

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting #162
May 15, 1985

1. Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. Announcements
 - a. The Faculty Senate will become an associate member of the National Faculty Exchange for the 1985-1986 academic year.
 - b. Dr. Johnson has approved the revisions of the Senate's Constitution which were recommended by the Senate and ratified by faculty vote.
 - c. Dr. Johnson has also approved the Senate's recommendation that advanced placement credit, not to exceed 32 hours, be awarded on the basis of a CEEB exam score of 3 or better.

3. Approval of Minutes

Senator Dahmus noted that lines 2 and 3 on page 2 of the Minutes for Senate Meeting #161 should read "departmental placement exams are usually given in the first week of every semester" instead of ". . . in the first week of the fall semester." The Minutes of Meeting #161 were then approved as corrected.

4. Officer Reports

Treasurer

Payroll	\$ 455.26
O & M	1,852.15

Chairman

- a. Chairman Price reported that Dr. Johnson has approved the purchase of a microcomputer and printer for the Senate's office.
- b. The Chairman noted that the Senate's budget may be 8.5% less for 1985-86 than it was for 1984-85.
- c. Chairman Price read a letter from Dr. Johnson, in response to the Senate's recommendation that faculty promotions be granted whether or not funds are available for accompanying pay increases, in which the President said that the next budget will be sufficient to award salary increases in conjunction with promotions.
- d. The Chairman also reported that calculation of student GPA's for honors will be based on those courses for which final grades other than P/F are recorded.

5. Old Business

- a. Senator Arscott, chair of Academic Affairs, brought to the Senate's attention the continuing concern of his committee and of many faculty members about the academic quality of five-week summer terms. He asked the Senate to approve the following resolution:

The Faculty Senate expresses concern over the shift to a five-week summer session. We question the academic wisdom of this policy and urge that efforts be taken at the earliest opportunity to ameliorate the problem.

The resolution passed with 17 votes for, none opposed.

- b. Senator Shows, chair of Faculty Government and Involvement, submitted for the Senate's approval the following revisions of the Senate's Standing Rules:

- (1) The second paragraph under "Committees" on page 2 of the Faculty Senate Standing Rules shall be amended to reflect the addition of the Elections Committee to other standing committees.
- (2) The section titled "Responsibility and Purpose of Standing Committees" shall be amended on page 3 of the Standing Rules to reflect the addition of the Elections Committee and to state that committee's responsibilities as follows: This committee shall organize and conduct all senatorial elections and any other elections which the Faculty Senate is asked to conduct for the University.

The revisions were approved by 21 yes votes, none opposed.

6. New Business

Reports of the Standing Committee Chairmen

Chairman Price announced that the reports of the 1984-85 Senate committee chairs will be compiled in notebook form. One of the two copies of this notebook will be kept in the Faculty Senate office.

Senators Arscott, Speer, Shows, Smith, Reeves, and Wright summarized the actions of their respective committees during 1984-85. Several matters which remain unresolved will continue on the agenda of the 1985-86 Senate: a faculty petition, tabled in committee, to change eligibility and re-election rules for election to the Faculty Senate; implementation of the Senate's recommendations to waive registration fees for faculty who enroll in University courses and to hire a qualified statistical consultant; and an evaluation of the Senate's associate membership in the National Faculty Exchange program.

In addition, Senator Wright recommended that the appropriate 1985-86 Senate committee investigate apportionment imbalances on the University Grievance Panel; that the next Elections Committee indicate what vacancies actually exist on University committees when soliciting faculty preferences for committee service; and that the Senate examine the equity of various membership distributions on University committees.

7. Unscheduled Items

Chairman Price expressed his appreciation to the Senators for their good work; Senator Clipson returned the Senate's appreciation to Chairman Price for his effective leadership. On behalf of Dr. Johnson, Dr. Brophy thanked the Senate for its accomplishments in the 1984-85 academic year.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

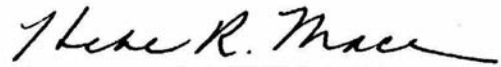
Excused Absences:

Senator Reeves

Ex Officio Members:

Dr. William R. Brophy

Dr. James V. Reese



Hebe R. Mace
Secretary, 1984-85 Faculty Senate