

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting #161
April 17, 1985

1. Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. Announcements
 - a. Elections for the 1985-86 Senate are currently under way; according to the Senate's Constitution, any person having full-time employment and faculty rank at SFASU is eligible for election.
 - b. Dr. Johnson has requested that the Senate recommend faculty to serve on the committee for student evaluation of faculty teaching. Chairman Price asked for suggestions from the Senators.
3. The Minutes for Meeting #160 were approved as distributed.

4. Officer Reports

Treasurer

As of March 31, 1985:	Payroll	\$ 609.36
	O&M	
	Unexpended	2,076.95
	Unencumbered	1,319.84

Chairman

- a. Dr. Johnson reports that the Legislative appropriations process is nearing the end. For the next biennium, the standard funding formula will apply; there may be a slight increase in funds budgeted for faculty salaries (about \$100,000 in a budget of \$14 million), a 10% decrease in DOE monies (about \$200,000 out of \$2.4 million), and a slight increase of \$30,000 in the institutional and administrative budgets with the proviso that no salary increases be given from deans on up. The \$200,000 capital equipment money from this year's budget will become available in about two weeks; spending requests must be acted on by June 15.
 - b. The Deans Council is currently preparing its agenda for the next academic year; any suggestions should be submitted to the deans. The Deans Council is also considering establishing a time limit for taking the required freshman English courses, setting a GPA of 3.0 or 3.4 for University Scholars, and developing a standardized policy for departmental handbooks.
5. Old Business
 - a. Senator Arscott, chairman of Academic Affairs, reported that faculty consulted by his committee all agreed that the CEEB tests were of excellent quality. In using CEEB test scores as a basis for awarding advanced placement credit, however, some problems remain to be worked

out: the CEEB tests are given once in the spring of each year, while departmental placement exams are usually given in the first week of the fall semester; there may exist some possibility that the CEEB exams could reduce enrollments in some core curriculum courses. Nevertheless, Senator Arscott moved that the Senate approve the Deans Council recommendation that College Board scores of 3 or higher be accepted for advanced placement credit not to exceed 32 semester hours. Senator Mace seconded the motion.

In the discussion that followed, Dr. Brophy pointed out that these exams would be taken in the final spring semester by high school seniors; that the scores would be indicated on their transcripts at the point of entry in college; that the awarding of advanced placement credits would apply across the board; but that the CEEB scores would not affect departmental advanced placement procedures already in place. In terms of numbers, Dr. Brophy said, only very few entering freshman would likely qualify for advanced credit; the main purpose in accepting CEEB scores for advanced placement credit is to attract better students to SFA. Senators Todd and Carr pointed out that the administration might have to institute some procedures to resolve any conflicts between advanced credit and those procedures already in effect in Modern Languages and English for placement in advanced courses. The motion was passed without dissent.

- b. Senator Speer, chairman of Administration and Finance, reported the results of the committee's questionnaire to the faculty on the quality of non-academic operations of the University. Although the questionnaire did not elicit many responses, those that were received mentioned problems with enforcement of parking regulations, custodial services, cooperation from administrative personnel, and openness of communication between administration, faculty, and staff. Without a formal vote by the Senate, Chairman Price agreed to bring these matters to the attention of the administration.
- c. Senator Wright, chairman of the Committee for Elections, distributed results of the elections to fill vacancies on the University Grievance Panel. A roster of the current Grievance Panel is attached.

Senator Rayburn asked if the apportionment of panel members to the faculty each represents is now correct, since some inequities seem to exist. Chairman Price agreed to mention the problem to Dr. Gaston.

6. New Business

- a. Senator Speer, Administration and Finance, submitted his committee's recommendations about the concurrence of promotion and salary increase. The committee pointed out that promotions alone were still valued by many faculty; that delaying promotion until funds were available for salary increase could lead to misperceptions about a faculty member's rank and qualifications; and that delayed promotions may also disguise the extent to which SFA faculty are under-compensated. Senator Speer

therefore moved that the Senate recommend that the promotion process continue as usual, and that when funds become available, salary increases for faculty previously promoted without increases become the first priority. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

- b. Senator Shows, chairman of Faculty Governance and Involvement, submitted the following revision of the Standing Rules of the Senate's Constitution: (1) the section for Committees (page 2) of the Faculty Senate Standing Rules shall be amended to reflect the addition of the Committee for Elections to the other Standing Committees; (2) the section that explains the responsibility and purpose of the Committee for Elections shall read, "This committee shall organize and conduct all Senatorial elections and any other elections which the Faculty Senate is asked to conduct for the University." These revisions shall be voted on in the May meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- c. Chairman Price reported that the Nominating Committee (made up of all outgoing Senators) recommended the following candidates for nomination as officers of the 1985-1986 Faculty Senate:

Chairman:	James Speer Timothy Clipson
Vice-Chairman	John Dahmus Ray Eastman
Secretary	Frank Smith Bernice Wright
Treasurer	Sharron Graves David Shows

This list of candidates is forwarded to the 1985-1986 Senate which is first seated at the May 15 meeting. The discussion that followed centered on whether or not the Standing Rules specified at what Senate meeting further nominations from the floor could be accepted. Senator Arscott moved that the Senate accept nominations from the floor during the current meeting; Senator Todd seconded. In response to discussion, the Chairman pointed out that whatever action the Senate took at this meeting could not preclude further nominations during the May meeting; that since the Nominating Committee is established by the Senate's Constitution, the slate of candidates it submits does not require approval of the Senate; and that, since the Standing Rules are not clear, they are open to interpretation without requiring the usual revision process. Senator Kellerhalls suggested that ballots used at the May meeting be blank, rather than pre-printed, to insure fairness to all candidates.

After the question was called, the motion to accept additional candidates for nomination from the floor at the April meeting passed with 12 yes votes, 7 no votes, and 4 abstentions. Candidates named from the floor were

Chairman	Hebe Mace
Secretary	Barbara Carr

7. Unscheduled Items

- a. Senator Arscott said that the Academic Affairs Committee will submit a final report on the advisability of 5-week summer terms at the May meeting.
- b. The Senators congratulated Shirley Stroud, Pine Log reporter, on the newspaper's being voted the best university paper in the State.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Excused Absences:

Senator McCune

Senator Sharp

Visitors:

Dr. William R. Brophy



Hebe R. Mace
Secretary, 1984-85 Faculty Senate

GRIEVANCE PANEL
1985-1986

School of Applied Arts and Sciences

Mr. Donald L. Graham (1984-86)

School of Business

Mr. Jesse Richardson (1984-86)

*Dr. James Howard (1985-87)

*Dr. Kurt Stanberry (1985-87)

School of Education

Dr. William C. Heeney (1984-86)

Dr. Thomas D. Franks (1984-86)

*Dr. Patsy J. Hallman (1985-87)

School of Forestry

Mr. Ellis Hunt (1984-86)

Dr. R. Montague Whiting (1984-86)

*Dr. Michael Fountain (1985-87)

School of Fine Arts

Dr. Robert C. Mann (1984-86)

*Dr. Ronald Anderson (1985-87)

*Mr. James R. Snyder (1985-87)

School of Liberal Arts

Dr. Joseph A. Devine (1984-86)

*Dr. Barbara Carr (1985-87)

*Dr. Alfred Shivers (1985-87)

School of Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Jasper Adams (1984-86)

Dr. Calvin P. Barton (1984-86)

*Mr. J.M. Burkett (1985-87)

Library

Ms. Elizabeth Wallace (1984-86)

*Ms. Mildred R. Hancock (1985-87)

* Newly elected members for 1985-1987 terms