

Meeting No. 45

May 14, 1974

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent:

Jesse Richardson  
Dudley Stewart (Excused)  
Daniel Beaty  
Charles Gardner (Excused)

Ex Officio Members present:  
President Ralph Steen

1. Chairman Arscott called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of meeting #44 were approved.
3. Chairman Arscott presented a statement to the Senate of his views on the functions and obligations of the Faculty Senate for the following year. He admonished the Senate to become concerned and knowledgeable about the needs of the University as a whole, as well as matters of general faculty welfare. He urged the Senate to be aware that its recommendations could become University policies, and therefore should be considered thoughtfully.

Chairman Arscott suggested some changes in Faculty Senate work which might stimulate the vitality of the Faculty Senate. First, members of the Faculty Senate must be more representative of the general faculty, with each member of the Faculty Senate representing 4% of the total faculty. Second, the general faculty should be kept more informed about the deliberations and actions of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate Government and Involvement Committee would be given duties designed to implement this goal, along with other periodic publicizing of Senate activities and information gathering to tap faculty opinions. Thirdly, Chairman Arscott has inaugurated a policy of an exchange of representatives between the Faculty Senate and the Student Congress, with each sending a representative to the meetings of the other.

Further, with regard to the reports of standing and ad hoc committees of the Faculty Senate: whenever a committee has completed its report on an assigned project, copies of the report will be sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Faculty Senate. Deadlines for completion of assigned projects will be stipulated for the Faculty Senate Committees in the future.

4. Chairpersons and members of the standing committees of the Faculty Senate were appointed and approved by the Faculty Senate. The following persons were appointed to these committees:
  - a. FACULTY GOVERNMENT AND INVOLVEMENT  
E. Diane Ford, Chairperson  
Ralph White  
Jesse H. Richardson  
Jack D. McCullough

- b. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
Kenneth Watterston, Chairperson  
Warren Austin  
Fred Rainwater  
Bennat Mullen  
Carl Knight
- c. STUDENT AFFAIRS  
Sue Jones, Chairperson  
Dan Beaty  
Pat Read  
Charles T. Nall  
Tom Franks
- d. PROFESSIONAL WELFARE  
Ralph Eddins, Chairperson  
Charles Gardner  
Bill Brophy  
Elizabeth Chandler  
Carl Keul
- e. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL  
James Garrett, Chairperson  
Pat Barton  
Dudley Stewart  
Gloria Durr
- f. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Bill Arscott, Chairperson  
Wayne Johnson  
James G. Dickson, Jr.  
Diane Ford  
Kenneth Watterston  
Sue Jones  
Ralph Eddins  
James Garrett

5. Chairman Arscott discussed the duties of the standing committees for the following year. He suggested that the regular duties of the committees be augmented by the following additional tasks:

Faculty Government and Involvement Committee

- a. Break down the faculty and assign each Faculty Senate member to a specific 4% of the total faculty membership. (Deadline: September meeting of the Faculty Senate)
- b. Inform Vice President John T. Lewis of bills and resolutions enacted by the Faculty Senate for inclusion in the Faculty Bulletin.

Administration and Finance Committee

- a. Consider the feasibility of establishing a Faculty Senate budget....Consult Dr. Lewis. (Deadline: October meeting of Faculty Senate)
- b. Consider the feasibility of selecting a Faculty Senate treasurer to direct proposed new budget.

Professional Welfare Committee

- a. Consider rewording of this committee's report to the Faculty Senate as contained in the Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Faculty Senate, December 5, 1973. Specifically, the fourth sentence of Problem 1, Recommendation 3, which pertains to the requirement that both the evaluated faculty member and the department head's approval of a faculty evaluation sheet be sent to the dean. The Committee should look into a rewording of the recommendation, making it read more logically. (Deadline: July 3, 1974)
- b. With regard to the possible appeal of dismissal by Professor Somberg to the Faculty Senate: check to see if Professor Somberg actually has or does not have tenure and whether or not the Faculty Senate may entertain and consider such an appeal from Professor Somberg. (Deadline: July 3, 1974)

Student Affairs Committee

Establish the practice of sending a member of the Committee to attend the meeting of the Student Congress.

Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Al Cage has requested to sit in on the meetings of the School Curriculum Committee. Investigate the propriety of this. (No deadline)

Chairman Arscott also asked the Faculty Senate Secretary to ascertain that the amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution, approved at meeting Number 44, May 1, 1974, were properly included in the Faculty Senate Constitution. The Secretary was also assigned the task of reviewing all the resolutions of the Faculty Senate to determine which of these had actually been published in the Faculty Bulletin.

6. A report from the Faculty Senate Special Committee on University Committees, Bob Baker, Chairman, was considered. A motion to return the report to Mr. Baker for reconsideration was passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate. Mr. Baker was asked to determine why the Faculty Athletic Committee was not included in the report of committees to which the Faculty Senate was authorized to appoint replacements.
7. Chairman Arscott informed the Faculty Senate that a representative of the Student Congress had been given the opportunity to appear before the Faculty Senate in this meeting to reargue the position of the Student Congress on the Student Congress bill to eliminate classroom bells. This legislation had been discussed and rejected by the Faculty Senate in meeting #44, May 1, 1974. Chairman Arscott recommended that the Student Affairs Committee look into the situation and determine the intentions of the Student Congress.
8. University President Steen spoke to the members of the Faculty Senate concerning the budgetary, salary situation for S.F.A.S.U. Dr. Steen spoke of the factors which had been instrumental in budget allocations to S.F.A. in the past several years, with a projection about the possibilities for the up-coming fiscal

years. Dr. Steen explained to the Faculty Senate the methods of financing building construction at state universities and the relation between this system and the allocation of faculty salary funds. Dr. Steen requested Faculty Senate members to take every opportunity to explain to others that it is impossible for funds assigned to building purposes to be transferred to salaries.

9. Chairman Arscott announced the next meeting on July 10, 1974 at 3:15 p.m.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James G. Dickson, Jr.*  
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Secretary of the Faculty Senate

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

Date 6-20-74

APPROVED: *[Signature]*  
PRESIDENT

Date 6-30-74