

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 106  
February 13, 1980

1. Chairman Rodewald called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.
2. After the roll call, the Senate approved the Minutes of Meetings No. 104 and No. 105.
3. At this time, Chairman Rodewald departed from the agenda so that Ms. Kathleen Keating, member of the University Center Committee, could address the Senate. Ms. Keating reported that when the University Center expansion program is completed all the rooms in the University Center are to be renamed. One of the rooms to be renamed is the Faculty Staff Lounge. Ms. Keating noted that there appeared to be two different viewpoints as to what the name of the new lounge should be. One faction, she reported, wants the present name retained--Faculty Staff Lounge. Another faction favors a general lounge designation which would allow students, faculty and staff members to use the facility.

Ms. Keating asked for the opinion of the Faculty Senate on this question and also asked that the Senate members poll their respective department members for their viewpoints.

In response to a question from Senator Mathis, Ms. Keating replied that responses should be mailed to her, P. O. Box 13056, Campus Mail.

Senator Johnson stated that last year a Faculty Senate committee appointed by Dr. Jeffrey discussed this issue with Mr. Jerry Johnson. Senator Johnson, a member of that Senate committee, stated that they expressed their preference for a separate faculty staff lounge which was the wish of the Faculty Senate. (See Minutes of Senate Meetings No. 98, No. 99, and No. 102.)

In reply to a question from Senator Mathis, Ms. Keating reported that a questionnaire concerning this issue would be sent to the faculty before the end of the spring semester.

Senator Johnson stated that it was his understanding that President Johnson had already determined that there would be a faculty staff lounge. Ms. Keating replied that President Johnson had asked the University Center Board of Directors to conduct a formal study of this matter before he made a decision.

Chairman Rodewald then thanked Ms. Keating for appearing before the Senate.

4. Reports of Officers:

A. Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman Rodewald reported that at the January 29 meeting of the Deans' Council, Dr. Franklin reported on several items regarding recent Coordinating Board actions.

The Board has approved the Home Economics project and bids will be solicited again in the very near future.

UT-Tyler had three degree proposals before the Board. Their request for a Master's degree in Educational Administration and a Master's degree in English were disapproved. Their request for a Master's degree in Industrial Education was approved.

The Commissioner's recommendations concerning the formula for the next biennium were approved. For faculty salaries, the formula included a 7.5 per cent catch-up for the first year of the biennium, and a 12.6 per cent increase for each year of the biennium. Chairman Rodewald stated the vote was eight to seven on this issue.

The Coordinating Board has instructed its staff to develop between now and April some guidelines for conducting a review of every program currently being offered in every state institution of higher education. Chairman Rodewald reported that the Deans' Council has already established a committee to anticipate these reviews by the Coordinating Board.

- b. A directive has been received from the Governor's office stating that Stephen F. Austin State University is to reduce its mileage by five per cent. It was his understanding, Dr. Rodewald stated, that this travel reduction does not apply to class activities which require travel such as field trips, etc.
- c. Chairman Rodewald reported that procedures for the selection of Regents Professors had been mailed to the faculty from Vice President Franklin.

B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Constance Spreadbury reported that the balance in the treasury is \$4,813.40.

5. Old Business:

The only item of old business, Chairman Rodewald stated, was consideration of the report accepted by the Senate in the previous Senate meeting from the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee. (See Minutes of Senate Meeting No. 105, Attachment #2.)

In response to a question from Senator Mathis concerning the first statement of the Committee's recommendations, Senator Cole, member of the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee, stated that they had considered recommending all outgoing senators to serve on the Nominating Committee but felt that this would create a cumbersome process because of the number of outgoing senators involved.

Senator Mathis stated that he felt the Nominating Committee should be composed of all outgoing senators as this would provide a broader base with more schools being represented in the nominating process. Chairman Rodewald also expressed the same sentiment.

At this time, Senator Mathis moved and Senator Bowman seconded the motion that a Nominating Committee for the officers of the Faculty Senate shall be composed of all outgoing senators.

In response to a question from Senator Constance Spreadbury, Chairman Rodewald pointed out that the outgoing senators would only be acting as a Nominating Committee. Sentence seven in the report states: "Additional nominations from the floor shall be allowed."

Senator Reeves expressed his opinion that a nominating committee composed of a smaller number of members would be more manageable from the standpoint of contacting all eligible senators as to their availability to run for office. Chairman Rodewald responded that this had implications concerning sentence five in the report which reads: "All eligible senators shall be contacted by the Nominating Committee to determine their willingness to serve if nominated and elected." Dr. Rodewald stated that it had been suggested to him that the easiest thing to do to overcome the problem expressed by Senator Reeves would be for the Senate Chairman to ask each returning senate member to write down which office he/she would be willing to serve in so that the Nominating Committee would not have to contact these people individually.

At this time, Chairman Rodewald called for a vote on the motion made by Senator Mathis. Motion Passed.

Chairman Rodewald next pointed out that sentence five of the report needed to be rewritten. Senator Johnson then suggested that the sentence be rewritten to read: "All eligible senators shall indicate in writing at the March meeting their willingness to serve if nominated and elected to each of the four offices."

In a discussion with Senator Jones, Chairman Rodewald pointed out that the Senate would have a month to consider the nominees as the Nominating Committee would submit their list of nominees at the Senate meeting in April. The Senate would also have the opportunity, Dr. Rodewald explained, to nominate additional candidates from the floor in both the April and May meetings. This, he pointed out, would provide a more open and structured process for the nomination and election of officers.

In reference to sentence six in the report which reads: "The Nominating Committee shall submit two names for each office." Senator C. Spreadbury asked if the same person's name could be submitted for more than one office. Senator Johnson indicated that this would be a possibility.

At this time, Chairman Rodewald stated that the second sentence of the report would have to be rewritten. Senator Johnson suggested that the sentence be rewritten to read: "The Nominating Committee shall be constituted at the Faculty Senate meeting in March and submit their nominations for the officers at the meeting in April."

Senator Murdock moved and Senator Mathis seconded the motion to change "May" to "April" and "elected" to "constituted". Motion Passed.

Senator Thompson moved that the word "secret" be inserted before "written" in sentence eight so that it would read: "secret written ballot". Senator C. Spreadbury seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Chairman Rodewald then asked the Senate for their opinion concerning sentences three and four of the report which read: "The nominee for Chairman shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least two years. The nominees for the offices of Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least one year." Senator Mathis asked if an incoming Senator who had served a previous term in the Senate would be eligible to serve as an officer. Senator Johnson responded that a previous term on the Senate would not apply.

Senator Mathis moved and Senator Stanberry seconded the motion that the amended report of the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee be added to the revised standing rules of the Faculty Senate. Motion Passed.

The amended report then reads as follows: "A Nominating Committee for the officers of the Faculty Senate shall be composed of all outgoing senators. The Nominating Committee shall be constituted at the Faculty Senate meeting in March and submit their nominations for the officers at the meeting in April. The nominee for Chairman shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least two years. The nominees for the offices of Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least one year. All eligible senators shall be contacted by the Nominating Committee to determine their willingness to serve if nominated and elected. The Nominating Committee shall submit two names for each office. Additional nominations from the floor shall be allowed. The voting shall be conducted by a secret written ballot prepared by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The candidate who receives the majority of votes for an office shall be declared elected to fill that office."

Chairman Rodewald then announced that the new procedures for the election of officers would be instituted at the next Senate meeting on March 19, 1980.

6. New Business:

A. Senator Mathis moved and Senator Stanberry seconded the motion to accept the report of the Committee on Faculty Government and Involvement. (See Attachment #1, sent under separate cover.)

B. Chairman Rodewald asked for volunteers to prepare a statement expressing the Faculty Senates regrets over the loss of Dr. Ralph W. Steen. Dr. Steen, Chairman Rodewald reported, was very helpful in bringing the Faculty Senate into being. Senators Johnson, Mathis, and Chairman Rodewald will formulate such a statement.

7. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be March 19, 1980, at 2:15 p.m. in Rusk 301.

8. Dr. Thompson moved and Dr. Reeves seconded the motion for adjournment. Motion Passed and Chairman Rodewald adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Absentees:

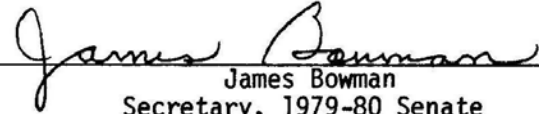
Dr. Blocker (Excused--Ill)  
Dr. Bos (Excused--Prof. Conflict)  
Dr. Brannen (Excused--Prof. Conflict)  
Dr. Pollock (Unexcused)  
Dr. Schoenewolf (Unexcused)  
Dr. W. Spreadbury (Unexcused)  
Dr. Spurrier (Excused --Prof. Conflict)  
Ms. Wallace (Excused--Ill)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Dr. Janelle Ashley  
Dr. James Reese

Visitors:

Ms. Kathleen Keating  
Mr. Dana Sneed

  
James Bowman  
Secretary, 1979-80 Senate

Proposed resolution on Dr. Ralph W. Steen

Because Dr. Ralph W. Steen, President of Stephen F. Austin State University from 1958 to 1976, contributed immeasurably to the development of a quality academic program, to the recruitment of a highly competent faculty, to the erection of outstanding educational facilities, and because he promoted the concept of faculty involvement in University governance, the Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University wishes to express its profound sense of loss at his death and its public acknowledgement of the enduring consequences of his inspirational leadership for our institution and for the general advancement of higher education throughout the State of Texas.

(Suitably typed copies of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. Steen's survivors, the University President, and the Board of Regents.)