

Meeting No. 47

July 3, 1974

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE

Absent:

Jesse Richardson (Excused)
Ralph White (Excused)
Bennat Mullen (Excused)
Daniel Beaty (Excused)
Patricia Russell (Excused)
Charles Gardner (Excused)
William Brophy (Excused)
Charles T. Nall (Excused)
Warren Austin (Excused)
Calvin Barton (Excused)
Jack McCullough (Excused)
Fred Rainwater (Excused)

Ex Officio Members present:

Vice President John T. Lewis III

1. Chairman Arscott called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.
2. Minutes of meeting #46 were approved.
3. President Arscott reported to the Faculty Senate on two meetings of the Deans' Council at which he had represented the Faculty Senate: On June 27, the Council discussed zero based budgeting for state administrative agencies. On July 1, the Council considered the financial feasibility of installing a Xerox 560 Computer with terminal centers throughout the campus (27 terminals, 17 for administration, 10 for the departments). The Council dealt with the question whether or not such a system would be worth the cost at this time. The Council decided it would not. The administration would continue feasibility studies to determine the future advisibility of adopting certain practical versions of the system. Vice President Lewis briefly discussed some of these alternatives with the Faculty Senate.
4. Faculty Senate Vice President Wayne Johnson presented a report from the Executive Committee concerning the ground rules for the conduct of the hearing before the Faculty Senate of Professor S.I. Somberg. Dr. Johnson reviewed the scope, the ground rules, the time, and place of the hearing, as outlined in the enclosure accompanying these minutes.

A motion to accept the report of the Executive Committee was carried unanimously.

Faculty Senate members will please note the date, time, and place for the Somberg hearing on the attached sheet.

5. A report of the Professional Welfare Committee was introduced with regard to changes in the Committee's report of November 14, 1973. A copy of the report is attached. A motion to accept the report was carried.

6. President Arscott assigned the Student Affairs Committee the task of studying the current provisions governing cheating and plagiarism in the Student Handbook with a view toward revising the statement. The Student Affairs Committee was asked to finish the assignment by the January, 1975 meeting of the Faculty Senate.
7. President Arscott discussed the reestablishment of evaluation of department heads and other administration persons by the tenured faculty members, in view of the recent Attorney General's ruling on the publication of student evaluations of faculty. The issue had been raised by certain faculty members. Faculty Senate Vice President Wayne Johnson was asked to contact the Attorney General for a clarification of the application of the recent ruling with respect to faculty evaluations of administration. Specifically, would such evaluations be open to the public. The problem was seen as how to evolve alternative ways of reestablishing such evaluations. Faculty Senate members were admonished to seek faculty input concerning the subject.

Vice President Lewis suggested one possible alternative, to wit, to protect both administration and faculty interests by a sort of ombudsman committee which could hear specific complaints against a particular administrator.

8. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Thursday, August 8, 1974 in the Aztec-Caddo Rooms of the University Center.
9. 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 III*
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: _____

APPROVED: *[Signature]*
PRESIDENT

Date: 8-13-74