

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 115  
January 21, 1981

1. Chairman Mathis called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.
2. The minutes of meeting 114 were approved, subject to the addition of the specifics of the merit recommendation which failed at the last meeting.
3. Reports of Officers:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Cole reported a balance of \$3,999.90.

4. Status Reports from all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees:

Academic Affairs:

Senator Nicholson reported that they had presented an initial report on pre-registration and they will be gathering more information and opinions on preregistration during this semester. They are also working on the advising of Undecided students.

Administration and Finance:

Senator Murdock reported that the committee is making an analysis of the budget and formulating suggestions as to what might be done in the future. A report will be forthcoming.

Faculty Government:

Senator Richter reported the committee has presented a report on proposed changes in the wording of the Constitution and Standing Rules. The committee is now reviewing proposed policies on student appeals of academic complaints and class attendance.

Committee to Review the Southern Association Re-Affirmation Report:

Senator Walker reported that the committee had conducted a survey and summarized the results. A more detailed report will be presented in March.

Committee on Faculty Research and Development:

Senator Devine, the new chairman, reported that the committee is in the process of writing a questionnaire on possible improvements in the area of research. The committee will make a report in April or May.

Professional Welfare:

Senator Wendall Spreadbury reported that the committee is working on a faculty evaluation model to be used for merit pay increases.

5. Old Business:

Revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution:

In order to comply with the applicable rules, the Constitutional Revision Report had to be resubmitted for a new vote. A motion for approval was made and seconded. Motion Passed.

6. New Business:

A. Appeal Procedures for Resolving Student-Initiated Academic Complaints:

Chairman Mathis handed out the proposed policy, promulgated by the Academic Affairs Council. The policy will be discussed at meeting 116. (See attachment #1)

B. Formation of New Ad Hoc Committee:

A new Ad Hoc Committee was formed to work with the student government. Senator Brannen will chair this committee. Senators Morley and Carns will serve on it.

C. Comments from Ex Officio Members:

President Johnson spoke on various L.B.B. recommendations regarding funding for faculty salaries, library, and other areas. The general opinion is that there will be some favorable action regarding the faculty salaries, including an emergency pay increase. President Johnson also discussed briefly the University's efforts in the area of a recruiting program for minority students.


Dr. Ashley reported that there are two program proposals likely to receive approval from the Coordinating Board. They are gerontology and the four-year nursing program.

7. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on February 11, 1981, Wednesday, at 2:15 p.m. in Rusk 303.

8. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Absentees:

James Corbin  
Max Morley  
Constance Spreadbury  
Thurman Thomas  
John Thornton

  
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Kurt Stanberry  
Secretary, 1980-81, Senate

POLICY ON APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING  
STUDENT-INITIATED ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS

1. In the event of course-related complaints or disputes, the student must first appeal to his/her instructor for a resolution to the matter.
2. If a complaint or a dispute is not satisfactorily resolved, the student may appeal to the Chairman/Director of the academic department in which the complaint or dispute is centered.
3. If the complaint or dispute is still unresolved, the student may appeal to the Dean of the academic school in which the complaint or dispute is centered.
4. If a resolution of the matter is not reached, the student may appeal to the School Council of the school in which the complaint or dispute is centered. The student must put the complaint or dispute in writing for consideration by the School Council. The School Council will submit its recommendation to the Dean of the academic school.
5. If the Dean of the academic school stands by his/her original position on the matter, thus leaving it unresolved, the student may appeal to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.
6. The Vice-President for Academic Affairs will receive from the Dean of the academic school a copy of the student's written complaint or dispute, the Dean's recommendation, and the recommendation of the School Council.
7. If the matter remains unresolved, the student's final appeal is to the President of the University.
8. The President will receive from the Vice-President for Academic Affairs the student's written complaint or dispute, the Dean's recommendation, the recommendation of the School Council, and the recommendation of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.
9. The President will inform the student and all persons involved in the appeal process of the final disposition of the matter within a reasonable period of time.