

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 101
September 12, 1979

1. Chairman Rodewald called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. The Senate approved the Minutes of Meetings of No. 99 and No. 100 as written.
3. Reports of Officers:

A. Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman Rodewald first announced that due to a conflict in some faculty senators schedules that the meeting time for the Faculty Senate would be changed from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. for the remainder of the fall semester. Chairman Rodewald asked each Senator to set up their spring schedules so that the Senate could meet at 2:15 p.m. during the spring.
- b. For the benefit of the new Senators, Chairman Rodewald briefly reviewed the purpose, procedures, and structure of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Rodewald asked that each Senator inform the secretary as to which Standing Committee they would like to serve on.
- c. Chairman Rodewald appointed two Ad Hoc Committees. Dr. Rodewald first appointed an Ad Hoc Constitution Committee to reexamine the Constitution and Bylaws and, in addition to that, to make a recommendation for a procedure for nominating Senate officers. Chairman Rodewald appointed Dr. Johnson, Dr. Reeves, and Dr. Coe to that committee. Dr. Johnson will serve as Chairman.
- d. Next, Chairman Rodewald appointed an Ad Hoc Grievance Committee to handle the election of the Grievance Panel for the President which was established by President Johnson in a policy statement last spring.
- e. Chairman Rodewald next reviewed some of the events which had transpired since the last Senate meeting.

The University will have a University Scholars Program to give six students each \$750 a year. One student will be selected from each school. More information will be made available shortly.

A Committee Handbook will be published in September listing all University Committees and their membership.

The University budget for next year contains an increase of \$183,000.

There are Chairman reviews in Administrative Services, Economics and Finance, Communications, Music, Biology, Chemistry, Health and Physical Education, School Services, History and Sociology. Chairman Rodewald expressed his desire for a Senate Committee to review this process of evaluation.

Merit raises for the past year were \$360. Promotions to Assistant Professor was \$750; Associate Professor \$1,000; Full Professor \$1,250.

The Somberg Case has been appealed.

The Graduate Bulletin is going to be published every two years because of increased cost.

Chairman Rodewald next reported on two Senate items sent to President Johnson. The first item concerned a recommendation made by the Faculty Senate in the spring concerning the Role and Function of Academic School Councils. This report was given to the President who passed it on to the Academic Deans' Council. The Deans' Council made the following recommendation: "It is the recommendation of the Academic Deans' Council that the Faculty Senate recommendations on the Role and Function of School Academic Councils should be passed on to School Academic Councils for their consideration and implementation if the recommendations meet the needs of the Council."

The Deans' Council accepted the Senate recommendation on three working days after final exams before grades are due in the Registrar's Office. **President** Johnson has sent out a policy statement concerning this item.

New Department Chairmen are being offered eleven-month contracts as opposed to twelve-month contracts.

On one final item, Dr. Rodewald reported that a Senate recommendation made last May concerning the effect of proposed draft policies made by the Deans' Council. Some Senate members had expressed concern that the draft policies would undermine the function of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Rodewald reported that the Deans' Council did not agree with this view. The Deans' Council felt that both the Senate and Deans' Council functioned as advisory bodies and that one advisory body has as much right to advise as another. Chairman Rodewald pointed out that this could create some problems for the Faculty Senate in that the Senate moves slowly and only meets once a month, whereas the Deans' Council meets every week. On the other hand, Rodewald reported, one of the virtues of the draft policy is that each faculty member is given an opportunity to respond to the draft policy. Chairman Rodewald concluded by stating that if this is a continuing source of concern for the Senate, then some means would have to be developed to stay abreast of the Deans' Council actions and respond as best we can.

B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Spreadbury reported a balance in the treasury of \$5,420.

4. New Business:

Chairman Rodewald reported that the only item of new business was the nomination and selection of new Senators by the Faculty Senate to replace Dr. Harwood and Dr. Leslie Thompson. Dr. Rodewald pointed out that replacing Dr. Thompson did not represent a problem since he had resigned to accept a position at another University and had a one-year term of office left. On the other hand, Chairman Rodewald reported that because Dr. Harwood had requested a leave of absence, that this did create a problem since she had a full three-year term to run.

After a brief discussion of the Senate Constitution as it related to the election of new Senators by the Senate to replace Senators who had resigned or requested a leave of absence, Dr. Rodewald read Dr. Harwood's letter which stated: "I have requested and have been granted a leave of absence for the fall semester of 1979. Since I will be unable to fulfill my duties as a Senator, I'm submitting my resignation from the Faculty Senate."

Senator Bos pointed out that it was the feeling of the committee that had revised the Senate Constitution that the individual elected by the Senate would serve the remainder of the year. Then, at the scheduled time for the election of Senators by the faculty, that that School concerned would elect an individual to fill the unexpired term.

Senator Bos moved, Senator Spurrier seconded, and the Senate Passed a Motion that we elect a new Senator from Science and Mathematics for 1979-80, and that at the next scheduled time for Senate elections that the School of Science and Mathematics elect a replacement for a two-year term.

It was pointed out by Senator Bos that the individual selected for the 79-80 term would be able, if elected by the School of Science and Mathematics, to serve another two years.

Chairman Rodewald next called for nominations to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Thompson since his letter of resignation had been received first. Dr. Schoenewolf was nominated by Senator Johnson and Senator Pollock moved that he be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed.

Dr. James Nicholson was nominated by Senator Proctor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Harwood. Chairman Rodewald moved that he be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. Motion Passed.

5. Announcements:

A. Chairman Rodewald announced that he would meet next week with the other officers to make committee appointments.

- B. Secretary Bowman reminded the Senators to please inform him as soon as possible as to which committee they would like to serve on. The box office for the Faculty Senate is 6176; the telephone no. is 569-4701; the office location is 207 Ferguson.
- C. In response to a question by Senator Johnson concerning the availability of Student Handbooks for faculty members, Chairman Rodewald responded that he would check on this.

6. Comments from Ex Officio Members:

- A. Vice-President Franklin reminded the Senate that the first issue of the Faculty Bulletin would be out shortly. Of special interest would be an announcement concerning faculty participation in a Freshman program to better help Freshman adapt to campus life.

With regard to enrollment, Vice-President Franklin reported:

- a. 200 more first time freshmen that last fall
- b. Final enrollment count will be between 10,250 and 10,350
- c. On-campus enrollment up by 100; off-campus enrollment down by 150.

Bids will be opened on October 16 for a new Home Management House. Site preparation will begin shortly.

Vice-President Franklin also reported that they would be meeting with the Board of Regents very soon to outline our next construction projects. Also, in terms of construction money available, approximately \$8,000,000 will be available for future construction.

- B. Mr. Dana Sneed, President of the Student Government, expressed his desire for a close working relationship between the Student Government and the Faculty Senate.

7. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be October 10, 1979, at 3:15 p.m. in Rusk 301.

8. Senator Pollock moved and Senator Corbin seconded the motion for adjournment. Motion Passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Absentees:

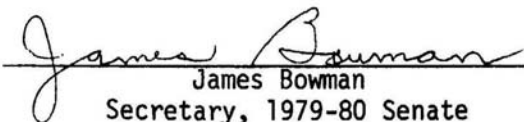
Robert Blocker (Excused)
George Thompson (Excused)

Visitors:

Janelle Ashley
David Jefferies

Ex Officio Members Present:

Bill Franklin
James Reese
Dana Sneed


James Bowman
Secretary, 1979-80 Senate