

**Faculty Senate Meeting #210
November 8, 2000**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 in the Senate Room in the University Center with President Charlotte Dunham presiding. Senators present were Elam, Kieth, Thorvilson, Giaccardo, Buelinckx, Donahue, Drager, Dunham, Held, Iber, Lee, Lewis, Lodhi, Meek, Perez, Reeves, Rylander, Tuman, Walker, Weinberg, Murray, Lakhani, Mann, Norville, Reeder, Blum, Khan, Spallholz, Cochran, Bradley, Carr, Cooper, Marbley, Smith, Swafford, Willis-Aarnio, Becker, Trost. Senators excused from the meeting were, Lucas, Cardenas-Garcia, Thomas, Hartwell and Zhang.

- I. Call to order-** President Charlotte Dunham called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 pm.
- II. Guests-**Michelle Doss, Betty Blanton and Mike Ellicott.
- III. Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting #208** were approved as amended.
- IV. Guest Speakers-** Michelle Doss, Coordinator for the EXCEL Program spoke first. Doss stated that EXCEL students are generally of two types, students who have been suspended and entering freshmen on probation. Student Assistant Jeff Looman spoke about the tutoring program, which is geared to specific subjects and classes. Attendance at some tutoring sessions is as high as 90%. Questions: Held- Are there enough tutors to fill the demand? Yes, although the demand “floats” during the day.
Gopal- do you know if students do not go to class and do not do the homework use the tutoring service more? No, we have not studied the relationship between class and tutoring session attendance.

Betty Blanton who works at the Student Rec. Center spoke on behalf of “Smokeless Lubbock” a collation of groups working to make public places in Lubbock smoke free. Blanton urged the Faculty senate to pass a resolution in favor of a “smoke free” Lubbock.

Drago- A resolution must first go to a committee for study. The resolution will be sent to a committee for study.

Held- is it true that nurses working at the HSC can not smoke in their cars? Yes, there is an initiative at HSC to make it smokefree, which includes the parking lot.

Michael Ellicott, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning and Construction spoke next on the Master Plan. Ellicott stressed that the Master Plan is a blueprint for the future and includes the entire TTU system (Reese, Amarillo, Midland, and El Paso campuses). The total budget for projects, planned and under construction is \$521, 400,000. The projects include the following:

English-Philosophy-Education Complex is on schedule for completion in June, 2002 and is actually two buildings. It will cost 45 million and be over 11,000 sq. ft. There is no money budgeted for faculty furniture. Questions: Held- why is there no funding for furniture? Outside funding is being sought for faculty furniture.

Jones-SBC Stadium will be remodeled in three phases beginning in November. The remodeling will include the addition of 10,000 new seats and will end before the 2002-football season begins. All remodeling will be paid for with outside funding.

Experimental Science Building will be built in two phases with phase one to start in one year and be finished in two. Phase one will include classrooms, labs, GIS lab, and animal holding facilities. Total cost of project 40 million.

Student Rec. Center is being completely renovated and expanded at a cost of 10 million dollars. It will open in phases as projects are completed.

Women’s Tennis & Softball Stadium will include 12 tennis courts, a softball field, pavilion, press box, and restrooms. Completion for the tennis courts, field, and pavilion is scheduled for March 2001. Outside funding is paying for some of this project.

West Hall/Visitor’s Center is really two projects; 1) the restoration of West Hall (to be completed in January) and 2) the Visitor’s Center, with completed scheduled for April 2001.

University Center renovation will begin this spring and will cost 35 million. Work will be done in two phases beginning with the west side addition, which will last 18 months. After its completion renovation of the existing building will begin and will take two years to complete.

Two Parking Garages are in the plans, one on 18th and Flint and the other on 15th and Akron. The garages are located so that people can park and walk to class in 10 minutes. Questions: Held- what is going to be done to make the parking structures safe? We are working with the police to design a safe building with adequate lighting, clear lines of sight, and short walls. Giaccardo- why do we need expensive garages on campus when many classrooms suffer from bad lighting, and design, poor furniture, and broken equipment? Ten years from now we will be stuck with unsafe parking garages and the same poorly designed classrooms and furniture. Why is the administration not fixing classrooms and building the “TAJ Garage?” Plenty of parking spaces near to the center of campus keeps students happy and attracts and retains faculty. The parking garages are not competing with academic buildings for funding. Other alternatives to garages are being considered, such as city buses and park and ride lots on the perimeter of the campus.

Masked Rider & Frasier Pavilion are virtually completed and paid for with outside donations.

Dan Law Field & Fuller Track are being renovated with private funding. Improvements include new locker rooms, lighting, and a fence.

DeVitt-Jones Museum is being expanded with new exhibition space and a new West Side entrance. A landmark sculpture by Horris Farlow is being commissioned. All work will be completed by early 2002.

Bon Fire Circle, Rodeo Arena, & Merket Center are all being improved with outside funding.

Memorial Circle will be enhanced with a stair-stepped fountain and will not disturb the existing flags or memorial plaques. This privately funded project will begin in January with completion in May.

Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center will be finished in August 2001. When completed it will be a 120-bed facility with classrooms and enlarged nursing stations. It will be a teaching and care facility.

Work on the **Broadway Entrance** and the **Marquee** on 19th & Indiana have both started with completion of both projects due in early 2001. The new location for the **Credit Union** will be finished in December 2000.

Work on **Marsh Sharp Freeway** will begin in about three years with the relocation of the railroad track.

Completion of the Freeway is slated for sometime in 2006. Work on **Texas Tech Boulevard** will begin soon and will be constructed in three stages.

TTU Golf Course will be built north of campus and include clubhouse facilities and a practice range. It will be a world class facility which will support Big 12 tournaments.

Hotel/Conference Center is planned to be a 150-room facility with banquet and conference rooms for 500.

Four locations are being studied and a discount arrangement will be made for official TTU guests and/or an operating arrangement will be made with the RHIM Program.

College of Business will get a 25 million-dollar face-lift. New offices, seminar rooms, and classrooms are planned.

A new **Food Technology/Animal Science Building** and new facilities for the **College of Visual and Performing Arts** are being considered.

- V. **Committee Reports** Wayne Lewis of the Academic Affairs Committee reported on a movement in Texas to institute competency testing for all college students in public universities. A more comprehensive report will be presented next month.

Senator Cochran stated that Study Committee B looked into the use of HEAF funds on campus. The Texas legislature allocates, with the use of a formula, about 175 million dollars every year in HEAF funds, of which Tech received 20.9 million in FY2001. About half of the funds (52.4%) will go toward construction items and the other "half" will go for academic purposes. About 4 million is allocated for new construction, like the English-Philosophy-Education Building. Study Committee B will study the report further and report back to the Senate at a future time.

The Ad hoc Committee on Teacher Evaluation reported next and since President Dunham worked actively on this committee she turned the meeting over to Vice President Schaller. Senator Murray reported for the committee. The committee developed a new evaluation form and handed it out to 250 students during the summer. It was judged to be a "solidly measured survey." The committee felt that of the 16 items on the survey only two should be used in the tenure process and "the rest to help the faculty do a better job." At this point it was determined that the senate did not have a quorum and no action could be taken on the committee's report. It was agreed the report would be placed on the Senate's web page and action take on it next meeting. At this time President Dunham took over the meeting again and led a discussion on what impact the Open Records Act would have on teacher evaluations.

- VI. **Old Business** none

- VII. **New Business** none

- VIII. **Announcements**

From time to time there are prisoners working on campus assembling furniture. They are properly guarded. President Dunham went to the Texas State Council of Faculty Senates in October and reported the following. A committee of the Texas State Legislature is studying ways to standardize the curriculum (for the first two years) of all state institutions of higher learning. This would effect community colleges as well as four-year universities. The legislature is also looking into standardized testing of all state university students in Texas. Since there were no other announcements the Faculty Senate adjourned meeting #209 at 5:05 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
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Absent Fred Hartmeister