

Meeting No. 17

December 1, 1971

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT

Clark (excused)
Collier (excused)
Hamrick (excused)
Hill
Voigtel (excused)
Hall
Jones
Butts

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

President Steen
Vice-President Lewis

1. Mr. McDonald called the meeting to order and the minutes were corrected and approved.
2. Mr. McDonald changed the order of the agenda to handle the Professional Welfare Committee report last.
3. Mr. McDonald read a letter from Professor Abernethy objecting to the effluvia from the incinerator behind the Student Center. President Steen answered that the incinerator was in compliance with the laws and rules of the State Air Control Board. He said that he had been informed that the pollution given off by the incinerator was the equivalent of two or three small fireplaces, which could not be considered a major source of pollution. In response to a question President Steen admitted that the incinerator had malfunctioned in the past and had been used to burn plastic cups and that every effort was being made to keep plastic out of the incinerator. He said all other trash on the University is hauled away with the exception of the paper from the dining halls.
4. Mr. McDonald next brought up a complaint about the clock bell system which is malfunctioning and disrupting classes. President Steen said the present disorder is the result of the new clock bell system being installed and that once it is properly adjusted by the men now installing the system, the bells will no longer be a disturbance.
5. Mr. McDonald next called upon Mr. Bourbon to present the report of the Professional Welfare Committee. Mr. Bourbon began by saying the recommendations were to be considered separately, that no one recommendation necessarily required the acceptance of any other. He said he was deleting recommendation IV asking for revision of the Faculty Handbook because he was convinced that the inconsistencies referred to in the recommendation were apparent rather than real.
6. The Senate then considered the first recommendation of the Professional Welfare Committee report. After some discussion of possible ambiguity in the recommendation, the recommendation was amended and approved with the contingency that it would require further rewording should the second recommendation of the report not be approved by the Senate.

7. The motion was made and seconded to continue action on the report at the next Senate meeting.
8. Mr. McDonald set the next meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 4:15 and asked Vice-President Lewis if he wished to address the Senate.
9. Vice President Lewis asked that the Senate present its reports on changes in the physical education requirement and the grade point average necessary to avoid probation as soon as possible.
10. Mr. Yarbrough pointed out that the Faculty Senate Constitution required that the roll be called at the beginning of each meeting and that this had not been done at meeting No. 17.
11. In response to a request from Mr. McDonald, President Steen announced that probably sometime in December, 1971, the faculty would receive a check for 17/30's of the raises contracted in the summer of 1971 for that part of November not covered by the current freeze. President Steen said all indications are that the faculty would get retroactive raise money for the period of the freeze.
12. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Fred Rodewald
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

REVIEWED

John T. Lewis III
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

12-13-71

APPROVED

12-14-71
President

Date

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