

Meeting No. 30

February 21, 1973

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent	Ex Officio Members Present
Mr. Hall	President Steen
Mrs. Jones (excused)	Vice-President Lewis
Mr. Rhodes (excused)	Dean Clayton

Guests

J. A. Seaton
B. F. Walker

1. Mr. Nall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m., the roll was called, guests were recognized, and the minutes of Meeting No. 29 were approved.
2. A question arose concerning the routing of recommendations and other action by the Faculty Senate. Does approval of the minutes mean that they become policy of the University? Vice-President Lewis said that he considers the Faculty Senate and the Deans' Council as bicameral bodies. Only if substantive changes are made in Faculty Senate proposals by action of the Deans' Council does he refer action back to the Faculty Senate. President Steen explained his position on academic affairs questions. Mr. Nall commented on information flow within the university. No action was taken on the matter.
3. A question arose pertaining to information reaching some Faculty Senate members that a moratorium had been placed on the granting of tenure within the university. Vice-President Lewis stated that the Deans' Council considered the subject of tenure at a recent meeting and voted to have a one-year moratorium on the granting of tenure for those with minimum service time on the university faculty. The moratorium is now in effect. A question was posed whether or not a non-tenured faculty member would be promoted. Vice-President Lewis stated that non-tenured faculty member would probably not be promoted.
4. Mr. Nall named Mr. David Cox, who is filling the unexpired term of Mr. Charles Simpson, to the Faculty Government Committee.
5. Mr. Yarbrough, Chairman of the Faculty Government Committee, reported on reapportionment of the Faculty at the end of its first three years, as called for in its Constitution.
 - a. On a proportional basis the representation for the three years, 1973-1976 will be as follows:

School	Current Number on the Faculty	Number to be on the Senate 1973-1976	Net Change
Business Administration	46	3	
Fine Arts	45	3	
Forestry	15	1*	
Liberal Arts	125	8	Lose 1
Education	92	6	Gain 1
Mathematics and Science	63	4	
Library	---	1*	

* One Senator, as specified in the Constitution

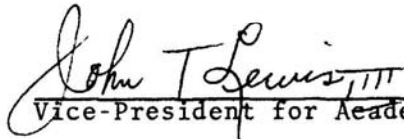
- b. The Secretary has three mailings to perform:
- 1) During March, each eligible faculty member (minimum three years service at the university, not having served on the Faculty Senate for two years, assistant professor or higher, maximum of two members from a department not remaining on the Faculty Senate) is to receive a notice of eligibility for nomination to the Faculty Senate. Those who do not wish to be nominated are dropped from the list by April 1.
 - 2) The list of those willing to be nominated will be submitted to the voting faculty of their school. Each voting member of the faculty will nominate two times the number of persons eligible from his school.
 - 3) A ballot containing the names of the nominees in each school will be sent to each voting member of the faculty in his school.
6. Mr. Yarbrough also reported on collecting 5-year plans from each department for the committee's study of arrangement and administration of departments. Vice-President Lewis said that arrangements could be made thru his office to copy appropriate portions of those departmental reports which had not yet been received.
 7. Mr. Nall stated that the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee would report at the March meeting.
 8. Mr. Bourbon, chairman of the professional Welfare Committee, reported that he has obtained United States and Texas regulations on the granting of maternity leaves and that his committee was studying the matter. Mr. Voigtel said that he also has some information concerning the matter which the committee would find useful.
 9. Mr. Robertson, chairman of the Administration and Financial Committee, stated that recommendations for university committee assignments would be made at the March meeting. He re-iterated his committee's desire to spread committee assignments to as many faculty members as possible.

10. The Chairman, reporting for the Executive Committee, stated that he would present a report at the March meeting concerning the flow of past action taken by the Faculty Senate.
11. The Chairman urged each chairman to hold meetings of his full committee.
12. Mr. Bourbon asked how school promotion policy would be implemented. Vice-President Lewis stated that each dean has been asked to follow the policy.
13. Vice-President Lewis remarked that printing of a revised Faculty Handbook has been scheduled for summer.
14. Mr. Arscott suggested that a flow chart showing the actual current path of Senate action be prepared. (The previous flow chart is included as an appendix to Meeting No. 4) Mr. Nall said that this would be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
15. President Steen reported that the Legislative Budget Board has reported and that both houses of the Legislature are considering its report. Representatives from the University have appeared before budget committees of the Legislature. The appropriations bill which will emerge will probably be no less than that proposed by the Legislative Budget Board. We can live with such a bill. It would include modest raises for teaching and non-teaching personnel. \$150 for insurance per person, to be paid by the State, is included. Maintenance funds are still very limited.
16. The March meeting will be held on the 21st at 4:15 p.m.
17. The meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Baker
Secretary


REVIEWED:


Vice-President for Academic Affairs

DATE:

4-2-73

APPROVED


President

DATE:

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