

Meeting No. 24

June 29, 1972

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

ABSENT

Mr. Hall (excused)
Mr. Rhodes (excused)
Mr. Voigtel (excused)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

President Steen
Vice-President Lewis

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Rainwater	Mr. Sullenger	Mr. Bizell
Mr. Wade	Mr. Cage	Mr. Roach
Mr. Clements	Miss Irwin	Mr. Stevenson
Mr. Hippchen	Mrs. Mathews	Mr. Smith, Weldon
Mr. Mixon	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Maamary
Mr. Trussell	Mr. Dean	
Mr. Grout	Mr. White, Ralph	

1. Mr. Nall called this special meeting of the Faculty Senate to order, the roll was called, a guest register was passed and the minutes of Meeting No. 23 were approved as amended. (Item 2.B.2. was changed to indicate that Mr. Brophy chaired the Faculty Senate committee during 1970-71 which reviewed the Faculty Handbook.)
2. President Steen discussed the various proposals for the 1972-73 budget for the University. He also discussed possible actions which the Texas Legislature might take when it considers the 1972-73 appropriations bill in special session. He indicated that the senior colleges are in bad repute with the current Texas Legislature. He mentioned that he hopes that the University budget will permit token raises, merit and promotion increases for the 1972-73 school year.
3. Mr. McCullough raised a question concerning the new regulation passed by the Graduate Council which requires that at least two-thirds of all graduate program courses be at the 500-level. His principal point is that raising the requirement for 500-level courses might jeopardize current 400-level courses which have considerable graduate student enrollment. In the absence of Dean Gerber, Vice-President Lewis stated that the Graduate School will not totally enforce this regulation during the 1972-73 school year but will phase it in. Following the discussion no formal action by the Faculty Senate was made.
4. Chairman Nall discussed possible Faculty Senate action to more properly recognize retiring faculty members. A resolution by the Faculty Senate and recognition at Honors Day are two possibilities.
5. Chairman Nall stated that the newly revised constitution of the Faculty Senate will appear in the Faculty Bulletin early in the fall semester.

6. Miss Norton inquired about new policy concerning the changing of withheld (WH) grades. Vice-President Lewis stated that because of some abuse of the current system that (1) the instructor must come to the Registrar's office in person to change the grade, or (2) in his absence, his department head, in person in his stead, may change the grade at the Registrar's office
7. Mr. Bourbon reported that the Professional Welfare Committee of the Faculty Senate is working on a revised proposal on faculty appointment and promotion standards and will report to the Faculty Senate early in the fall semester.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Faculty Senate

REVIEWED:

John T. Lewis

Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE:

9-28-72

APPROVED:

R. A. Heen

President

DATE:

9-27-72
