

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 189
14 SEP 88

1. Chairman Markworth called the meeting to order at 2:30.
2. The following corrections were made in the minutes of meeting No. 187:
 - (a) Item 7-B should read: "Senator Markworth moved and Senator DiNucci seconded the motion that the senate purchase software such as Lotus 1-2-3 or equivalent software for the senate's computer".
 - (b) The last sentence of item 6 should read: "Chairman Howard declared the motion passed."
 - (c) Item 7-F should read: "Senator Devine moved....".

With these corrections, the minutes of meetings Nos. 187 and 188 were approved.

3. Announcements.

A. There are errors in the University Calendar for the Spring '89 semester. Finals week, the date grades are due, and May commencement will occur a week earlier than indicated.

B. In order to comply with the common academic calendar within Texas, in the fall semester of '89, commencement will be held on Dec. 23. Grades will be due Dec. 27.

C. The Chair reported the following items from the summer Board of Regents meeting:

1. Revisions of the Teacher Education Program have been submitted to the Coordinating Board. In all, the curricula for some 77 teaching fields were revised.

2. Seven new Bachelor of Science programs were approved:

1. Kinesiology
2. Health Science
3. Hearing Impaired
4. Speech and Hearing Therapy
5. Interdisciplinary Studies
6. English, Geography, or History
7. Social Studies

Because of recent state legislation the Department of Physical Education will undergo a name change. It will be known as the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science.

3. The Board approved an increase in GPA requirements for

probation and suspension policy. The new requirements will go into effect the Fall Semester '89.

4. The budget request has been sent to the Legislative Budget Board. The request contains some significant increases, including a \$285,000 request for faculty research.
5. The fee charged students for tuition installment payments was reduced from \$7.00 to \$5.00.
6. The board approved the purchase of microcomputers to be placed in residence halls for student use. The computers will also serve as remote terminals for the University mainframe.
7. Chair-back seats will be installed in the coliseum. They are to be placed in the three central sections and around the north end. Money for the seats will come from Building Surplus funds. The seats will cost approximately \$325,000.

D. The Chair reported the following items from the Academic Affairs Council:

1. The Academic Affairs Council has determined that past space utilization reports for the University have significantly under reported building use on campus. For example, classrooms in the Rusk building were included in the report while the building was closed for renovation. Steps are underway to make appropriate corrections. In the future annual surveys will be conducted to determine actual space use.
2. Under IRS regulations, parents have legal access to students' grades as long as a student is carried as a dependent.
3. Dr. Reese reported to the senate that the academic Affairs Council has drafted a proposal recommending that academic administrators who also teach, be made eligible for merit pay increases.

E. Vice Chairperson White reported the following items from the Sept. 6 meeting of the Academic Affairs council:

1. New legislation requires that the University certify the English language competence of any non-native student instructor. If there are complaints concerning English proficiency of an instructor, the department chair will appoint a faculty mentor to work with the instructor.

2. SFA is one of twenty campuses chosen as a field test site for the TASP. The test will be administered on Oct. 19. Some 350 students will participate. The field test will provide provisional test norms for the first general administration.
 3. The TASP will replace the PPST as a prerequisite for teacher certification.
 4. The general impact of implementing TASP was discussed.
4. Old Business.
- A. The senate has acquired the previously approved microcomputer. It is an IBM-XT compatible with a 20 megabyte hard disk. Appropriate software is still needed.
 - B. Senator Murdock gave the treasurer's report. The Senate currently has an unencumbered balance of \$418.35.
 - C. As chair of last years Administration and Finance Committee, Senator Markworth submitted the committee's report on the financial history of the University for the past ten years. Copies of the report will be available in the library and in the Faculty Senate office.
5. New Business.
- A. The chair noted that the Senate needs to select delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations, (COFGO). Senator Mitchell moved that Senators Markworth and White represent the Senate as delegates to COFGO. The motion was seconded by Senator Thornton. The motion passed.
 - B. The chair also noted that COFGO annual membership fees of \$100 are due. Senator Devine moved that these dues be paid. A second was offered by Senator Petty. The motion passed.
 - C. Due to standing conflicts with meetings, Senator McMillan has resigned his senate seat. With this resignation, the Senate currently has two unfilled seats: one from the School of Science and Mathematics, and one from Liberal Arts. Elections to fill these seats and to select representatives for the University Grievance Panel will be held in the near future.
 - D. Committee charges for the current academic year were given to the standing committees.
6. Unforseen Items.
- A. Senator Lackey noted that the recommendation passed by last

year's senate to conduct exit interviews with departing faculty has not been implemented. The chair added this item to the charge of the Professional Welfare Committee.

7. Comments from Ex Officio Members.

Vice-President Reese announced the following:

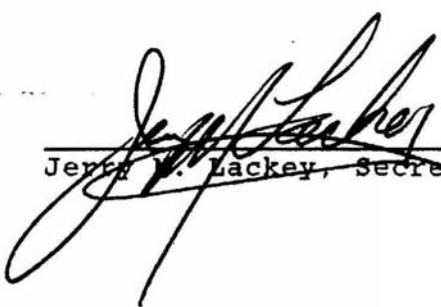
- A. The faculty awards ceremony and the staff awards ceremony will be combined this year because of the small number of awards to be given. The ceremony is to be held in November. Announcements are forthcoming.
- B. Two TASP task teams are to be appointed; one to deal with administrative problems, and one to deal with test policies, e.g., consequences of failing, and procedures for remediation.
- C. The new "Policies and Procedures Manual" for the University will be available in administrative and departmental offices by the end of the semester.
- D. This fall's enrollment of 12,550 is the second highest enrollment in the history of the institution. This represents an increase of about 450 over last year.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Absences: none

Ex Officio Members:
Vice-President Reese
Dr. Jim Howard

Visitors: none



Jerry W. Lackey, Secretary '88-89