation - In mid to late November a convocation will be held honoring Chancellor Montford and the two new university presidents. The University Convocations Committee will plan and organize the event. The convocation will be held in full academic regalia and will involve faculty, staff, students, the community, and TTU supporters. Details are pending.

Search for Director of Athletics - Senator George, the Faculty Senate representative on the search committee for the Director of Athletics, chaired by Provost Burns, reported that its first meeting was September 5, 1996. He welcomes input about the search from faculty members. Applications will be reviewed starting October 25, 1996. Two to four candidates will be interviewed. A new Director of Athletics should be named by December 1, 1996.

V. Committee and Council Reports

Committee on Committees - Senator Dunne reported that committee assignments are complete. Members of the Committee on Committees were thanked for a job well done.

VI. Old Business

Self-Insurance-Surplus Scholarship Fund - President Howe reported that the Board of Regents, during its August meeting, approved the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund from the surplus insurance money. The scholarships will be for full-time student dependents of faculty and staff. Awards will be based on merit as well as need. The Faculty Senate Agenda Committee has proposed to the administration that

a Senate committee make recommendations for the composition of a fair and representative oversight committee for the scholarship fund. This duty was given to the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee chaired by Senator Dunham. Its recommendations are to be presented to the Senate on October 9, 1996. Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Service on University Committees - During the May 1996 Faculty Senate meeting, a consensus resolution was passed to establish an ad-hoc committee to examine the issue of faculty service on University committees. Now the senate voted, with one dissenting vote, to establish such a committee. The Agenda Committee will make recommendations on its membership.

Regularizing Meeting Dates for the December, January and May Senate Meetings - The following meeting dates were adopted by the Senate: December 4, 1996, January 15, 1997 and April 30, 1997 (replacing the May meeting).

VII. New Business

Amendment of Bylaws to Regularize the Appointment of Liaisons. President Howe proposed to amend the bylaws in order to better describe who the members of the Senate Agenda Committee are and their role in regards to the preparation of the agenda and appointment of Senate liaisons on University Committees and Councils. The proposed changes are indicated on the handout entitled "Proposed Revision of By law of the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University Concerning Appointment of Liaisons to University Committees", which is enclosed with these minutes. The bylaw changes will be voted on by the Senate at the October 1996 meeting.

Advertising at Graduation - Complaints about the advertising banners in the Lubbock Coliseum during the May 1996 Commencement have been brought to the attention of the Senate. President Howe referred this issue to Senate Committee "B" to investigate if the Senate should make any recommendations. The committee will also look to the future to see if some recommendations should be made regarding advertising in the new arena as well.

Texas Tech Bookstore. Senator George, in response to complaints and concerns that he has received from some faculty about the TTU Bookstore and the Bookstore Advisory Committee, conducted a survey in the college of Arts and Sciences finding that 9 out of 32 of those surveyed had encountered some problem with the bookstore. The Senate Agenda Committee

will investigate the status of the Bookstore Advisory Committee prior to the October meeting. The issue of bookstore problems will be placed on the October agenda.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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