

Meeting No. 38

November 14, 1973

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent:
Lucille Norton (excused)
Charles T. Nall (Excused)

Ex Officio members present:
President Steen
Vice-president Lewis
Dean Turner

1. Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of meeting #37 were approved.
3. Mr. Cage explained the new library ordering policy and requested that representatives from the library be appointed ex-officio members to the various school councils.

Mr. Baker referred the request to the Academic Affairs Committee.
4. The Faculty Government Committee--David Cox reporting--submitted a report resulting in the following action:

- a. It was moved and seconded that the portion of the faculty handbook dealing with office hours (p. 16) be changed to read as follows:

"Each faculty member is expected to be available a minimum of 10 hours per week for student conferences. This should include one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon provided this arrangement is consistent with the individual's teaching schedule. If necessary, other arrangements may be made with the department head. When it is not possible to keep posted office hours, the department secretary should be notified."

Motion passed.

- b. It was moved and seconded that the portion of the faculty handbook dealing with the Faculty Senate--Article I, Section 4 (p. 41)--be changed to read as follows:

"for the purpose of electing members of the Faculty Senate, the faculty shall be divided into the following six groups: (1) Business, (2) Education, (3) Fine Arts, (4) Forestry, (5) Liberal Arts, and (6) Sciences and Mathematics. Representation from each group shall be determined by allotting to each group one representative for every four percent, or a major fraction thereof, of the faculty."

Motion passed.

- c. It was moved and seconded that the portion of the faculty handbook dealing with the Faculty Senate--Article I, Sec. 6 (p. 42)--be changed to read as follows:

"To be eligible for election to the Faculty Senate one must be a voting member of the University Faculty. (See Article 1, Sec 3)."

Motion passed.

- d. Since b and c above represent changes to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate and thus require an approval by the entire faculty, it was moved and seconded that:

"Vote by the entire faculty on these items be postponed until all possible constitutional changes for this year can be considered at one time."

Motion passed.

5. The Administration and Finance Committee--Allan Richman reporting--indicated that scholarships at SFA are at an all time high and that there are sufficient funds for all students who meet federal guidelines.

Surveys being conducted by the committee are incomplete and will be reported on at the next meeting.

6. The Academic Affairs Committee--Bill Arscott reporting--submitted a written report. After some discussion of the report and additional statistical data presented by Dr. Lewis, Mr. Baker referred the report back to the committee for further consideration.

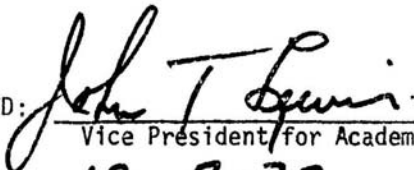
7. Mr. Baker announced the next Senate meeting for December 5.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,



Ralph White
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

REVIEWED: 
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 12-7-73

APPROVED: 
President

Date: 12-7-73