

Meeting No. 28

December 6, 1971

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent

Mr. Hill (excused)

Ex Officio Members Present

President Steen
Vice-President Lewis
Dean Clayton
Dean Walker

Guests

Billie Erlings
Jasper Adams
Russell C. Falkner
Elizabeth B. Davis
Vera Graham
Janet Dirlam

Loyd Collier
Leon C. Hallman
Dean R. Hodson
George R. Syring
Ross O. Bridewell

1. Mr. Nall called the meeting to order at 4:18, the roll was called, guests were recognized, and the minutes of Meeting No. 27 were approved.
2. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 1973, at 4:15 p.m.
3. The first major item of business was consideration of the report of the Committee on Academic Affairs, presented at the last meeting (Appendix B of Meeting No. 27), concerning School Councils.
 - a. Mr. Nall read a letter from Dean L. C. Walker, School of Forestry, concerning the committee recommendation that all members of School Councils be elected. The School of Forestry's Council constitution and by-laws have been approved by the faculty, and call for some elected and some appointed members. It could not be changed except by their approval.
 - b. Mr. Clark, committee chairman, made several comments. The committee report recommended that council members all be elected. Each school now has a school council. Mr. Clark referred to Vice-President Lewis' letter of April 23, 1971, to undergraduate deans, suggesting that a majority of each academic council be composed of elected members, that the chairman be elected by the council membership and that the dean be an ex officio member.
 - c. A discussion of the composition of school council followed. Vice-President Lewis mentioned that the constitution of the Faculty Senate does not let it interfere with School Council work. Mr. Robertson recommended incorporating deans and department heads in the work of the school councils so that duplication of administrative/teaching effort be minimized.

- d. Questions arose concerning the key problem of faculty appeals. Sentiment was expressed that department heads should not be involved in appeals deliberations even though they may be elected members of School Councils. A suggestion was forwarded to allow a petitioner in an appeals case to request that certain people (such as department heads or deans) be excused from that portion of School Council deliberations.
 - e. Mr. Rodewald suggested that each School Council prepare a written constitution to be ratified by its faculty.
 - f. Mr. Nall suggested that the Academic Affairs Committee be charged with addressing the appeals situation and requesting written School Council constitutions. Mr. Gaston also suggested that the all-elected vs. mixed elected and appointed School Council membership be studied. Mr. Nall reminded the committee that a new task of each school council is promotion policy.
 - g. Mr. Gaston moved that the Faculty Senate refer the report back to the Academic Affairs Committee; Mr. Keul seconded the motion. Discussion followed, covering such topics as defining the appeals problem, faculty members preparing forms for their own evaluation, non-uniformity of School Councils and preparation of guidelines for School Councils. The question was called for and the motion was rejected.
 - h. Mr. Kim moved to table the report and urged the committee to make further study. Mr. Gaston seconded the motion, which passed.
4. Mr. Simpson will be on leave of absence for the next year. Mr. David Cox, Assistant Professor, Political Science, was elected to fill the vacancy.
5. Vice-President Lewis reported on the cost effectiveness procedure which the University has adopted. The University is moving from 20:1 student teacher ratio to a credit hours basis in accounting in order to get each school operating in the black. In the 1970-71 school year two schools in the University did not operate in the black. A tabulation of the 1972 TSO Formula for dollars received per credit hour taught by major fields was distributed (Appendix A). This schedule has been approved by the Legislature. The Coordinating Board specifies into which category a subject goes. SFA is approximately two years ahead of the Coordinating Board in this procedure.
 - a. How long will it take to get all schools in the black? If there were 3% more TSO money it would be taken care of now.
 - b. What portion of deans' and department heads' salaries are from TSO funds? Half of the deans' salaries are from TSO; all of department heads' salaries are from TSO.
 - c. How is Departmental Operating Expense (DOE) allocated? It is allocated on a semester hours basis.

5. d. Is any DOE expense going into TSO? Yes, \$30,000 per year for graduate assistants.
- e. Would the University gain any money by increasing laboratory fees? No.
- f. Can any other funds be diverted into TSO? Yes, other funds can. This has been done consistently. The amount is \$100,000 for this year.
6. Mr. Nall requested the Professional Welfare Committee to study leave policies for women.
7. Mr. Nall briefly discussed the parking problem on campus.
8. Dr. Steen reported. The cost effectiveness scheme won't work out exactly each semester, but will in the long run. Funds can be diverted into the TSO account from all but the Library account. Additional monies cannot be diverted into the Administration account. Currently, TSO is the most generous account available. TSO increased by \$200,000 this year from 1971-72. The Coordinating Board has recommended an increase of 15% in TSO for the school year 1973-74. If SFA gets half this percentage increase we will be in good shape. We are hopeful for next year.
9. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Baker
Secretary

Appendix A: 1972 TSO Formula Rate Per Semester Hour Credit

REVIEWED:

John T. Lewis, III
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
2-28-73

DATE:

APPROVED:

[Signature]
President
2-28-73

DATE:

APPENDIX A

1972 TSO Formula

Rate Per Semester Credit Hour

	Undergraduate	Master's
Liberal Arts	15.36	41.25
Science	16.42	72.71
Fine Arts	29.71	66.10
Education	14.35	34.24
Practice Teaching	31.87	
Agriculture	21.32	59.60
Home Economics	20.25	47.39
Physical Training	14.56	
Business Administration	16.37	45.32