

Meeting No. 62  
November 12, 1975  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Faculty Senate

ABSENT:

James Dickson (excused)  
Gloria Durr (excused)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John T. Lewis

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dr. Francis Abernathy	Dr. Robert Dean	Dr. Archie McDonald
Mr. Jeff Banks	Dr. Vera Dugas	Dr. Harry McDonald
Dr. Ronnie Barra	Dr. Kirby Duncan	Dr. Kenneth Mace
Dr. Calvin Barton	Mr. Charles Gardner	Dr. Charles Mims
Dr. Terry Box	Dr. Neal Houston	Dr. Fred Rodewald
Dr. Leonard Cheever	Mr. David Howard	Dr. Carroll Schoenewolf
Mr. George Cooper	Dr. Bobby Johnson	Mr. Robert Verner
Mr. Harry Dawson	Mr. Richard Lower	

1. Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of Meeting No. 61 were approved as corrected.
3. Dr. Ford reported:
  - A. The Deans' Council is working on procedures for equalizing salaries at the assistant professor level.
  - B. A working paper on academic freedom, tenure, and responsibility has been prepared by the Coordinating Board. There will be an open hearing on Wednesday, November 19, 1975 in Austin concerning proposed charges.
  - C. Mr. Bill Arscott, past president of Faculty Senate, would like it noted that the Faculty Senate did not recommend the names that were sent to Dr. Lewis for selection on the University Committees concerned with planning for the 1980's, as had been recommended in the minutes of Meeting no. 10 (April 9, 1975 of the Academic Deans' Council).
4. The treasurer, Jesse Richardson, reported that we have spent approximately \$100.00 from the allocated budget.
5. Dr. John T. Lewis made a statement concerning the history and status of evaluations of faculty by students.
6. Dr. Ralph Eddins reported for the Academic Affairs Committee concerning student evaluations of faculty. In response to

the recommendation of the 145 people who signed the petition entitled "Petition concerning Student Evaluation of Faculty" and in keeping with the statement provided by Faculty Bulletin #21, the following recommendation was presented to rescind the statement on Evaluation of Administrators and Faculty of March 26, 1975 (Report of the Professional Welfare Committee) and approved by the Senate on April 9, 1975. A motion was made to rescind both Section I and Section II of the report. A lengthy discussion ensued during which the following concerns were expressed:

- A. Deans are not being evaluated along with Department Heads as was understood by the Senate when voted on in April, 1975.
- B. The plan to evaluate every year was changed by the Deans' Council to every third year after the Senate resolution had been signed by the President.
- C. The Open Records law.

Motion carried.

- 7. Dr. Ralph Eddins speaking for the Academic Affairs Committee presented the following recommendations to the Senate for its consideration:
  - A. Motivation for banquets and/or other recognition for retiring faculty should be left to the discretion of the individual department.
  - B. Any special recognition should be initiated only upon the approval of the prospective honoree.A motion to adopt this recommendation was approved.
- 8. Dr. June Irwin introduced a motion to initiate a procedure whereby we would honor outstanding active faculty members for years of service. The motion was passed.
- 9. Dr. Ralph Eddins presented a progress report concerning the Academic calendar. The committee is aware of dissatisfaction with the University calendar and enumerated several areas of concern considered by the committee:
  - A. Opening week of the semester is set by the coordinating board by the standing calendar: "Classes may not begin later than the week of..."
  - B. At SFA an effort is made to provide 45 hours of instruction per 3 hour class excluding registration and final examination. (45 is the minimum set by the Southern Association.)

- C. In the summer program graduate enrollment has necessitated compressed courses at each end of each session.
- D. Classroom instructional problems are created by TSTA and Labor Day Monday holidays; Friday Monday holidays at Easter; etc. (example: Laboratory classes, etc.)
- E. Final examination schedule; i.e. the number of days allowed for the exams and the resulting situation of students having 3 exams in one day.
- F. Drop and add deadlines are set by the Deans' Council in conjunction with the Student Senate; the date has been moved up to allow the student to know class status prior to date to drop without penalty.

Due to the diversity of programs within the various disciplines, the University calendar presents different problems in each area. The committee solicits information from the faculty regarding the problems encountered with the calendar. Senators were requested to provide data to the committee regarding problems in the respective area of representation.

- 10. Dr. Ralph Eddins reporting for the Academic Affairs Committee presented a progress report concerning procedure for selecting a new Dean.

The Academic Affairs Committee plans to consult with the administration on the status of the problem of selecting the graduate dean.

- 11. Dr. Kenneth Watterston reported for the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee stating that the questionnaire dealing with issues of concern to the faculty have been mailed out and returns are coming in. Senators were asked to contact their constituents and urge them to return the questionnaire.
- 12. Dr. Ford reported that ballots will go out Friday, November 14, 1975 to the faculty for voting on the person to represent each school on the Presidential Search and Screening Committee.
- 13. A report from the Professional Welfare Committee concerning the Employee Assistance program will be given at the December meeting.
- 14. Dr. Jerry Vincent presented a progress report to the Senate from the ad hoc committee studying the Fiscal Affairs of the University. Questionnaires to the faculty will be sent later in the semester. A final report will probably be ready in February. Dr. Vincent pointed out that the intent of the committee was not to investigate incompetence or create any hostility, but merely to gather information and make conclusions.

15. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 1975  
in the Aztec-Caddo Room at 3:15 p.m.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ann Chandler*

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Faculty Senate Secretary

Reviewed: *John T. Lewis*  
Dr. John T. Lewis, Academic Vice President

*12-18-75*  
Date

Approved: *Ralph Steen*  
Dr. Ralph Steen

*12-19-75*  
Date

Date: November 25, 1975

To: Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty

From: Faculty Senate

Re: Search and Screening Committee

The Faculty Senate would like to announce the election of the following faculty to serve on the Search Committee:

School of Business: Ralph L. White;

School of Fine Arts: William Arscott;

School of Forestry: Kenneth G. Watterston;

School of Education: Bennat C. Mullen;

School of Liberal Arts: Edwin W. Gaston, Jr.; and

School of Science and  
Mathematics: Harry S. McDonald.