

Meeting No. 18

December 8, 1971

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT:

Hall (excused)  
Voigtel  
Kim

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Steen  
Vice President Lewis  
Dean Miller

1. Mr. McDonald called the meeting to order, the secretary read the roll, the minutes were amended and approved.
2. Mr. McDonald asked for the report from the Student Affairs Committee and Mr. Hill, the Chairman of the Committee, said his committee recommended the Senate accept the graduate G.P.A. scale for figuring probations and suspensions. Responding to a request for explanation, Vice President Lewis said the graduated scale makes totally clear the precise grade point average necessary for a student to get off of probation and that the new scale remedies some injustices inherent in the old scale that penalized some students for taking more hours than was absolutely necessary. The Senate unanimously approved the new scale. (See Appendix)
3. Mr. Hill continued his report by reviewing the student request submitted to the Senate last spring that faculty members not schedule major examinations during the week before final examinations. In the discussion that followed several members present pointed out that laboratory examinations, performances by students in Fine Arts and Women's P.E., and examinations for graduate students should be excluded from any such ruling. Others observed that there was a problem in defining "major quiz". At the end of considerable discussion, Mr. McDonald noted that since the Student Affairs Committee had made no specific recommendation, since there was no motion from the floor to adopt such a ruling, and since any such ruling would come at too late a date to affect the present semester, he was asking the Committee to continue its study of the problem.
4. Mr. McDonald asked Mr. Clark, Chairman of Academic Affairs Committee, to present his report. Mr. Clark said his committee was recommending that the Senate adopt the proposal approved by the Dean's Council changing the physical education requirement from four to two hours. Vice President Lewis asked that since the Dean's Council had approved a plan subsequent to that acted upon by the Academic Affairs Committee, the Committee might want to table its recommendation. Mr. Clark agreed to table the first part of his Committee's recommendation, and then submitted the second part asking for a pass-fail grading system for required physical education courses for non-majors.

Miss Norton submitted an alternate plan to the Senate calling for an A-pass-fail option. Mr. Kight, asked by Mr. McDonald to address the Senate on the issue, said his department had considered a third option. He said there were advantages to all three systems. Mr. McDonald asked that Mr. Kight provide the Senate with a detailed description of the third option. The recommendation for pass-fail was sent back to Committee since the subsequent proposal approved by the Dean's Council also made a recommendation concerning pass-fail.

5. Mr. McDonald called for a continuation of the Professional Welfare Committee report from the previous meeting and gave a background for the motivation of the report, pointing out that he had been asked by a department head if there might not be advantages in such a departmental senior faculty committee, that several senators had expressed to him their interest in such a committee, and that a recent A.A.U.P. report had favorably mentioned a comparable procedure, and that he had then turned the matter over to the Professional Welfare Committee which had incorporated the issue into the tenure issue resulting from a request to reexamine the tenure statement in the Faculty Handbook.
6. Mr. Bourbon then pointed out that the Professional Welfare Committee had made its recommendations in the spirit of recommendations set forth by the Southern Association and the A.A.U.P. in an effort to clarify policy and procedure in hiring, tenure, and promotions and prevent misunderstanding between the administration and faculty members. His Committee's second recommendation was an effort to allow for better communication between the faculty and the administration and for peer evaluation. Mr. Bourbon pointed out that there were other means to achieve these ends than those recommended by the Professional Welfare Committee. He specifically mentioned a policy recently approved by the Dean's Council dealing with some of the same issues his Committee was concerned with. After considerable discussion, Mr. Clark made a motion that each department meet to decide whether it wanted such a committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruber, and after discussion, the motion was defeated with only two voting for it. Mr. Clark next read a letter from the department heads in Science and Mathematics requesting that the option be left to each School to decide whether it would use departmental senior faculty committees. After further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Rodewald  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

APPENDIX  
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A new schedule of grade-point averages to determine scholastic probation and suspension is given below:

Hrs Att	GPA Req	Hrs Att	GPA Req	Hrs Att	GPA Req
1	1.11	31	1.41	61	1.71
2	1.12	32	1.42	62	1.72
3	1.13	33	1.43	63	1.73
4	1.14	34	1.44	64	1.74
5	1.15	35	1.45	65	1.75
6	1.16	36	1.46	66	1.76
7	1.17	37	1.47	67	1.77
8	1.18	38	1.48	68	1.78
9	1.19	39	1.49	69	1.79
10	1.20	40	1.50	70	1.80
11	1.21	41	1.51	71	1.81
12	1.22	42	1.52	72	1.82
13	1.23	43	1.53	73	1.83
14	1.24	44	1.54	74	1.84
15	1.25	45	1.55	75	1.85
16	1.26	46	1.56	76	1.86
17	1.27	47	1.57	77	1.87
18	1.28	48	1.58	78	1.88
19	1.29	49	1.59	79	1.89
20	1.30	50	1.60	80	1.90
21	1.31	51	1.61	81	1.91
22	1.32	52	1.62	82	1.92
23	1.33	53	1.63	83	1.93
24	1.34	54	1.64	84	1.94
25	1.35	55	1.65	85	1.95
26	1.36	56	1.66	86	1.96
27	1.37	57	1.67	87	1.97
28	1.38	58	1.68	88	1.98
29	1.39	59	1.69	89	1.99
30	1.40	60	1.70	90	2.00
				91	2.00
				92	2.00
				93	2.00
				94	2.00
				95	2.00

etc.

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