

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 191
9 Nov 88

1. Chairman Markworth called the meeting to order at 2:30.
2. Senator Huff was welcomed as the new senator from Liberal Arts.
3. The following corrections were noted for the minutes of meeting No. 190:
 - A. Item 4,A,2 should read: " Dr. Reese is willing to listen..."
 - B. In Item 5,C,3,4 "Rayborn" should be "Rayburn".
 - C. Item 5,C,4 should be deleted.
 - D. Item 6 should read, "Dr. Ann Doyle-Alexander..."

With these corrections the minutes of meeting 190 were approved.

4. Chairman Markworth reported the following items of interest from the last Board of Regents meeting:

- A. The administration proposed that \$58,000 from E. & G. and auxiliary surplus monies be spent on a new CP-6 maintenance contract. The old contract is expiring and maintenance costs continue to rise since Honeywell no longer supports CP-6.

- B. Almost \$79,000 from E. & G. surplus was allocated to acquire new graphics equipment for the computer center. The new equipment will allow 35mm slide reproductions, transparency reproductions, and some video digitizing.

- C. Blue Cross will remain the vendor for the newly adopted insurance plan. Increased costs for the new plan will be absorbed by the University for the first year only.

- D. "Zero-plus" dialing has been approved for dormitory telephone service. The new service is expected to save some \$250,000 in long distance fees for students. In addition the new vendor will pay the University some \$200,000 in commissions. This money is scheduled to go into student projects, e.g., the placement of P.C.'s in the dorms.

- E. The Library expansion proposal has been favorably received by the coordinating Board. Final acceptance will probably require a reduction in the proposed area from 278,000 square feet to 245,000 square feet. The present library has about 120,000 square feet.

F. The completion date for the University "Policies and Procedures Manual" has been moved to January.

4. The Chair announced the following items from meeting with the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

A. President Johnson denied the request of the Senate to include a member of the Senate on the Honors Program Committee. The President felt that the committee is too far along in its work to start adding additional members.

B. Honor program requirements will have to be resolved rather quickly in order for them to be included in the "1989-90 General Bulletin.

5. Vice-Chair White reported the following activities of the Academic Affairs Council:

A. There will be an interim day between Summer I and Summer II which does not appear in the original calendar. There will be no drop-adds, no registration, and no classes on July 13. Each summer session will have 26 class days.

B. The schedule of the fall semester of 1989 creates some problems in that the last day of finals falls on Dec. 22, commencement on Dec. 23, and grades are due after Christmas on Dec. 27. The final exam schedule will be designed to avoid finals on Friday. The Registrar's office will be open on Saturday, Dec. 23 to accept final grades.

C. Spring break will be a week later than usual in 1990 due to a conflict with the Southern Association site visit.

6. Senator Lackey reported the following from the most recent meeting of the Academic Affairs Council:

A. The "campus version" of the TASP test will be available by June 1. The campus version of the test is an abbreviated version of the TASP test which may be used for student placement. However, scores on this test will not substitute for regular TASP test scores.

B. With the initiation of the regularly administered TASP test in the Fall of 1989, the test will be administered only on official test dates. There will be no other opportunities to take the test. This may create problems for spring semester transfer students. A student who has not passed the test cannot register for courses which will accumulate more than 60 credit hours. Since these transfer students will have no opportunity to take the test, if they have 60 hours of college credit, even with a sterling academic record, they cannot register.

C. Student assistants may not work more than 20 hours per week. The total number of hours allowed for any student assistant in any given month is the number of work days in the month multiplied by four.

D. The University is developing a "Search and Appointment Guide" for use in hiring faculty. The guide will be modeled after the one currently being used in the School of Science and Mathematics. The Academic Affairs Council will create the new guide. It will be included in the "Policies and Procedures Manual".

7. Treasurer's Report.

Senator Murdock reported that the Senate has an unencumbered balance of \$3011.93.

8. Committee Reports.

A. Senator Thornton presented a recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that existing guidelines contained in the Faculty Handbook be followed in order to determine graduate faculty membership. The Committee has no recommendations for change. Following the committee report a lengthy discussion ensued in regard to faculty complaints about Graduate C o u n c i l procedures for reviewing graduate faculty status. Senators Mitchell and Bailey, a present and a former members of the Graduate Council, addressed a number of questions concerning current forms and criteria used to determine graduate faculty membership.

B. Senator Evans reported that the results of the run-off election to fill the vacant seat in the School of Science and Mathematics will be known by the next meeting. Senator Evans also indicated that Senator Huff's interim term will be for one year only. She will also be eligible for re-election at the end of the one-year term.

9. Old Business.

Chairman Markworth noted that the Association of American Publishers has requested that faculty not sell complimentary text books. Dr. Reese added, in response to questions that it is against University policy for used-book buyers to solicit on campus.

10. New Business.

A. The Chair introduced the topic of a "Faculty Oversight Committee" for University financial affairs. He solicited reactions from the Senate concerning the structure and role of such a committee. Following discussion, Senator Bailey moved that the Administration and Finance Committee investigate the issue and make recommendations to the Senate concerning the purpose, function, and structure of such a committee. Senator Holliday seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Past Chairman Howard presented a petition to the Senate requesting that the teaching load of the Senate Chairperson be reduced by 25% during the academic year the chair serves. Senator Devine moved that the Senate endorse the request. Senator Thornton offered a second. The motion passed.

C. Senator Lisieski noted that the Art Department's McIntosh computers had contracted a "virus". If other faculty are interested, the Art Department has viral detection and fix software available.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51.

Absences:


Dr. Jasper Adams (Excused)
Dr. Donnya Stephens (Excused)
Dr. Frank Smith
Dr. Dick Voigtel

Ex Officio Members Present:

Dr. Jim Howard
Dr. James Reese

Visitors:

Dr. Tom Callaway
Dr. Jake Seaton



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Department of
Economics and Finance

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: James E. Howard
RE: RELEASE TIME FOR CHAIRMAN, FACULTY SENATE

The undersigned request that the Faculty Senate consider the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate strongly encourages the President and Regents of Stephen F. Austin State University to reduce the teaching and research assignment of the Chairman of the Faculty Senate by at least twenty-five per cent during the regular school terms (Fall and Spring).

James E. Howard
Jerry M. Lachey

Patrick A. Mc
Junda F. White
Rosemary Huff
Ken Maza
John Thornton
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Carolyn J. Mitchell
Joseph A. Devine, Jr.
Pamela Johnson
David Petty
Quinn Johnson
William A. Holliday
Pete Wisinski