

Meeting No. 40

January 23, 1974

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent:

Bennat Mullen (excused)
Dianne Ford
David Jones (excused)
Jack McCullough (excused)

Ex Officio members present:

President Steen
Vice president Lewis
Dean McKibben
Dean Turner
Dean Walker
Dean Clayton

1. Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Chairman Baker reported on the Attorney General's ruling on performance based teacher education programs. Dean McKibben made additional comments indicating the University has four options it can follow in teacher certification programs.
3. It was moved and seconded that the following recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee be approved:
 1. Delete from the Faculty Handbook the title "Grade Distribution" and the statement related to it.
 2. Replace the present title with the title "Faculty Responsibility for Evaluation of Student Achievement" and make the following statement.

Each instructor has the academic freedom and the professional responsibility to make decisions regarding the achievement of students. Procedures should be devised to accurately appraise the extent to which students have attained the goals of instruction. Goals of instruction should be determined in light of acceptable levels of achievement as seen by authority in the discipline, purposes of the course, program or department and the general goals of the University. Students should be informed of all goals and requirements of the course, appraised regularly of progress and promptly of results of work. Each instructor and department should regularly appraise the total effectiveness of instruction in terms of the relevance of stated goals and the progress of students toward them.

Motion failed on a 7 to 12 vote.

4. The Committee on Administration and Finance made the following recommendation based on surveys of the School Councils and Faculty Senate:
 1. No restrictions be imposed at present on the right of teachers above the age of 65 to continue their employment with tenure.
 2. No restrictions be placed on maximum terms for department heads or early retirement from headships.
 3. No restrictions be placed on maximum terms for deans or early retirement from deanships.
 4. At present, departments themselves should continue to decide whether or not a summer grant should deprive a teacher of six week's teaching.
 5. Since so many departments approve of the idea of splitting grants among several faculty members, the administration ought to give serious consideration to altering the present means of choosing grant applicants. Many departments feel they should have a larger say in this process.
 6. The final report speaks for itself. It is simply a response from this Senate to the dilemma of declining enrollment and the financial crisis resulting from it. If there is another decline next fall, and the second phase of Dr. Lewis's proposal is put into effect for further cuts in the faculty, permanent members, some with tenure will lose their jobs. If morale is not to be dangerously hurt, non-teaching staff at this University must share the burden imposed upon us. The University must determine where and how this is to be done.

It was moved and seconded that item 5 be deleted.

Motion passed 15 to 0.

It was moved and seconded that items 1, 2, 3, and 4 be approved.

Motion passed on a 15 to 2 vote.

It was moved and seconded that item six be deleted and that publicity concerning the non-academic branch of the University be disseminated to the faculty.

Motion passed on a 11 to 8 vote.

5. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of meeting no. 39 be approved.

Motion passed.

6. Dr. Steen and Dr. Lewis made general comments concerning University enrollment.

7. Chairman Baker set the next meeting of the Faculty Senate for 3:15, February 20, 1964.
8. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph White

Ralph White
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

REVIEWED: *John T. Lewis*
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date 2-25-74

APPROVED: *R. H. ...*
PRESIDENT

Date 2-25-74