

Meeting No. 49

September 18, 1974

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent:

Dudley Stewart  
Thomas Franks  
Daniel Beaty

Ex Officio Members Present:

President Ralph Steen  
Vice President John T. Lewis III

1. Chairman Arscott called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of meeting #48 were corrected and approved.
3. Chairman Arscott reported on the work of the Committee on Committees. The list of nominees for university committees was submitted and approved by the Faculty Senate. Chairman Arscott pointed out that the nominees for the Faculty Athletic and Health Committees were submitted and approved by Dr. Steen.
4. Chairman Arscott reported on the Dean's Council meeting of September 4, 1974, at which degree candidates were approved.
5. Chairman Arscott reported to the Faculty Senate on parking problems at S.F.A.S.U., referring particularly to complaints received from frustrated faculty members. Chief Jones informed Chairman Arscott that he had three officers giving citations, and that this process should begin to deter many who have been parking illegally in faculty spaces. New spaces have also been allotted to faculty and staff members. Chief Jones interpreted the problem as being at root one of education.

Chairman Arscott asked the Administration and Finance Committee to study the parking situation on the campus and report its recommendations at the December meeting of the Faculty Senate.

6. Chairman Arscott recapitulated the 48th meeting of the Faculty Senate, i.e., the Somberg hearing. Mr. Arscott stressed that the decision of the Faculty Senate had been made completely within the basic tenets of democratic procedure.

Mr. Arscott respectfully admonished the S.F.A. Administration to review carefully university policy with regard to the legal efficacy of statements in the Faculty Handbook, tenure, and the yearly evaluation of faculty members.

Mr. Arscott also entered the reminder that henceforth, faculty appeals from administration actions should be taken first to the respective school councils.

7. Vice Chairman Wayne Johnson reported to the Faculty Senate on his inquiry with the Attorney General with respect to the status of faculty evaluations of administrators. The administration's position has been that these reports are open records, thus, there was no urgent need for another Attorney Generals' opinion.

Chairman Arscott assigned the task of reviewing this situation to the Professional Welfare Committee and called for the Committee's recommendation by the November meeting of the Faculty Senate.

8. The publication of Faculty Resolutions in the Vice President's Bulletin was discussed. Dr. Lewis noted some of the problems of timing between the proclamation of a Faculty Senate resolution and its publication in the Bulletin. A discussion ensued concerning the possible changing of the words in the Faculty Senate Constitution dealing with the place where Senate resolutions become official policy. Chairman Arscott suggested promulgation of Faculty Senate resolutions and amendments on a once a year basis. Chairman Arscott announced that the alternatives on this subject would be considered by the Faculty Government Committee.
9. Reporting for the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee, Dr. Ford presented a list of senior Faculty Senators who represented the various departments.
10. Dr. Watterston reported for the Academic Affairs Committee on the arrangement for a professional member of the Library staff to attend meetings of school councils and school curriculum committees.
11. President Steen elaborated to the Faculty Senate on the administrations' previous announcements with regard to salary policies for the current school year.
12. Dr. Lewis reported to the Faculty Senate on the fall enrollment figures.
13. Dr. Steen announced the impending visit to the campus of Representative Bill Clayton (October 2, 1974) and Governor Dolph Briscoe (October 8, 1974).
14. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Faculty Senate

REVIEWED: *John T. Lewis*  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: 10-17-74

APPROVED: *John T. Lewis*  
PRESIDENT

Date: 10-11-74