

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 147  
October 12, 1983

1. Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

2. Announcements:

Faculty Handbooks are ready for distribution to full-time faculty. Departmental secretaries/representatives will be asked to contact the Stenographic Bureau to procure copies for distribution.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting No. 146 were approved with no corrections.

4. Officer Reports:

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Young attended one Academic Deans Council meeting on September 20. A summary of actions taken include:

- A. The appointment of an Ad Hoc committee to study concerns related to undergraduate academic advising.
- B. Tentative dates scheduled for Spring semester pre-registration are November 14-18.
- C. The recommendation that micro-computer labs be located in the McGee (Business) Building, Education Building, Mathematics Building, and the Steen Library.

On September 28, Chairman Young met with Dr. Johnson and Dr. Gaston to discuss committee assignments and objectives of the 1983-84 Faculty Senate.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Senator Hallman convened the Executive Board on October 5th to review chairman reports of committee assignments and to set the agenda for the October 12 Senate meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance for O & M Travel Budget (9-14-83)	\$2,906.00
Expenditures (Austin)	205.40
Balance (10-12-83)	\$2,700.60
Student Wage Budget (9-14-83)	\$1,200.00
Expenditures	233.16
Balance (10-12-83)	966.84

5. Old Business:

A. Council of Faculty Governance Organization:

Senators Young and Arscott attended the meeting of this council on September 23-24 in Austin. This council is now formally organized with an adopted constitution. Chairman Young distributed copies of the constitution and, at the request of the Senate, will invite President Johnson to attend the Senate meeting on November 9 to clarify his position on the extent of SFASU Senate involvement in this organization.

B. Professional Welfare I Committee Report:

Senator Stephens presented a status report on the issue of planned sick leave vs. unscheduled sick leave. It has been determined that no policy concerning the issue currently exists. The committee continues to pursue questions relative to funding for adjunct faculty when extended absences exist and legal implications of such situations.

C. Input on Committee Work:

Senator Hallman's committee (Annual Convocation and Wedgeworth Lectures Series) is presently working on ways to improve attendance at the Wedgeworth Lectures. Suggestions and ideas were invited.

Senator Saunders' committee (Faculty Governance and Involvement) is studying ideas for positive changes in the commencement ceremony. Additionally, this committee is to examine re-apportionment of the Senate. A full committee report will be presented at the November meeting.

6. New Business:

A. Improvement of Writing Skills of SFA Students:

At the request of some faculty, concern was expressed relative to the writing skills of SFA students. A lengthy discussion ensued that included concern for all basic skills, previous committee investigations, current available assistance, and suggestions for skill improvement.

Senator Hallman made a motion that we have a committee to investigate what is in place, what is available, and what faculty can do to improve students' ability in all basic skills. This motion was seconded by Senator Nall.

Chairman Young appointed an Ad Hoc committee of Senators Dahmus (chair), Clipson, Payette, Arscott, Sharp, Saunders, Reeves, and Wright to implement the motion.

B. Workshop on Student Evaluation of Faculty:

Senator Whillock, Chairman of Professional Welfare II Committee, announced that he had received notification of a workshop on Student Evaluation of Faculty scheduled for November 17-18 in Austin.

Senator Arscott moved to provide adequate funding for a representative of Professional Welfare II Committee to attend the session. This motion was seconded by Senator Speer and passed on a voiced vote.

C. Academic Affairs Committee Information:

Senator Price distributed information concerning proposed changes in number of semester hours and GPA requirements for underclassmen in maintaining "good standing". A committee report will be given at the November meeting.

7. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Absences

none

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Nancy Speck  
Dr. James Reese

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SECRETARY, 1983-84, SENATE