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April 12*

Meeting No. 19
February 23, 1972
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT:	EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT
Hamrick (excused)	President Steen
Collier (excused)	Vice-President Lewis
Nooe (excused)	
Baker	

1. Mr. McDonald called the meeting to order, the roll was called, the minutes were corrected and approved.
2. Mr. McDonald asked Vice-President Lewis to address the Senate on the subject of long range planning for the University, and Mr. Lewis reviewed the "Five Year Departmental Projections, 1973-74 through 1977-78." He said the program was designed to involve all departments in planning departmental priorities and to keep the departments acutely aware of departmental goals and functions.
 - A. Mr. Lewis said the first part of the program asked departments to search for courses no longer taught or no longer relevant and to eliminate them from their curricula; to consider curtailing or eliminating programs contributing to an over-production of graduates; to consider finally a revision of courses and programs with the possibility of providing new courses and new programs within the departments.
 - B. Mr. Lewis said the second part of the program was designed to increase teaching effectiveness by allowing each department to consider and devise means of student, peer, and administrative evaluations of faculty and means of acquiring more effective advisors of students.
 - C. Mr. Lewis said the third part of the program set student teacher ratios and required that departments explain any failure on their part to stay within the ratios. The third part also asked departments to provide a contingency plan for reducing the staff of the departments should emergency require it. Mr. Lewis said such a contingency plan was advised by the A.A.U.P.
 - D. According to Mr. Lewis the remaining parts of the program were to allow departments to plan priorities and needs for space, equipment, and other requisites for optimum functioning of departments.

3. In the discussion that followed Mr. Lewis's address several points were made.
 - A. Mr. Lewis said that one of the most frequent complaints of our students was poor advising. In response to a question Mr. Lewis said that there were relatively few complaints about student advising in the School of Science and Mathematics. Several members spoke of the advantages of the advising system in Science and Mathematics.
 - B. In response to a question from Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lewis said departments were to submit their long range plans by May, 1973.
 - C. In response to a question from Mr. Gaston, Mr. Lewis said it was understood that groups submitting requests to the Deans' Council were to receive explanations for denial of their request from their respective deans.
 - D. In response to a question from Mr. Jones, Mr. Lewis said the faculty student ratios have increased in the last three years because the legislature has not increased the formula for salaries and the administration has assumed the faculty prefers increased salaries and increased teaching loads to frozen salaries and frozen teaching loads.
4. Mr. McDonald explained that several faculty members had asked him to discover the desirability and feasibility of having identification cards for the faculty. After some discussion, in which Dr. Steen said the faculty could certainly have them if they were wanted, a motion was made and amended to the effect that faculty members upon request would be provided with identification cards. The motion passed.
5. Mr. McDonald called for a report from the Faculty Government Committee and Mr. Yarbrough reviewed the suggestions he has received for amendments to the Senate Constitution. Mr. McDonald appointed Mr. Jones to aid Mr. Yarbrough's committee in the Senate elections.
6. Mr. McDonald called for a report from the Academic Affairs Committee and Mr. Clark presented the recommendations of his Committee regarding changes in the Health and Physical Education requirements (See Appendix). Mr. Voigtel made the motion that the report be accepted, the motion was seconded by Mr. Yarbrough and after discussion the motion was passed.
7. Mr. McDonald called for a report from the Student Affairs Committee and Mr. Hill presented his Committee's recommendations concerning the request from Student Congress to prohibit giving major examinations during the week before final examinations. After discussion Mr. Hill's proposal was modified to read: "A. Each School's Academic Advisory Council will formu-

late a statement concerning this problem and place a copy in the hands of each faculty member in the school. B. Complaints of violations will be brought to department heads to be processed through normal channels." Ms. Ashley made the motion the modified resolution be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander; the motion passed.

8. Mr. McDonald asked President Steen if he wished to inform the Senate of anything of interest to him. President Steen said that next year would be the fiftieth anniversary of the University and that he wanted Mr. McDonald to appoint four or five Senate members to help make up a Committee that would plan some recognition of the anniversary.
9. The meeting was adjourned.

REVIEWED: John T. Lewin
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Date 4-5-72

APPROVED: [Signature]
President

Date 4-5-72

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Rodewald
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

APPENDIX

1. We recommend that the Faculty Senate approve the following academic policy change.

"Recommendation for the non-majors Physical Education Requirement
2 semester - 3 clock hours per week - 4 credits
18 weeks (2 credits); 9 weeks (1 credit)

The above recommendation from the HPE Department is a request that 4 semester hours of physical activity be continued as the degree requirement, but that the normal three clock hours per week for these activities yield two semester hours of credit for a semester devoted to such physical activity. This could be organized as one activity for nine weeks for one semester hour of credit, with the option of two such activities during the semester, or as one activity for eighteen weeks for two semester hours of credit."

2. We further recommend that the Faculty Senate approve the following grading policy for men and women HPE non-majors and non-minors:
 - a. Grade to be recorded as "A" , "P", or "F".
 - b. Grades of "A" or "F" to be included in GPA while a grade of "P" will not be included in GPA.