

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 81
November 9, 1977

1. Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.
2. The Minutes of Meeting No. 80 were amended by Secretary Rodewald by deleting the words "rather tense" from page four, paragraph five. The Minutes were approved as amended.
3. Reports of Officers:

A. Chairman's Report:

Chairman Vincent reported on the two Deans Council meetings and one Academic Affairs Council meeting held since the last meeting.

1. October 18--At this meeting the Deans Council discussed a report from the Calendar Committee and a draft of policies to ensure program accessibility for handicapped students. On behalf of the Council, Chairman Vincent asked the Senators if they preferred to retain or eliminate fall commencement and if they preferred December 16 or December 23 as a graduation date. A majority preferred December 16. The Deans Council also approved a standardized re-appointment form for all faculty members.
2. November 1--At this meeting the Deans Council approved a policy for program accessibility for handicapped students.
3. October 25--At this meeting the Academic Affairs Council approved a policy for travel courses and a policy and procedure for conducting noncredit continuing education activities.

B. Secretary's Report:

Dr. Rodewald distributed to the Senate results of the poll of the faculty's preference on the method of selection of screening committees (see ATTACHMENT #1).

Secretary Rodewald read President Johnson's response to the letter from the Faculty Senate requesting that the Conference Committee be allowed to consider the Faculty Senate's Recommendations as well as those of the Administration.

4. Old Business:

A summary of the comments from nineteen Faculty Senators on the Administration's Alternative Proposal on Faculty Governance was presented to the Senate. The report was accepted as written.

5. New Business:

Dr. Adams brought up the question of an attendance policy for freshmen and the problem was discussed.

6. Comments from Ex Officio Members:

At this time Mr. Al Cage, Director of the Library, informed the Senate of some of the financial problems being encountered by the Library which will make it difficult for it to maintain its current level of services. Inflation, a decrease in enrollment, and a total budget increase of only 1.8% over last year all contribute to the problem. As an example, Mr. Cage said that given the current rate of inflation of 27 percent in the serials division alone, in less than four years' time this one item will consume the entire materials budget.

7. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be December 14, 1977, at 3:15 P.M. in the Aztec-Caddo room of the University Center.

8. Chairman Vincent adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Absentees:

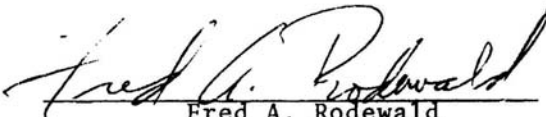
Dr. Thomas Hunter (Excused)
Dr. Langston Kerr (Excused)
Dr. Deanne Malpass (Excused)
Dr. George Thompson (Excused)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Dr. James Reese
Mr. Alvin Cage

Visitors:

Dr. R. G. Dean
Dr. R. W. Gruebel
Mr. Bob Francis
Dr. Jim DiNucci
Mr. David C. Howard
Dr. Kirby L. Duncan
Dr. H. B. Weyland
Dr. Bernard-Thomas Hartman


Fred A. Rodewald
Secretary, 1977-78 Senate

ATTACHMENT #1
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Memo To: The Faculty Senate
 From: Fred Rodewald
 Subject: Poll on Search and Screening Committees

A total of 245 ballots were returned in the recent poll of the faculty to determine preferences in the composition of search and screening committees for various administrative positions within the University. Fourteen faculty members made comments ranging from "poorly worded questionnaire" to "you are out of order" to a lengthy commentary examining and comparing the relationships and responsibilities of each of the four positions.

Below are the results of the poll. Percentages are based upon the total number of ballots returned--245.

	<u>TOTALLY</u> <u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TOTALLY</u> <u>ELECTED</u>	<u>BOTH</u> <u>AP. & EL.</u>	<u>MORE THAN</u> <u>50% EL.</u>	<u>50%</u> <u>EL.</u>	<u>LESS THAN</u> <u>50% EL.</u>
Department Heads	25 (10.2%)	65 (26.5%)	150 (61.2%)	68 (27.8%)	70 (28.6%)	13 (5.3%)
Deans	36 (14.7%)	33 (13.5%)	172 (70.2%)	60 (24.5%)	82 (33.5%)	27 (11.0%)
Vice Presidents	48 (19.6%)	29 (11.8%)	162 (66.1%)	40 (16.3%)	86 (35.1%)	35 (14.3%)
Presidents	35 (14.3%)	34 (13.9%)	171 (70.1%)	36 (14.7%)	98 (40.0%)	32 (13.1%)