

Meeting No. 29

January 24, 1973

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent

Mr. Hall
Mr. Hill (excused)
Mr. Voigtel (excused)
Mr. Barton (excused, emergency)
Mr. McCullough (excused)

Ex Officio Members Present

President Steen
Vice-President Lewis
Dean Clayton
Dean Turner

Guests

Jere L. Jackson
E. Deanne Malpass
Bill Jenkins, Vice-President of Student Body
Bill Owens, President of Student Body

1. Mr. Nall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m., the roll was called, guests were recognized, and the minutes of Meeting No. 28 were approved.
2. Mr. Nall called for a report from the Academic Affairs Committee
 - a. The chairman, William Clark, reported that the committee had met since Meeting No. 28 and desires some consistency in operations of school councils.
 - b. Mr. Clark moved that: The Faculty Senate suggests that each School Council prepare a written constitution to be ratified by that school's faculty to include (1) a majority elected by and from the faculty of that school with rotating terms, (2) the school dean as an ex-officio member, (3) the minutes of each meeting published and distributed to the faculty of that school, (4) a faculty appeals mechanism, and (5) copies of the constitution filed with the Faculty Senate. Mr. Rodewald seconded the motion.
 - c. Mr. Clark commented that such written constitutions should alleviate many problems and recommended that the constitution of the School of Forestry be used as a guide.
 - d. A discussion ensued on elected vs. elected/appointed membership on the school councils.
 - e. Several amendments were offered, which, upon agreement with Mr. Clark and Mr. Rodewald, were included in the motion (b) above.
 - f. The motion passed.

3. Mr. Nall reminded the Faculty Senate of outstanding committee reports which are due.
4. Faculty Senate elections are pending. Mr. Yarbrough is investigating the possible need for re-appointment by schools and will report at the February meeting.
5. (Re: Minutes of Meeting No. 19, February 23, 1972, Item 4 and Appendix). Mr. Rodewald asked about the disposition of the Faculty Senate recommendation concerning pass-fail grades for physical activity courses. Is the recommendation in operation? Vice-President Lewis said that it isn't; that the recommendation was not approved. President Steen said that he signs the minutes of the Faculty Senate and then refers items to the appropriate person, council or committee for action. In this case he referred the recommendation to the Deans' Council, where the recommendation was considered, but not approved.
6. Mr. Keul asked about the specific degree awarded under the Select Student program. Vice-President Lewis stated that it is "Bachelor of Arts for Select Students."
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 - a. Mr. Rodewald passed on a general comment from some of his colleagues concerning major exams during the week previous to finals, stating that they believed, on the other side of the coin, that students should refrain from social functions during that week.
 - b. Mr. Owens, President of the Student Congress, suggested that the rule regarding exams during the week previous to finals be compiled by school and sent to the faculty of that school.
 - c. As a matter of information, Dean Turner said that the School of Fine Arts has a policy of juries and recitals during the week prior to finals.
 - d. Mr. Kim moved that each school's policy on major examinations the week prior to finals be sent to the members of that school's faculty and that the matter be referred to the Senate's Student Affairs Committee. The motion carried.
8. Mr. Gaston asked if the University has a policy that the final examination in a course cannot count more than 25 percent of the grade in the course. Vice-President Lewis said that no such policy is in the Faculty Handbook.
9. Vice-President Lewis stated that each Administrative Evaluation Form he received from the faculty was destroyed. Summaries only were prepared and these were the only items which left his office.

10. President Steen said that he would report to the Faculty Senate at the February 21 meeting concerning prospects for the academic year ahead.
11. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 1973, at 4:15 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the University Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Baker
Secretary

REVIEWED:




Vice-President for Academic Affairs

DATE:

3-27-73

APPROVED:



President

DATE:

3-28-73