

Stephen F. Austin State University
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 201
14 March 1990

1. Chairman Lackey called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the Regents Suite B of the University Center.
2. The minutes of Meeting No. 200 were corrected as follows: Page 4, remove the underline under the words "knowledge and consent." Page 7, change \$1,000,000.00 to \$100,000,000.00. The minutes of Meeting No. 200 were approved as corrected.
3. The Secretary was requested to check the tape of Meeting No. 199 with reference to a recommendation from the Welfare Committee on guidelines for the notification of faculty of decisions on promotion and tenure.

NOTE: The recommendation from the Professional Welfare Committee regarding notification of faculty on decisions on promotion and tenure was added to the minutes of Meeting No. 199.

4. The Secretary was requested to check the tape of Meeting No. 199 with regard to the resolution on the purchase of astro turf.

NOTE: The tape of Meeting No. 199 revealed that the motion on the Senate's objection to the purchase of astro turf was removed from the table.

5. Announcements by Chairman Lackey

- * The deans have approved a graduate assistant orientation program to begin in the fall of 1990.
- * The master's of social work degree has been approved.
- * The bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management is being considered.
- * The Long Range Planning Committee will set priorities on the spending of all university funds.
- * An Institutional Research person has been hired to compile the University Facts Book and to assist in the evaluation of the institutional effectiveness.
- * A minority student recruiter has been hired and will begin work in the fall of 1990.

6. Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Callaway filed the following budget report for the Senate:

PREVIOUS BALANCE \$3,187.05

EXPENSES

January

Telephone 5.00

February

Telephone 5.00
Steno Charges 28.10
Supplies 25.33
P.O. Box Rental 30.00
Postage 3.11
Payroll 67.00
Payroll 78.73
Travel 109.29
Travel 165.00
Travel 6.30
Travel 45.00

TOTAL \$567.86

NEW BALANCE \$2,619.19

7. Chairman Lackey introduced Billy Click, Director of Computing and Communication Services for the University, and requested that he speak to the Senate on, "the future of main-frame computing at SFASU."

Highlights of Mr. Click's report

- The University will soon have a separate Academic and Administration computing system.
- The University will, over the next two years, investigate software to be used for administrative services.
- It will take 18 months to 3 years to convert all needed administrative software.
- The new academic computing system is a small VAX system. (Should be in place by June.)
- The University will become a member of the Texas University Computing System.
- Plans for the Fiber Optic Ethernet Backbone wiring system were discussed.

Chairman Lackey thanked Mr. Click for his informative report.

8. Committee Reports

Faculty Government Committee

- A. Senator Mueller distributed copies of the revised Faculty Senate Constitution.

- * Article IV and Article V appear to be redundant and recommends that Article V be deleted.
- * The revised Constitution will be approved at the April meeting of the Senate.

B. A discussion ensued on the use of the term "Chairman" in the Faculty Senate Constitution. Senator Mueller moved that the term "Chairperson" be used in the Constitution in place of the term "Chairman."

Seconded by Senator Murdock.
Motion passed.

C. The standing rule requiring a first reading of committee report action items before action can be taken at the succeeding meeting was discussed.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Senator Arscott moved to resubmit the following resolution: "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 football injury to players and the financial priorities in terms of allocation of monies devoted to academics versus athletics."

Seconded by Senator Mace.
Motion passed.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to the SGA and to the faculty.

Senator Crocker moved that the Faculty Senate adopt a standing rule requiring that all reports and resolutions which require action be presented, in written form, to the members of the Senate before the ensuing meeting. Further, the presentation of the material shall be considered a first reading and action on the report/resolution shall be taken at the next meeting.

Seconded by Senator Stephens.
Motion by Senator Mueller to table the motion.
Seconded by Senator Callaway.
Motion passed to table the previous motion.

11. Senator Smith moved "that in light of the informatin received in Mr. Click's report, the Senate strongly recommend that the administration implement on-line registration within the next academic year."

Seconded by Senator Mace.
Motion passed.

12. Comments from Ex Officio Members
Past-Chairman, Norman Markworth asked Chairman Lackey who decided to drop the four names from the list of ten names for the position of president.

Chairman Lackey stated that he does not know who made the decision to drop four names from the list of ten submitted by the screening committee.

ABSENCES:

—Willlliam Holliday
John Goodall, Excused
David Petty, Excused

VISITORS:

Billy Click, Computing and Communication Services
Norman Markworth, Physics

Carolyn B. Mitchell, Secretary 1989-90