

Meeting No. 21

April 19, 1972

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT:

David Jones (excused)  
Odis Rhodes  
Thomas Bourbon (excused)  
Mary Nooe (excused)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

President Steen  
Vice-President Lewis

1. Mr. McDonald called the meeting to order, the role was called, and the minutes were approved.
2. Mr. McDonald called upon the Secretary to give a report on the balloting for new Senate representatives and amendments to the constitution.
  - A. The Secretary announced that the following list of faculty had been elected by their Schools to the Faculty Senate:

Fine Arts	William Arscott (Art)
Education	Sue Jones (Home Ec.)
Liberal Arts	Charles Gardner (Geog.) Charles T. Nall (Hist.) Carl Keul (Mod. Lang.)
Business	Dudley Stewart (Econ.)
Science and Mathematics	Calvin Barton (Math.) Jack McCullough (Biol.)
  - B. The Secretary announced that the proposed constitutional amendment calling for tenure as a requisite for membership to the Senate had failed to get a two-thirds majority by a vote of 157 for to 83 opposed. The constitutional amendment making the Dean of Student Life an ex officio member of the Senate passed by a vote of 173 for to 59 opposed.
  - C. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report of the Secretary.
3. Mr. McDonald announced that he had received the report of the nominating committee for Senate officers for 1972-73, and pointed out that the selections of the committee did not preclude nominations from the floor. The committee nominated John Yarbrough for *Chairman of the Senate*, Edwin Gaston for *Vice-Chairman*, and Robert Baker for *Secretary*.


4. Mr. McDonald asked for nominations for a Library representative to complete the term of Mary Nooe. The Senate nominated Willie Tindall, Elizabeth Wallace and Gloria White. Willie Tindall was then elected and the Secretary was notified to inform her of her election.
5. Mr. McDonald called upon the Professional Welfare Committee to complete the business of its report No. 1, presented to the Senate on Dec. 1, 1971.
  - A. Mr. Rodewald said it was the Committee's will that the portion of the report dealing with the establishment of departmental senior faculty committees to participate in departmental decisions of hiring, promotions, and tenure be dropped from consideration by the Senate because of the opportunity provided departmental faculties for determination of departmental policies by Vice-President Lewis's FIVE YEAR DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTIONS.
  - B. Mr. Rodewald next brought up the tenure recommendation of the Committee approved with qualification at the Dec. 1 meeting.
  - C. The recommendation was amended, a motion was made for its adoption, the motion was seconded and passed. The recommendation reads, "Delete paragraph (2) under 'Tenure Policy' on page 14 of the Faculty Handbook and substitute the following:
    - (2) A faculty member cannot expect tenure until after his third year of satisfactory service with the University. At the end of each year until the end of his probationary period, the faculty member will have his service and status at this institution reviewed by his department head."
6. Mr. McDonald called upon Mr. Voigtel to report on the methods of selection of faculty to the Research Council. Mr. Voigtel said the Dean of the Graduate School called upon each academic dean to provide names from his respective school and the Graduate Dean in consultation with Director of Development selected the Council. The academic deans, Mr. Voigtel said, attempted to represent each department on a rotating basis and tried to provide names of faculty members interested and or experienced in research. After some discussion, Mr. McDonald said the possibility of changing the procedure for selection of the Research Council might well be a matter worthy of committee examination by the 1972-73 Senate.
7. Mr. McDonald next read to the Senate legislation passed by unanimous vote of the Student Congress to be included in the next issue of the Faculty Handbook. "The function of the University is to seek out and transmit knowledge and to train students in the processes whereby truth is to be made known. To convert or to make converts is alien and hostile to this dispassionate si duty. Where it becomes necessary in performing this function of a University, to consider political, social or sectarian movements, they are directed and examined--not taught--and the conclusion left, with no tipping of the scales, to the logic of the facts."

8. Mr. McDonald announced to the Senate that he had been asked to inform the Senate that there were faculty complaints concerning the selection process used by the committee screening for the new Dean of Science and Mathematics.
  - A. Mr. Clark said the committee was working on a critique for use by future selection committees and suggested that the Senate might want to examine the critique when it was completed.
  - B. President Steen announced that Dr. Clayton of the University of Arkansas was the choice of the screening committee, the choice of the department heads, and that Dr. Clayton had accepted the deanship of the School of Science and that the selection committee and the committee of department heads deserved praise for their work.
  - C. Vice-President Lewis added that he had worked closely with the selection committee and found it to be fair and unbiased in its consideration of candidates.
9. Mr. McDonald thanked the chairmen of the standing Senate committees for their cooperation during his year in office and particularly thanked President Steen and Vice-President Lewis for their aid to the Senate.
10. Mr. Gaston said he believed the Senate owed appreciation to the Chairman for his work on the Senate.
11. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Rodewald  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

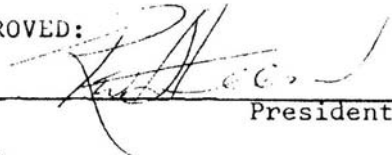
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