

Stephen F. Austin State University
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 202
11 April 1990

1. Chairperson Lackey called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M. in the Regents Suite B of the University Center.
2. The minutes of Meeting No. 201 were approved as written.
3. Announcements by Chairperson Lackey
 - * The individual who accepted the position as Director of Institutional Research has declined the position.
 - * The person serving as minority recruiter is already on the job.
 - * Ken Mace and Jerry Lackey met with two staff members of the Coordinating Board. In the future, one staff member will be assigned to each campus. Catherine Parsoneault, Associate Program Director for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be assigned to SFASU.
 - * Dr. Donald Bowen, new president of SFASU, will be on campus April 16-17, 1990 and will meet with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate on Tuesday, April 17. There will be a reception for Dr. & Mrs. Bowen on Monday, April 16 from 2:00-4:00 in the University Center.
 - * The Board of Regents will host a reception for Dr. William R. Johnson on Tuesday, April 24, 1990 from 1:30-3:00 in the Grand Ballroom of the University Center.
 - * SFA received a letter from Paul Lawrence of Tarleton State University regarding the recent ^{discontinance} call by consultants to the Coordinating Board for the ~~discontinance~~ of formula funding for research. Norman Markworth, Past-Chairperson of the Faculty Senate presented the following petition. (SEE PAGE 2)
 - * Chairman Lackey will respond to the request of the petition and will ~~comment~~ ^{comment} to the Coordinating Board.
4. Officers' Reports
 - A. Chairperson-Elect Ken Mace reported on the recent CoFGO meeting and gave a summary of the concerns of all universities attending the meeting.
5. Chairperson Lackey introduced Dr. Lynn Solomon, Chair of the Department of Economics & Finance and Chair of the University Insurance Committee.

Highlights of Dr. Solomon's remarks:

- We are in a time of rising cost of health care.
- The Insurance Committee has been looking at the coverage provided by Blue Cross since last September.
- SFASU began a new policy year with Blue Cross in November, however, we have yet to sign a contract with them.
- The firm of Coopers & Lybrand was hired to work as consultants with the Insurance Committee and Blue Cross on the negotiation

Petition to the Faculty Senate
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Senators:

It has come to our attention that consultants to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board have recommended that research at Texas universities be funded by some means other than formula funding ("Examination of Texas Higher Education Formula Funding," October, 1989). While the total funds available through Organized Research has always been small, the number of faculty benefiting from the program has been significant and has involved the vast majority of faculty researchers at Stephen F. Austin State University. Compared to Ph.D. granting institutions, Comprehensive Universities like SFA are always at a competitive disadvantage in attracting grant funds from federal agencies or foundations due to larger teaching loads and smaller support staff. Research has shown, however, that the majority of tomorrow's researchers are now attending schools like SFA. Faculty research, especially involving undergraduate students, must continue at the Comprehensive Universities. Organized Research funds provide, in our view, a small, but stable base that ensures the continuation of research activities at campuses like SFA. We ask the Faculty Senate to pass our comments along to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before policy is established that would diminish or eliminate the Organized Research fund.

Norman MacLennan
Temper, Carl
Augustine Johnson
Sherry Alford
Russell

Kenneth D. Moore
Harry D. Downing
Patrick J. Shore
William F. Point
James C. Denny

- of a new contract.
 - Two other health insurance companies are interested in talking to SFASU - American General and Philadelphia Life.
 - Recommendations:
 - * Solicit bids for coverage to begin in September 1990. Use Coopers & Lybrand as consultants.
 - * Decide type of coverage:
 - 1) Full coverage plan.
 - 2) Minimum coverage plan.
 - 3) Self-insured plan (lower cost plan).
 - * Decide if we want a single plan for all employees or do we want ^{a plan with} options.
- NOTE: Blue Cross holds our premiums in reserve for 7%. They charge us 17% if we are in the red!

Chairperson Lackey thanked Dr. Solomon for her report and for her work on this important committee. Dr. Reese added his thanks and appreciation to Dr. Solomon and her committee for the fine work they are doing.

6. Committee Reports

Election Committee - Chairman Frank Smith reported that elections are proceeding in a timely manner.

Old Business

- A. Chairperson Lackey reminded the Senate that at the last meeting (No. 201), Senator Mueller distributed copies of the revised Constitution and suggested that the term "Chairperson" replace the term "Chairman".

Senator Price moved that the wording ("Chairperson") in the revised Constitution be accepted.

Seconded by Senator Darville.
Motion passed.

- B. Senators were reminded that Article IV and Article V in the Constitution appear to be redundant. No action was taken on this matter.

- C. Senator Crocker and Senator Adams presented the following motion:

- a. "As a matter of procedure, resolutions shall be presented in written form to the Senate for consideration and action."
- b. "As a matter of procedure, committee reports which require action by the Senate shall have a first reading in final form at the meeting in which the reports are submitted. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the members of the Faculty Senate along with the minutes of the previous meeting at least five (5) days prior to the next

meeting of the Senate in which the report will be formally considered."

Seconded by Senator Shows.

Motion passed.

(This will become a Standing Rule.)

8. New Business

Chairperson Lackey announced the nominees for officers of the 1990-1991 Faculty Senate. They are as follows:

Chairperson-Elect:

Jasper Adams

Frank Smith

Secretary:

Mary Carns

Barbara Carr

Treasurer:

Charles Brown

Charlene Crocker

Jasper Adams requested that his name be withdrawn as a nominee for the office of Chairperson-Elect. Senator Adams has just been selected as Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

The Senate will vote on the slate of officers at the ensuing meeting - No. 203.

9. Comments from Ex Officio Members

* Dr. James Reese, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported that the report from the Southern Association Reaccreditation visit should arrive in the next two weeks.

- There are either 16 or 19 recommendations.
- Some recommendations pertain to:
 - + The use of graduate assistants with less than 18 hours to teach classes.
 - + The use of "call faculty".
 - + The assessment of institutional effectiveness.
- The recommendations must be addressed by October.

* Dr. Reese announced that the Coordinating Board meets next week and Sam Houston, Southwest Texas, Texas A & I, and Corpus Christi State University have requested ~~a~~ doctoral programs

* Dr. Reese announced that the Board of Regents will meet in April to consider tenure, promotion, the budget, and two new proposed degree programs - Hospitality Management (Home Economics) and a master of social work.

* Dr. Reese announced that a special committee on University Governance will be chaired by Buddy Temple.

10. Motion by Senator Mitchell that "the Faculty Senate write a resolution thanking Peggy Wright for her able and skillful leadership as Chair of the Board of Regents for 1989-1990. Also, Mrs. Wright should be commended for her extraordinary sensitivity to the concerns of the faculty" and that, "the Faculty Senate write a resolution congratulating the Ladyjack Basketball Team and the coaching staff for their very successful season."

Seconded by Senator Stephens.

Motion to table the previous motion by Senator Price.

Seconded by Senator Holliday.

Motion to table failed.

Motion by Senator Price to suspend the rules to allow the motion on the resolutions.

Seconded by Senator Adams.

Motion passed to suspend the rules.

Motion to write the resolutions passed.

11. Senator Arscott reminded the Senate that despite the objections of the many faculty and students, the Board of Regents is proceeding with plans to place astro turf on the field at Homer Bryce Stadium.

12. Meeting No. 202 of the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

ABSENT:

Fred Avant, Excused
Tom Callaway, Excused
Barbara Carr, Excused
Patrick Mueller

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Norman Markworth, Physics
Dr. James Reese, Vice President for Academic Affairs

VISITORS:

Dr. Lynn Solomon, Economics & Finance

Carolyn B. Mitchell

Carolyn B. Mitchell, Secretary 1989-90