

**Texas Tech University  
Minutes #199- Faculty Senate  
September 8, 1999**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 in the Senate Room in the University Center with Present Nancy Reed, presiding. Senators present were Elam, Lawver, Thorvilson, Giaccardo, Shin, Borst, Drager, Dunham, Hartwell, Held, Iber, Lewis, Lodhi, Meek, Newcomb, A. Perez, G. Perez, Reeves, Rylander, Schaller, Stein, Stombler, Tuman, Weinberg, Boal, Hein, Laverie, Hartmeister, Murray, Thomas, Lakhani, Norville, Zhang, Crawford, Khan, Spallholz, Van Cleave, Boylan, Cardenas-Garcia, Cooper, Couch, Farley, McVay, Mross, Pigott, Becker, Trost and Parliamentarian Brian McGee. Excused from the Senate meeting were Burkett, Thompson, Cochran and Carr. Unexcused from the Senate meeting was Walker.

**I. Call to order** was announced by President Nancy Reed at 3:17 p.m.

**II. Recognition of Guests-** Vice Provost Jim Brink, Assistant Provost Elizabeth Hall, Vice President of Operations Gene West and his staff members Art Glick, David Ross and Nona Milner, Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson and some of office staff, Staff Senate President; Pee Wee Robertson and Staff Senators Dan Burns, Maurice Welch, Reggi Widener, Chief of Police; Jay Parchman, Russell Hughes, Director of the Special Activities and his staff members, Gail Wolfe; Traffic and Parking, Linda Turner and Professor Bill Dukes.

**III. Approval of Minutes #198 (May 5, 1999)-** The minutes and the Annual Report of the Faculty Senate '99-'98 were approved.

**IV. Welcome of newly elected Senators.** President Reed welcomed the newly elected Senators and talked about the new red binders that every senator received. The binders contain the by-laws, constitution, name tags, and committee assignments. President Reed reminded every Senator to fill out their schedule and turn it in.

**V. Remarks from Invited Guests.**

Russell Hughes, Director of Special Events for Development spoke about the schedule of opening events for the new United Spirit Arena. The schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, September 30

Friday, October 1

Special Preview Celebration (ticketed event)

2:00pm Symbolic procession from Municipal Coliseum to United Spirit Area.

2:30pm Grand Opening (Eastside)

3:30pm Public tours. The tours are free and will last about 30 minutes.

5:30pm Great Red Raider Fatita Festia

7:30pm Pep Rally

Saturday, October 2 10:00- 6:00pm. Tours. The tours are free and will last about 30 minutes.

Sunday, October 3 12:00- 5:00pm. Tours. The tours are free and will last about 30 minutes.

Jim Crowson, Deputy Chancellor stated that the Master Plan is not "as far as long as we would like." Since it is not completed it will be presented to the Board of Regents Meeting on December 9-10. The Master Plan includes plans for parking. The delay in the Master Plan allows for additional input from faculty until the December Board of Regents meeting.

Gene West, Vice President of Operations, spoke on the parking situation. In 1995 the University hired Walker Traffic & Parking Construction and Engineering Company to study the Tech parking situation. The study has been updated and the following are considered "problems". The southeast quadrant of TTU (15th St. to 19th St. and from Flint Ave. to University Ave.) is the most over crowded area of the campus. There is a shortfall of 759 parking spaces every day during the Academic year. Visitor parking is a problem especially in the University's core area. Eighty percent (80%) of all non-commuter spaces in the southeast quadrant are reserved parking spaces. The other 20% are area reserved used mostly by the maintenance department.

After a fairly lengthy presentation accompanied with slides, Vice President West stated the following recommendations will be made to the Board of Regents. Change the current reserve parking from 80% to 10%. Change area reserve parking from 20% to 80%. Visitors will pay one dollar per hour to park on campus. Construct a basement-parking garage on the parking lot next to the Music Building. Build a 650 space commuter parking lot west of the arena. Build a second garage between Wall/Gates & Hulen/Clements Dorms (AKA the 18th St. garage). Work with city Bus to develop a park and ride facility near the arena.

Time line for the recommendations. Next year, implement the area reserve policy, the visitor pay policy, and build the 650 space commuter parking lot. Fall 2001-Opening of parking garage next to Music Building. Fall 2004-Opening of parking garage (18th St.) between Hulen-Clements Hall and Wall-Gates Hall.

VP West thought the costs, although not firm, for parking would be as follows: 2002

Reserve \$125

Reserve \$400

Area Reserve \$00

Area Reserve \$130

The construction of the English/Philosophy/Education Complex in the Southeast Quadrant will create an additional need for 330 parking spaces, which can be taken care of if a parking garage is built in the basement of the complex.

Many Senators asked questions of V. P. West. Senator Trost asked "Will Area Reserve and Reserved Parking be allowed in the same parking lot?" Answer YES. Senator Crawford, "If the SE Quad is so crowded, why was the English/Philosophy/Ed Building placed there?" Needs to be centrally located. Senator Tuman, "Will vendors be required to pay to park?" NO Senator Stein, "Had changing class times or moving classes out of the SE quad been considered? YES, but moving classes usually dose not work. Several senators made the following observations. Senator Mross expressed concerns about students & faculty who have to park at several different places on campus during the day. West stated that arrangements will be made for them. Senator Boal observed that no faculty input had been asked for during any of the planning. Senator Held stated that he was glad that the Faculty Senate would have time to respond to the proposed 18th St. parking garage.

**VI. Committee Reports**

Election Committee. Recommend a change in the by-laws to correct the problems and confusion surrounding elections. Vote on the proposed changes will take place in October.

Work Load Committee. Senator Schaller, chair of the committee, stated that the committee had worked hard on the question of faculty workload. The committee drafted recommendations, which will be placed on the Faculty Senate WebPages or hard copies would be mailed to each Senator. Senators are encouraged to read the draft and be prepared to vote on the proposed changes at the next meeting in October. The Senate was reminded that the Board of Regents vote on any changes in the work load policy.

**VII. New Business**

Senator Boal asked the Senate to pass a resolution concerning the search for a new President of TTU. After some discussion and several amendments the following, **resolution was approved by the senate. The Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University would like to recommend to the Chancellor that a diverse group of tenured faculty from every College and the Law School of Texas Tech University be included as members of any committee formed to search for the new University President.**

President Reed made the following committee assignments. Academic Programs, conveyor Hyundo Shin, will consider the questions of a campus wide computer upgrade and how changes in registration will effect academic regulations. Budget Study, conveyor Lewis Held, parking and master plan. Faculty Status and Welfare, conveyor Mallory Boylan, University calendar and student evaluation forms. Senate Study Committee A, conveyor Lance Drager, status of graduate faculty, and the Faculty Club situation. Senate Study Committee B, Genaro Perez, conveyor, the drop policy and efforts of TTU to become a Research I institution. Senate Study Committee C, Sue Couch, conveyor, term limits for Deans and Chairs and peer evaluation & Collegiality/Citizenship.

**VIII. Announcements**

\*Senator Weinberg stated that at the AAUP meeting that he attended, a concern about course evaluations had been expressed. It seems that not all professors were given evaluations. Vice Provost Brink stated that there are problems with the system and it is being looked in

to. Senator Tuman expressed concerns with the "collegiality & citizenship" component of the tenure process. President Reed stated that this question will be taken up by Faculty Senate Study Committee.

\*Vice Provost Brink announced that faculty development leaves have been expanded from 18 to 36. He also stated the following: Leaves can be requested during the tenure acquiring years. There is a five year period between leaves. There is no quota system concerning leaves. Faculty on leave retain membership of the department they left.

\*Senator Newcomb asked if the President had responded to the Senates inquiry concerning a graduate faculty. Faculty Senate President Reed stated he had not.

\*President Reed announced the following: Between 15 & 18 new faculty positions will made next academic year. Plans on how to distribute them have not yet been finalized.

\*President Haragan has offered to speak at the October meeting.

\*Charles Zucker, President of the Texas Assoc. of University Professors will speak at the November meeting. Senators are encouraged to write or e-mail him questions. Contact the Faculty Senate Office for his address.

\*Wallace Bookstore will open a branch at the Health Sciences Center.

\*The Library needs 2 or 3 faculty member to serve on the Gloria Lyerla Research Travel Grant Committee.

\*The Staff Senate requested help in establishing a day care center on campus. President Reed assigned the question of a day care center to a study committee. Senators Giaccardo and Reeves agreed to help with this question.

**IX. Adjournment.** There being no further business before this body, adjournment was announced by President Reed at 5:30pm.

Sincerely,

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John T. Becker  
Secretary (1999-2000)  
Faculty Senate