

**Texas Tech University**  
**Minutes -- # 208 Faculty Senate**  
**September 13, 2000**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 in the Senate Room in the University Center with President Charlotte Dunham presiding. Senators present were Thorvilson, Giaccardo, Donahue, Hartwell, Held, Iber, Lee, Lewis, Lodhi, Lucas, Meek, Perez, Reeves, Rylander, Schaller, Tuman, Walker, Weinberg, Boal, Hein, Malone, Hartmeister, Lakhani, Norville, Reeder, Blum, Khan, Bradley, Carr, Cooper, Marbley, Swafford and Willis-Aarnio. Senators excused from the meeting were Kieth, Buelinckx, Stein, Murray, Thomas, Zhang, Spallholz, Cochran, Cardenas-Garcia and Smith. Senators unexcused were Elam, Mann, Van Cleave.

**I. Call to Order** was announced by President Charlotte Dunham at 3:19 pm.

**II. Recognition of Guests:** Provost John Burns, Vice Provost Jim Brink, Assistant Provost Liz Hall, Sue Couch, and various representatives from the Texas Tech University (Barnes & Noble) Bookstore and the media.

In addition to recognizing guests, President Dunham thanked Parliamentarian Brian McGee for providing a 30-minute parliamentary procedure tutorial for interested Senators immediately prior to the meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes** for meeting # 207, May 10, 2000, were unanimously approved as amended. Specifically, the statement that recommendations presented by Study Committee C were tabled and carried over to the 2000-2001 academic year for possible action was corrected to read that the recommendations were merely tabled.

**IV. Remarks from Invited Guests:**

A. Barbara Burrier, Texas Tech University Bookstore manager. Ms. Burrier began by saying she and the new staff at the Bookstore are focusing on solutions rather than prior problems with Bookstore operations. She noted that the Bookstore will be moving to the University Center after remodeling is completed, and that the new location will include a café. The Bookstore intends to process faculty requests for textbook orders in a variety of convenient ways, and will begin doing so shortly so as to minimize low availability and out-of-stock situations. The Bookstore invites input from faculty in an effort to improve services.

Following Ms. Burrier's remarks, Senators inquired about and commented on options for students to receive discounts from suggested retail prices, the percentage of projected class enrollment each of the Lubbock bookstores typically stock at the beginning of a semester, the timing for returning unsold textbooks to vendors, the quantity and quality of Bookstore inventory, and the extent of trade publications and other materials that stimulate student and faculty research interests.

B. Professor Sue Couch. On behalf of the Kellogg Self-Study on Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness and the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy, Professor Couch provided Senators with copies of an Executive Summary report highlighting the Study's procedures, results, conclusions and recommendations.

Following Professor Couch's presentation, Senators inquired about what actions the University intends to take in response to the Study's findings. Provost Burns stated that it is his intent to follow up on how teaching effectiveness is assessed. Other Senators commented on the potential significance of approximately 80% of the faculty having failed to participate in the Study's survey, the use of teaching effectiveness as a component in awarding merit pay salary increases, and whether the Study focused on gathering input from department chairs and deans. In conclusion, Provost Burns asked that the minutes reflect his gratitude for the efforts of faculty who served with on the Self-Study Steering Committee.

C. Texas Tech University President David Schmidly was listed on the agenda as a guest invited to provide remarks; however, due to his having traveled to Russia on University business, he was unable to

attend this particular Senate meeting.

**V. Committee Reports:**

Because of this being the first Faculty Senate meeting for 2000-2001, no formal committee reports were given. President Dunham provided an update detailing the summer activities of the ad hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations. She stated that data collected by the committee during the second summer term is presently being analyzed. A summary of the committee's results are expected in the near future.

President Dunham also commented that suggested revisions in the University's grievance policy will be made available at the next Senate meeting.

**VI. New Business:** There was no new business.

**VII. Old Business:** There was no old business.

**VIII. Announcements:**

President Dunham announced that the Faculty Senate offices will be relocated from the basement of Holden Hall to the second floor of McClellan Hall in about two weeks. The new location will provide the Senate with expanded office space. The Senate has been assured by TTU President Schmidly that the move is only temporary pending since the offices will again be relocated to the Administration Building after its remodeling following the departure of the College of Education in about two years.

President Dunham passed along the contents of an e-mail message that Chancellor Montford recently received concerning Professor and former Senator Ulrich Goebel. Professor Goebel, a professor of classical and modern languages and literature, is quite ill and in need of a stem cell transplant at the M.D. Anderson clinic in Houston. Those wishing to contribute to a fund for Professor Goebel are encouraged to do so after getting more information from President Dunham. Medical treatment is expected to cost approximately \$200,000.

President Dunham asked Senators to review copies of a handout summarizing expectations for Senate committee procedures. She also announced the names of conveners for the initial meetings for each of the Senate's various committees during 2000-2001.

For ease and accuracy in identifying Senators, members were encouraged by President Dunham to use their nameplates. New nameplates will be provided for all Senators who don't have one at present.

Senator Drager asked about the status of prospects for creating a new Faculty Club. President Dunham indicated that the Faculty Club issue has been included on the list of committee assignments for the coming year.

Vice Provost Brink reminded the Senate of a reception scheduled for September 22, 2000 to recognize Professor Walt McDonald's having been named as the Texas Poet Laureate.

President Dunham reminded Senators to fill out and submit their availability forms so that scheduling committee meetings will be easier.

**IX. Adjournment:** Since there was no other business, President Dunham declared the 208th meeting of the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
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Secretary, Faculty Senate