

Meeting No. 74  
19 January 1977  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Faculty Senate

Absent:

Dr. James G. Dickson (Excused)

Ex officio Members Present:

Dr. John T. Lewis, III  
Dr. Carl Keul

Visitors:

Mr. Mark Burroughs  
Dr. Roy E. Cain  
Dr. James M. DiNucci  
Dr. Kirby L. Duncan  
Dr. Heinz A. Gaylord  
Dr. Bernard-thomas Hartman  
Dr. Harry S. McDonald  
Dr. Paul F. McGhiey  
Dr. Robert T. Ramsey  
Dr. Fred A. Rodewald

1. Chairman Bourbon called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.
2. Minutes of Meeting No. 73 were approved with one correction: the last paragraph in item 4B was moved to item 4C.
3. Reports of Officers:

A. Chairman's Report:

1. The Steering Committee for the Update of the Master Plan has been meeting and in the near future will be involving faculty and consultants in the next phase of the update.
2. The Deans Council has met twice since the last Senate meeting. At the December 15th meeting the deans considered a student appeal for a change in degree plan and were informed of President Johnson's decision to delay full implementation of campus-wide conditional contracts.

At the January 13th meeting the Deans Council approved candidates for graduation and discussed the allocation of promotions for 1977 through 1979. All Full-Time-Equivalents in each department will be counted in determining the size of the faculty at the school level and the percentages of rank will be based on FTE's rather than on full time faculty as in the past. This will increase the possibilities of promotion in areas where they have been restricted. The Deans Council is aware that the Senate is working on the problem of a quota system and they have deferred action on quotas until the Senate has reported its recommendations.

There was also a discussion of some of the implications of recommendations from the Legislative Budget Board concerning funding for higher education in the next biennium

In answer to a question concerning the inclusion of vacant positions (faculty on leave of absence) in the countable FTE's, Dr. Lewis indicated that the FTE count includes only the people on the teaching staff at that time. Also, graduate interns are counted as part of the teaching faculty.

- B. Treasurer's Report: The balance in the Faculty Senate account as of 31 December was \$776.42.

4. Reports of Standing Committees:

- A. Faculty Government and Involvement (Dr. Dickson): Working this month on recommendations concerning the faculty evaluation forms using the recommendations, comments and questions that were submitted to Dr. Bourbon over the last several months. A report is planned in February. Also, the committee will be polling the faculty concerning committee assignments for next year and will be making preparations for the spring senatorial elections.
- B. Academic Affairs (Dr. Vincent): Questionnaires concerning University governance have been sent to faculty. A report is planned for February.
- C. Professional Welfare (Dr. Malpass): Report on Faculty Workloads. (See ATTACHMENT NO. 1)  
Dr. Vincent moved and Dr. Russell seconded to accept the report for action by the Senate at the February meeting. Motion passed.

5. New Business:

- A. Dr. Lackey moved and Mr. Snyder seconded a recommendation that the Senate Chairman receive a  $\frac{1}{4}$  reduction in teaching load for the 9-month regular school year provided the reduced load is not less than 9 credit hours and that the chairman's department be reimbursed from administrative funds for the reduced time. Discussion concerned the possibility of a department head serving as Senate chairman and receiving two reduced (= 6 hrs.) loads. Motion passed.
- B. Dr. Lackey moved and Dr. Vincent seconded that the Faculty Senate request office space and part-time secretarial help to handle Senate business. Discussion concerned budget details and secretarial duties. Motion passed.

Mr. Snyder commented on the need to look into the feasibility of microfilming Senate records in the future. Dr. Bourbon already has  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a file cabinet of Senate papers

- C. Dr. Lewis commented on the attitude toward higher education at the State level. - Not very optimistic about reducing work loads. The 9-credit hour level is a minimum, not just a requirement. Formula money will not be provided for classes smaller than 10 undergraduates and 5 graduates.
- D. Dr. Burr raised a question concerning the possibility of separating labs as individual courses so that credit hours and contact hours would be more closely related. Most state institutions currently handle courses this way. Another problem is the inequity of difference in class size among faculty. Multiple sections in one class period may be a partial solution. Dr. Lewis discussed the reporting procedures and indicated that any changes at SFASU will be within the guidelines of the Coordinating Board and the Legislative Budget Board.
6. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:15 pm. on Wednesday, 9 February 1977.
7. Meeting No. 74 was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kenneth G. Watterston, Secretary