

Stephen F. Austin State University  
Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 198  
11 October 89

1. Chairman Lackey called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. in the Ladyjack Room in the University Center.
2. Chairman Lackey welcomed newly elected Senators Arscott and Carns.
3. The minutes of Meeting No. 196, item No. 3 on page 1 were corrected to read "... currently serving as immediate Past-President". The minutes of Meetings No. 196 and 197 were approved as corrected.
4. Officer Reports
  - A. Report of the Chairman
    - \* Highlights of Academic Affairs Council
      - Chairman Lackey reported that the student evaluation of the faculty project is in the final stages of planning and materials should be distributed to faculty at the end of October.
      - A sub-committee of the Academic Affairs Council on Students recommended that departments with sources of outside funding be allowed to raise the stipend for graduate assistants and that all stipends be raised to a competitive level as soon as possible.
    - \* Highlights of the Board of Regents Meeting of October 6-7, 1989
      - Approved \$9 million to expand the University Library. Staff are currently getting ready for the impending start of the construction.
      - The vote on the artificial turf for Homer Bryce Stadium was split 4 to 3. Suggestions for funding for the turf include use of auxiliary funds or the sell of bonds. The Board will await the approval of the Coordinating Board.
      - The ACT score for entering students has been changed from a score of 20 to a score of 21.
      - Dr. Jim Corbin and Dr. Sylvia McGrath were granted a leave of absence for spring semester 1990.
      - Regents Chairman, Peggy Wright, invited Senate Chairman Lackey to address the Board. Chairman Lackey discussed the issues with which the Senate will deal in 1989-90 and provide the Board with a copy of the issues.
      - Discussion regarding the issue dealing with use of auxiliary funds ensued and President Johnson informed the Board that auxiliary funds are not tied to specific items and may be spent "at the discretion of the Board of Regents." (This includes computers, research grants, laboratory equipment, etc.)

B. Report of the Chairman-Elect

Chairman-Elect Mace reported that the reception for the Board of Regents was a success. (Chairman Lackey read a thank-you letter from Regents Chairman Peggy Wright.) The Regents were pleased with the reception and join the Senate in planning to make the reception an annual event.

C. Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Callaway reported the following:

Balance of budget	\$4,359.00	
-	200.00	CoFGO Dues
-	78.73	Payroll
-	8.10	Printing
	<u>\$4,072.17</u>	

The Senate has a balance of \$2,254.00 from the 1988-89 budget and therefore has about \$2,000 to use on projects.

5. Committee Assignments

Chairman Lackey distributed copies of the Senate Committee Assignments for 89-90. Committees were charged as follows:

- Election Committee - Establish new voting procedures which will assure "secrecy of the vote" in all general faculty elections.
- Professional Welfare Committee - 1) Implement a procedure for the notification of faculty on the results of promotion, tenure and merit applications. 2) Examine manner in which faculty who are not using direct deposit are receiving paychecks. 3) Investigate and make recommendations concerning faculty parking problems.
- Faculty Government - Revise the Constitution and the Standing Rules to include the amendments passed in 1988-89.
- Academic Affairs Committee - Consider standards and guidelines for establishing the workload of faculty and investigate the current status of the university computing system and what are the plans for future acquisitions.
- Finance and Administration Committee - 1) Investigate the use of auxiliary funds. 2) Explore the possibility of adding \$1.00 to the student activity fee in order to establish a scholarship fund. (This would need the approval of the State Legislature.) 3) Examine the last 3 years budgets in terms of amount budgeted versus amount expended in each of the major divisions of the university.

6. UPD Chief Tony Hill addressed the Senate on current, system-wide parking problems. Highlights of Chief Hill's report are:

- Faculty and staff may park in lot 3 - street parking from Austin Building to the Stone Fort. Some visitor parking is provided in Lot 3 and Lot 2 - street parking from Austin Building to Fine Arts Building.

- 95% to 98% of all designated faculty parking are full.
- Faculty parking stickers are not for graduate assistants - except for 10 spaces in the Agriculture lot and by the Art studio.
- Faculty parking assignments are made by Chief Hill. Some person suggested the assignments should be on a first come, first serve basis. Others believe that the assignments should be based on seniority. It has been suggested that faculty be assigned specific parking spaces.
- On-Campus students are assigned to designated lots. Commuter students are assigned to spaces left after the on-campus needs are determined (Coliseum lot).
- Lot 14 (by power plant) will be closed in December for two years to allow for the construction work on the Library project. Lot 19 (by the tennis courts) will be changed to Faculty-Staff parking.
- 1115 to 1125 faculty-staff parking permits are issued each year and 1220 parking spaces are available.
- Lot 8 (by the Education Building) is reserved at night for faculty-staff who teach and work at night.
- Hopefully the new parking lot on Carolyn Street will be ready for use by November 30.
- Senator Mace asked about the use of magnetic gates for lots. Chief Hill stated that the cost is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 each.
- Chairman Lackey asked about visitor parking. Chief Hill reported that 37 visitor spaces are allocated for luncheons in the U.C. and this creates major parking problems around the central academic area. There is no easy solution! There is no plan to change the procedure and the suggestion to bus visitors from lots will not be used.
- Students cars will be wheel-locked after 6:00 A.M. if they are parked in faculty-staff lots.
- Parking citations are \$10 and \$15, up from \$6 and \$12. Some Senators suggest a \$25 citation might discourage some violators!
- The "booth" is for information, not a check point for all who enter the university.
- There are 125 - 130 parking places available in the inter-campus area.
- The number of handicapped parking spaces are assigned at the request of the Office for Handicapped Student Services.
- Chief Hill will check with Vice President Pattillo on the continuing parking problems. (There is no study under-way of the parking problems and no committee which deals with parking problems.)

## 7. New Business

- A. Chairman Lackey will address the Board of Regents on Tuesday, October 17, 1989 to present the faculty concerns with regard to the process to be used in the selection of the new university president.

\* Currently, the Board rules state that the president will be elected at the January meeting for a term of one (1) year. A committee appointed by the Board of Regents composed of members of the faculty, the student body, and the Board of Regents shall serve as the selection and screening committee.

\* The last Presidential selection committee was composed of:

- Four (4) members of the Board of Regents
- Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs
- Registrar
- Representatives from Counseling and Guidance for Student Life
- One (1) faculty member elected from each of the six (6) schools (now have seven)
- Two (2) students elected by the student government

Motion: By Senator Arscott, seconded by Senator Crocker. The faculty should express to the Board of Regents the strong belief that faculty who serve on the Presidential selection committee should be elected by members of the seven (7) schools of the university.

Motion: Passed

It was suggested that if the Board of Regents except the idea of the elected faculty. The dean of each school would be asked to hold an election in their school.

\* Chairman Lackey reviewed a list of qualifications for the Presidential Candidates:

- Established academic record
- College/university teaching experience
- Record of scholarly activity in their field
- Strong interest in and commitment to collegiality
- Commitment to and experience with graduate education
- Administrative experience with a university and with the state legislature

Senator Carr and Senator Adams recommended that we consider the Candidate's "strong commitment to fund raising and knowledge about the legislative process". These suggestions will be added to the list.

Resolution: Introduced by Senator Mace, seconded by Senator Mueller.

The Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University strongly recommends that the Board of Regents of Stephen F. Austin State University, following precedent, in order to avoid academic inbreeding, concentrate their search for a new President of the University to candidates beyond the confines of Stephen F. Austin State University and to those with demonstrated academic qualifications.

Motion: To ammend resolution by Senator Stephens, seconded by Senator Murdock. To ammend the resolution to say "to conduct a national search" and to delete "confines of SFA".

Motion to ammend failed. (3 for and 14 against)

Resolution passed: 12 for and 5 against

- B. Senator Arscott is opposed to the university purchasing and installing artificial turf.

Resolution introduced by Senator Arscott, seconded by Senator Mueller.

"The Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University strongly protests the Board of Regents decision to proceed with their plans to cover the playing field of Homer Bryce Stadium with artificial turf. This protest is based on injury to players and fisical priorities."

Resolution approved.

- \* Senator Arscott distributed a hand-out on the negative aspects of artificial turf.
- \* Chairman Lackey agreed to invite a representative from the athletic department to discuss artificial turf.

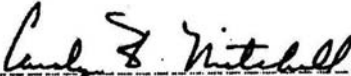
8. Comments From Ex Officio Members

- \* Dr. Reese stated that fund raising for graduate stipends will be attractive to donors.
- \* Dr. Reese informed the Senate that funds for bonds for artificial turf would come from auxilary funds. (No state funds can be used for auxilary activities.)
- \* Past-Chairman Markworth made comments on the selection of the new president and asked, "what is the faculty view of the job description for the new president?".

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Absences: Dr. William Holliday  
Dr. Carolyn B. Mitchell (excused)

Visitors: Jim Reese - Academic Affairs                      Chris Tiensch - SGA  
Norm Markworth - Physics/Astronomy                      Tony Hill - UPD  
Homer T. Russell - Biology

  
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Carolyn B. Mitchell, Secretary 1989-90

Faculty Senate Standing  
Committees Membership 1989-90

Academic Affairs

1. Jasper Adams
2. David Petty
3. John Goodall
4. Charlene Crocker

Finance and Administration

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| 1. Forrest Price | 6. Lib. Arts     |
| 2. Bill Holliday | 7. Fine Arts     |
| 3. J.A. Seaton   | 8. Forestry      |
| 4. Mary Carns    | 9. Education     |
| 5. Ken Mace      | 10. Bus. Manager |

Election Committee

1. Frank Smith
2. Thomas McGrath
3. Marthea Turnage

Faculty Government

1. Patrick Mueller
2. David Shows
3. Barbara Carr

Professional Welfare

1. Pam Robberson
2. Ray Darville
3. Donnya Stephens
4. Charles Brown

Professional Ethics

1. Wayne Murdock
2. Fred Avant
3. Bill Arscott

Faculty Senate representative to the Graduate Council:

Carolyn Mitchell