

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 94
December 13, 1978

1. Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. After the roll call, the Senate approved the Minutes of Meetings No. 91, No. 92, and No. 93 as written.
3. Reports of Officers:

Chairman's Report:

- A. In response to a question from a previous meeting, Chairman Jeffrey reported that Robert's Rules of Order do not permit proxy or absentee votes.
- B. In his report on the November 21st meeting of the Academic Affairs Council, the Chairman reported that the Council acted on three items: (1) approval of a policy regarding graduation with honors, (2) approval of a policy to include on the transcript the student's major, minor, teaching fields, and concentration within the major field, and (3) approval of a policy regarding transferral of credits.
- C. From the Academic Deans' Council meetings, the Chairman reported the following action items: November 14--approval of a recommendation concerning departmental secretarial classifications, and November 28--approval of an alternative summer calendar for graduate students.
- D. Chairman Jeffrey reported that at Vice President Franklin's invitation, the Executive Committee met with him on December 11. At the meeting, the Vice President informed the Executive Committee that President Johnson will propose to the Board of Regents that a School of ^{Arts and} Sciences be established at Stephen F. Austin State University and that certain programs, e.g., Military Science and Criminal Justice, be located under this school. The search for a dean will commence as soon as the Regents give their approval.

Also, Vice President Franklin discussed the enrollment decline, the resulting financial difficulties, and the need for adjustments in order for the University to operate within the proposed budget. He mentioned several alternatives, but no policies have been set as yet. He asked the Executive Committee for suggestions and ideas about where and how to make these adjustments.

After Mr. Jeffrey's report, the Senators discussed the financial situation, asked questions, gave their views on where and how to institute savings, and made several suggestions for short-term and long-range programs of action to deal with the problem. The Executive Committee will relay these suggestions to the Vice President.

4. New Business:

A. Senator Johnson questioned whether or not the Senate should appoint a *committee to study the long-range financial situation and to work on contingency plans* so that the current practice of crisis reaction is not perpetuated. Senator Jones stated that departments have already made decisions and plans for the future and that the situation is more flexible and realistic if kept on the departmental level.

B. Several Senators discussed improper advising or lack of advising as a problem in retention of students.

Senator L. Thompson asked the Senators to relay any ideas or suggestions they might have on advising, new programs, core curriculum, etc., to him or the members of his University Committee on General Education Requirements.

C. Chairman Jeffrey promised to keep the Senators informed of the development of plans to deal with budgetary cuts.

D. In answer to a question from Senator Young regarding some problems with the implementation of the promotion policy, Chairman Jeffrey replied that he has written a letter to President Johnson volunteering the services of the Faculty Senate in studying the promotion policy and making recommendations for improvements and refinements. He cited at least one problem that has arisen where, due to differing interpretations, procedures do not conform to the policy as set forth in the promotion document.

5. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Wednesday, January 17, 1979, at 2:15 p.m. in Rusk 301.

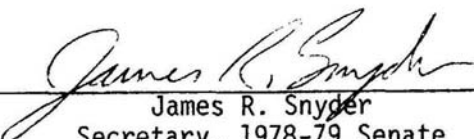
6. Senator Johnson moved and Senator Irons seconded the motion for adjournment. MOTION PASSED and Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

Absentees:

George S. Thompson--Excused
Robert L. Blocker--Excused
James M. Bowman--Unexcused

Visitors:

Susan Harwood
Sandy Cole
Patricia Read Russell



James R. Snyder
Secretary, 1978-79 Senate