

Meeting No. 11

May 5, 1971

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT BECAUSE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Harold Hill
Richard Kim

1. Mr. McDonald called the meeting to order and the secretary called the roll. The minutes of the preceding two meetings were corrected and approved.
2. Mr. Rodewald announced the results of the run-off for the vacant Senate seat in Liberal Arts and made the motion that Mr. Bourbon be accepted by the Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yarbrough and approved by the Senate.
3. Mr. McDonald appointed Mr. Simpson Parliamentarian.
4. Mr. McDonald announced that members of the Senate would receive forms polling them on their availability for summer meetings of the Senate.
5. Mr. McDonald brought up the problem of a meeting time for the Senate in the Fall Semester. Mr. Voigtel made the motion that the time be 4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion and the Senate approved the motion.
6. Mr. McDonald asked for reports from the sub-committees.
 - a. Mr. Yarbrough said his Constitution Committee had no report. Dr. Lewis offered the Faculty Bulletin as a means of publicizing to the faculty the amended Constitution. It was decided that this would be done in the Fall and that new Senate members would be provided with mimeographed copies of the Constitution. Mr. Yarbrough invited suggestions from the Senate and the Faculty for changing the Constitution and suggested a vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution in the Spring of 1972.
 - b. Mrs. Gruber said the Committee to study the flow chart had nothing to report.
 - c. Mrs. Ashley said the Committee to study the calendar had nothing to report.
 - d. Mr. Rodewald presented the report of the Screening Committee. Mrs. Gruber, after some discussion, moved for amendments in Part I. Mr. Gaston seconded the motion and after discussion and question the amendments were accepted by the Senate. Mr. Yarbrough moved that the report be accepted. His motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and approved by the Senate.

See Appendix A for the amended report.

- e. Mr. Alexander said his Committee on Summer Employment Policies had nothing to report.
- f. Mr. Clements said his Committee on Promotion Policies had nothing to report.
- 7. Mr. McDonald filled vacancies on sub-committees and announced a new committee to "Study Implementation of Faculty Self Study Recommendations." See Appendix B.
- 8. Mr. McDonald read a letter and noted a petition from students asking the Senate to abolish the practice of giving major examinations in the week before final examinations. After discussion, Mr. Clark made the motion that a committee examine the grievance. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hall and the Senate approved the motion.
- 9. Mr. Clark made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Rodewald
Faculty Senate Secretary

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

Date 7-12-71

APPROVED: [Signature]
President

Date 7-12-71

Appendix A

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCREENING

Members: Austin, Arscott, Collier, Hamrick
Advisory Members: Clark, Nall
Chairman: Rodewald

We wish first of all to state that our findings and our recommendations are for the University as it now exists and that the future may require different policies and procedures than those recommended below, just as those that we recommend now seem to us more appropriate than those they are designed to replace.

- I. To implement the Board of Regents' decision to consult faculty and students in the selection of Presidents, we suggest the following apparatus to be called the Consultative Committee:
 1. The function of the Consultative Committee is to provide a number of experienced, concerned faculty members from whom the Board of Regents may select to assist the Board at each stage in the selection process.
 2. The faculty membership of the Consultative Committee shall be:
 - a. a faculty member elected at large by and from each academic school.
 - b. the senior ranking senator from each academic school. Senior senators are determined first by years service in the Senate, second by academic rank, third by years of tenure at S.F.A.
 3. The student membership of the Consultative Committee will be selected by the Board of Regents from the Student Congress, the number to be determined by the Board.
- II. Concerning faculty participation in the selection of Deans, we recommend that the existing school academic councils be used to assist the President.
 1. And because we believe the individual school academic councils should function in the ways outlined in recommendations I and II and because there is almost total lack of uniformity in the make-up of the individual school academic councils, we

recommend that a majority of each academic council be composed of elected faculty members, that chairmen of the councils be elected by the council membership, and that Deans be ex officio members of their respective school academic councils.

2. And because we believe in the value of the school academic councils in handling problems properly belonging to the individual schools rather than the University Senate, we recommend that the school academic councils take an active part in "assisting the Deans in the formation of policy for their schools" the purpose for which they were formed, by concerning themselves with new programs, new degrees, academic policies, promotion appeals, and other appropriate matters.

III. Concerning faculty participation in the selection of department heads, we recommend first of all that the faculty be consulted by the Deans as much as possible. We believe a minimum effort would entail a departmental consultative committee of no more than five members to be elected from the tenured faculty of each department to assist the Dean in his selection of the new department head. Although we find the suggested idea of periodic votes of confidence for department heads impractical at this time, we recommend that every effort be made by the President, Vice-President, and the Academic Deans to assure that department heads consult in an organized way with their faculties in matters of hiring, budgeting, proposing and planning new courses and programs, scheduling, and in other appropriate areas.

Appendix B

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE (Standing Committee)

John Yarbrough - Chairman
Harold Clements
*Richard Voigtel
*Walter Robertson

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE UNIVERSITY FLOW CHART

Richard Kim - Chairman
Vivian Gruber
*Doyle Alexander
*Mary Nooe
*Thomas Bourbon

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Harold Hill - Chairman
Janelle Ashley
Morris Hall
*Lucille Norton
*Robert Baker

COMMITTEE ON SUMMER EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROMOTION POLICIES

Harold Clements - Chairman
*Bill Hamrick
*Charles Simpson
*John Butts

COMMITTEE TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF FACULTY "SELF STUDY" RECOMMENDATIONS

*Bill Clark - Chairman
*Edwin Gaston
*Allen Richman