

Meeting No. 53

January 22, 1975

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

Absent:

Dudley Stewart (Excused)
Sue Jones (Excused)
Tom Nall (Excused)
Gloria Durr (Excused)
Tom Franks (Excused)
Ralph Eddins (Excused)

Ex Officio Members and Visitors:

Dr. Ralph Steen
Dr. J. C. Grout

1. Chairman Arscott called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. The minutes of Meeting No. 52 were approved.
3. Chairman's Report:
Chairman Arscott reported on the Deans' Council meeting of January 9, 1975. The Deans' Council passed the Faculty Senate Resolution pertaining to student health excuse policy. The Faculty Senate resolution on administrators' evaluation by faculty did not pass the Deans' Council. The issue has been referred to a special committee for arbitration. The Deans' Council representatives on the committee are chaired by Dean Clayton, joined by Dean Kallsen and Dean Gerber. Wayne Johnson chairs the Faculty Senate representatives and is joined on the committee by Carl Keul and Warren Austin. The arbitration committee will attempt to devise a compromise version that will be acceptable to both the Deans' Council and the Faculty Senate. If the committee is unable to effect an acceptable compromise, two versions of the resolution may be submitted to President Steen.
4. Chairman Arscott urged the Faculty Senate to reconsider its "parking" bill passed in the December meeting of the Faculty Senate (see Minutes of Meeting No. 52, December 11, 1974, pages 2-3). Possible changes in the parking situation, brought about by the completion and occupation of new buildings, may have altered the circumstances underlying the December resolution. A motion to reconsider this bill was made and passed by the Faculty Senate. Chairman Arscott assigned the reconsideration task to the Administration and Finance Committee.
5. A Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Patricia Russell. Specifically, Dr. Russell presented a proposed Faculty Senate Budget for the consideration of the Senate. Dr. Russell noted that under present conditions, it was difficult to know just how much was being spent by the Senate. The proposed budget was accepted by the Faculty Senate upon a motion by Dr. Russell to adopt the budget. A copy of the proposed budget is appended to these minutes.
6. The Secretary read a letter from Professor Alfred S. Shivers, Professor of English, to the Faculty Senate. The letter was presented to the Senate by

Dr. Patricia Russell. Dr. Shivers asked the Senate to consider the adoption of a proposal to establish a system of departmental chairmanships in place of the present department head system. Chairman Arscott referred the proposal to the Administration and Finance Committee for study, with a deadline for recommendations at the April meeting.

7. Dr. Diane Ford made a report for the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee. Dr. Ford's Committee had prepared a list of tentative amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution. The amendments were officially presented to the Senate and will be voted on at the February meeting of the Faculty Senate. Those approved by the requisite numbers of the Senate will forthwith be submitted to the general faculty for ratification.
8. Dr. Kenneth Watterston entered an interim committee report on the study of University tenure policy. Dr. Watterston urged senators to give their views to the committee. Dr. Watterston noted that there may be a conflict between certain AAUP standards with respect to tenure and the practical needs of S.F.A. These potential conflicts will have to be worked out.
9. Dr. Patricia Russell reported to the Senate for the Student Affairs Committee. The Committee had composed some revisions of the Faculty Handbook pertaining to University rules governing cheating and plagiarism, both with regard to substantive standards and functional procedures. Dr. Russell noted that there were few significant revisions, and that most changes were for cosmetic clarity, etc. It was suggested that this Committee's report should be presented to the Student Senate for its input before being finally accepted by the Faculty Senate. The Senate concurred in this suggestion and will seek the suggestions of the Student Senate, Dr. Steen, and Dr. Lewis before final action.
10. Chairman Arscott commended the Faculty Senate for its diligent and successful work thus far in the school year. He admonished Senators not to become lax in the remaining months of the school year, but to persevere in completing all of the work of the Senate by the end of the spring semester.
11. President Ralph Steen informed the senators of recent legislative activities in Austin and the possible ramifications of this action for S.F.A.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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REVIEWED: *John T. Lewis III*
Vice President For Academic Affairs

Date: 2-18-75

APPROVED: *Ralph Steen*
President

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