

Meeting No. 7

Faculty Senate

Stephen F. Austin State University

March 10, 1971

Ex-officio members present:

Ralph Steen, President of the University
John T. Lewis, Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Guests: Lucille Norton

- I. The Minutes of the previous Senate meeting were read and approved.
- II. The Secretary reported the results of the balloting on revising the Senate constitution. With 315 ballots counted out of total faculty of 410, all of the proposed revisions carried.

Mr. Yarbrough noted an error in the copy of the revised constitution. He also sent to the Chairman a letter from Warren Austin recommending certain changes in wording in the Senate constitution.
- III. President Steen said that the Board of Regents had resolved that when the time came to search for a new president of the University, the Board would appoint a search committee which would include student and faculty representatives.
- IV. President Steen informed the Senate that the University's engineering consulting firm recommends that the new library be built approximately on the present stadium site and that a new stadium be built farther east. President Steen asked the Senate if it thought such a proposal worth studying. There were a number of questions from members, centering around the question of possible delay in the beginning of construction of the new library, and the cost of the proposed new stadium. President Steen answered that there would be no delay in starting construction of the library. The stadium would cost approximately one and a half million dollars. To the question as to the practicality of moving the present stadium to its new site, President Steen answered that he had been advised that the cost of moving would be greater than the cost of building a new one. The sense of the discussion was that the proposal of the engineers was indeed worth study and Mr. Arscott so moved. The motion passed.
- V. The Chairman reviewed the lengthy agenda. In discussing the twenty items, he explained each item more fully and concluded, with the approval of the Senate, by appointing six committees to study and make recommendations. The six committees are as follows:

Constitutional Committee (Standing Committee)

John Yarbrough - Chairman
Harold Clements
Harry McDonald
John Austin

Committee to examine the University Flow Chart

Richard Kim - Chairman
Joe Ericson
Vivian Gruber
Thomas Franks

Committee to Study the University Calendar

Harold Hill - Chairman
Bill Brophy
Janelle Ashley
Victor Bilan
Morris Hall

Committee to Make Recommendations on Screening Committees

Fred Rodewald - Chairman
William Arscott
Bill Hamrick
Warren Austin
Lloyd Collier
C. T. Nall - Advisory Capacity

Committee on Summer Employment Policies

Doyle Alexander - Chairman
John Butts
Blanche Phillips
Walter Robertson
Frank Ross

Committee on Faculty Committees

Morris Hall - Chairman
John Austin
Janelle Ashley
Victor Bilan
Thomas Franks
Harry McDonald
Joe Ericson

VI. Mr. Brophy, Chairman of the committee on promotion policies, made his committee's report. The committee recommended a number of changes in that section of the Faculty Handbook entitled "Promotional Policies." The essential points of the committee's recommended changes are the following:

1. In all sections where the term "or the equivalent" is used for promotion from one rank to another, "recognition by an accepted authority" be substituted. An "accepted authority" in this instance must be approved by three-fourths vote by the faculty members within that teaching field.
2. Reference to "Public Service" as a criteria for promotion be eliminated.
3. Each school within the University should be permitted to have no more than fifty percent of its faculty in the combined ranks of associate professor and professor.
4. The creation through the Faculty Senate of a University-wide promotional appeal policy.

- 5. The committee recommended that the Senate draft a statement urging the administration to be consistent in its promotion policies.

A general discussion of the committee's recommended changes followed. Some Senate members objected to striking out public service as a criteria for promotion. Others objected to the provision that individual schools must limit their upper two ranks to fifty percent of the entire faculty. President Steen and Vice-President Lewis pointed out the difficulty of implementing the "accepted authority" clause. Mr. Brophy and his committee members (Mr. Arscott and Mr. Clements) spoke in support of their report and were seconded by other members of the Senate.

It was finally decided by vote of the majority of the Senate to send the report back to the committee for reconsideration.

The meeting was adjourned.

REVIEWED: W. D. Clark
Chairman of Faculty
Senate

Date: 5-4-71

REVIEWED: John T. Lewis, III
Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Date: _____

APPROVED: [Signature]

Date: 5-10-71

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Nall
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Secretary