

Stephen F. Austin State University
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 199
15 November 89

1. Chairman Lackey called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the Ladyjack Room in the University Center.
2. The minutes of Meeting No. 198 were corrected as follows:
Page 2, item 4C - strike statements - "The Senate has a balance of \$2,254.00 from the 1988-89 budget and therefore has about \$2,000 to use on projects."
Page 5, item 7B"fiscal priorities." "The Resolution was tabled."
3. Chairman Lackey introduced Jim Hess, Athletic Director, and Dr. Mel Finkenberg, Chairman of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, who addressed the Senate on the topic of artificial turf.

* Highlights of the presentation by Jim Hess

- There are currently three types of artificial turf:
1) Astro Turf 2) All Pro Turf 3) Omni Turf
- All types of artificial turf are made by the Balsam Company.
- Artificial turf has been improved in the last several years. The pads have also been improved.
- The SFA Board of Regents will make the decision on the type of surface to be placed in Homer Bryce Stadium.
- The NCAA has four classes of competition. The classes are determined by the number of scholarships given by an institution. SFA is in Division I AA.
- Much of the money spent on athletes comes back to the University - room, meal tickets, tuition, etc.
- Hess came to SFA in 1982. There had been no improvements to the stadium since it was built in 1973, and it was in bad shape.
- The new weight room is open to the public.
- The soil is bad and is only 4 inches deep in some places - 12 inches is needed! A "mud pit" exists from about the 30 to the 40 yard line.
- The field still has a major drainage problem.
- The field has already been re-seeded three (3) times.
- Some of the advantages of artificial turf are:
 - * Would improve the football program (football will survive with or without the artificial turf).
 - * Intramurals could make good use of the field.
 - * Band competition would not tear up the field!
 - * High school play-off games could be scheduled and would attract people to the SFA campus and to the facilities. (Sam Houston has had 8 play-off games and has averaged 10,000 persons per game.)
 - * Local/area high school football teams could use the field on friday night.
- Some of the problems of artificial turf are:
 - * Cost.

* Injuries are no longer a problem! (SFA played 9 games on artificial turf and had no serious injuries. The SFA field, in its present condition, is dangerous and is in bad condition.)

* Hess entertained questions from the Senate.

Q: How often will artificial turf have to be replaced?

A: 8 years for Omni Turf, 5 years for All Pro Turf. 10 year average. Weather causes wear, not use.

Q: Who in our conference has artificial turf?

A: North Texas, Sam Houston, Northwestern. All Southwestern Conference schools have it!

* Closing comments by Hess were as follows:

- Don't buy artificial turf for only five football games a year.
- The drainage problem must be fixed regardless of the surface.
- \$300,000 is needed to replace the sub-soil if the natural grass surface is kept.
- Football budget is \$1.3 million and is financed by: gate receipts, outside donations, locally generated funds, student service fees.
- The stadium will hold 14,000.
- The gate receipts for last year (1988-89) were \$143,000.

* Highlights of the presentation by Dr. Mel E. Finkenbergl

- The information presented is research on artificial turf from research journals, from phone interviews with persons in various locations throughout the United States who are considered to be experts on the topic of artificial turf, and from a 1987-88 report by the NCAA on Division I A football programs.
- Historically, artificial turf was thought to be the cause of two major injuries - turf toe and injury to the lower leg and knee.
- An NFL report in 1980-85 indicated that more lower leg injuries occurred on artificial turf than on natural grass.
- A study in Alabama on high school players' injuries and type of turf shows no significant correlation in the number of and seriousness of the injury and the type of turf.
- A study by the New York Jets Professional Football Team on injuries and type of turf, shows no significant difference.
- The NCAA study of 1987-88 on Division I A football programs yield the following:
 - 1) Are there differences between the number of injuries?
RESULTS: Recorded 316 total injuries
171 on grass
145 on artificial turf
 - 2) Are there differences between the player positions as to the number of injuries with regard to the type of turf?
RESULTS: More injuries to offensive players on artificial

turf. More injuries to defensive players on grass turf.

3) Is there a difference in the types of injuries?

RESULTS: A significant difference was found only in shoulder and lower leg injuries. (More shoulder injuries on grass and more lower leg injuries on artificial turf.)

4) Is there a difference in the nature (seriousness) of the injuries?

CONCLUSION: "Can't say the artificial is safer and can't say it's more dangerous!"

4. Chairman Lackey thanked Mr. Hess and Dr. Finkenberg for their presentations.
5. Senator Arscott reported that he had called the office of Gene Upshaw, NFL Player Representative, and that according to Mr. Upshaw's spokesperson the players are opposed to artificial turf. Further, of the twenty-eight (28) professional stadiums, seven (7) are domed and thirteen (13) grow grass. Sixty (60%) percent of the Bowl games are played on grass.
6. Senator Arscott made the motion to take from the table the resolution regarding the Faculty Senate's objection to the Board of Regents approval of funding for the placement of artificial turf at Homer Bryce Stadium.

Seconded by Senator Mace

Motion passed to remove the resolution from the table.

7. Senator Arscott reported that he objects to the "huge cost" of the artificial turf project and to the amount of the 1988-89 athletic budget (reported \$1.9 million). Senator Arscott was joined by several senators as they expressed concern over the size of the athletic budget and the lack of funding for supplies and equipment in the various departments across campus.

8. Officer Reports

A. Chairman Report

- * Chairman Lackey reported that the Presidential Search Committee approved the requirements for candidates and will begin to advertise nationally. The committee will meet in January and will rank the top fifty (50) candidates. The next meeting will be in February/March and the list will be narrowed to the top ten (10) candidates. This final list of ten (10) candidates will be sent forward to the Board of Regents. All recommendation from the Faculty Senate for the Presidential Search Committee were accepted except the recommendation that the Committee be elected by the faculty. This recommendation was not accepted by the Regents because of the time restraint.

- * Chairman Lackey reported highlights of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting:

- The Coordinating Board will establish guidelines for the

- Core Curriculum which will be in line with the Exemplary Education Objectives. By 1991, each state university must establish a committee to conduct a self-study on the status of the Core Curriculum. A 54 hour Core Curriculum will be the standard for all state colleges/universities. Dr. Reese has directed the University Curriculum Committee to study the entire Core Curriculum issue.
- A new rule will allow students who are not satisfied with the credit given for transferred hours to appeal to the Coordinating Board.
 - The resolution for the new structure and charge for the Finance and Administration Committee is "with the President."
 - The search for a Graduate Dean will continue and a search committee should be appointed by next week. The Graduate Council and the Council of Deans are considering the duties for the position of Graduate Dean.
 - The Honors Program at SFA will begin in September, 1990.
 - High school students who graduate from a non-accredited high school may enter SFA if they score 21 on the ACT or 900 on the SAT.

B. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Tom Callaway filed the following budget report for the Senate for the month of November:

PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$4,071.17
EXPENSES	
SEPTEMBER TELEPHONE	\$ 5.00
OCTOBER TELEPHONE	\$ 5.00
XEROX COPIES	\$ 1.55
POSTAGE	\$ 7.41
STENO CHARGES	\$92.88
PAYROLL	\$68.01
NEW BALANCE	\$3,891.32

9. Committee Reports

A. Professional Welfare Committee

Chairman Roberson reported on the activities of the Professional Welfare Committee and presented the following motion with regard to the parking problems on the campus.

"The Professional Welfare Committee moves that the Faculty Senate recommend the formation of "Parking Advisory Committee" to study the ongoing parking problems on the SFA campus and act as an advisory board to the University Police Chief in matters concerning campus parking. The committee should consist of seven members to include:

1. the University Police Parking Manager (also known as

- Traffic Sargent)
2. three faculty members (appointed by the Faculty Senate with consideration given to critical campus areas)
 3. one graduate teaching assistant (appointed by the graduate dean)
 4. one campus resident student (appointed by the Student Government Association)
 5. one commuter student (appointed by the Student Government Association)."

The motion was seconded by Senator Stephens.
The motion passed.

Senator Arscott suggested the the Senate receive a copy of all committee reports and recommended action, and that the vote on all matters be taken at the ensuing meeting.

Senator Adams agreed with Senator Arscott and requested that the members of the Senate receive written copies of all committee reports.

Senator Roberson reminded the Senate that her committee is still checking on the policies regarding the distribution of faculty paychecks.

B. Finance and Administration Committee

Chairman Forrest Price reported that the newly revised Finance and Administration Committee has met and submitted the following motion:

"In compliance with the proposal to specify the purposes, objectives and role of the Finance and Administration Committee approved May 3, 1989, I move that the Senate approve the following new appointments to membership on the Finance and Administration Committee and that the terms of office be set as follows:

<u>Dr. Hebe Mace</u>	<u>Liberal Arts</u>	<u>3 years</u>
<u>Dr. Michael Roach</u>	<u>Fine Arts</u>	<u>2 years</u>
<u>Dr. David Lenhart</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	<u>2 years</u>
<u>Dr. James DiNucci</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>3 years</u>
<u>Dr. Forrest Price</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>1 year</u>
<u>Dr. William Holliday</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>2 years</u>
<u>Dr. J.A. Seaton</u>	<u>Sciences & Math</u>	<u>1 year</u>
<u>Ms. Mary Carns</u>	<u>Liberal Arts</u>	<u>3 years</u>
<u>Dr. Kenneth Mace</u>	<u>Chair Elect</u>	<u>1 year</u>

Senator Arscott seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

10. New Business

Senator/Senate Secretary Mitchell "moved that the Senate purchase permanent name plates and holders for each Senator". The plates and holders can be purchased for \$15 each from Diamond Trophy.

Senator Crocker seconded the motion.
The motion passed.

11. Comments from Ex Officio Members

Vice President Reese reported that the forms for faculty evaluations are not ready.

12. Senator Mitchell moved that: "the Administration adjust the calendar for October/November, in light of the fact that within a three/four week period, ten (10) major reports and/or responsibilities are required -- ie: Advising; Pre-registration; Mid-term and Final Exams for 9-week courses; Faculty Request for Computers; Faculty Research grants; Faculty Development grants; Faculty Teaching Excellence grants; Annual Reports; Request for Tenure; Request for Promotion; Request for Merit; Book Request for Spring".

Motion seconded by Senator Holliday.
Motion by Senator Arcsott to table the previous motion.
Motion seconded by Senator Mace.
Motion to table passed.

13. Meeting 199 of the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

ABSENCES:

Dr. David Petty (excused)

VISITORS:

Dr. Mel E. Finkenberg	Dept. of Kinesiology & Health Science
Mr. Jim Hess	Director of Men's Athletics
Chris Hanna	<u>The Pine Log</u>
Beth Sammons	<u>The Pine Log</u>
Mark Shilling	SGA
Suzanne Swift	SGA