

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 87
May 3, 1978

1. Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. After the roll call, Dr. Malpass corrected two errors in Table 1 of ATTACHMENT #1 to the Minutes of Meeting No. 86. The figure under Level II, "No. above average," should be 3 (not 4) and under Level III, "No. below average," the figure should be 5 (not 4). Dr. Bos moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the amended Minutes of Meeting No. 86. MOTION PASSED.
3. Reports of Officers:
 - A. Chairman's Report:
 1. Chairman Vincent reported that no action was taken at either the Deans' Council meetings or the Academic Affairs Council meeting held since the last session of the Senate, but that the Deans' Council is now discussing and reviewing Senate Bill #84-2 on Promotion Policy and the Faculty Senate recommendation for a statement to be added to "Research Policies and Procedures."
 2. Dr. Vincent announced that the Administration approved the Senate's budget request for approximately \$5,300.
 - B. Secretary's Report:
 1. Dr. Rodewald announced the results of the recent Senate election. The new Senators are: James E. Corbin, Robert N. Mathis, and Constance Spreadbury from Liberal Arts; E. D. McCune and B. F. Walker from Sciences and Mathematics; Sue Jones from Education; Robert L. Blocker from Fine Arts; and E. Wayne Murdock from Business.
 2. Secretary Rodewald announced that in accordance with the Senate Constitution he had surveyed the faculty and found that reapportionment is not necessary this year. He informed the Senate, however, that he counted only full-time appointments, not full-time equivalents, and since the Constitution is not clear on this point, he recommended that the proposed revision of the Constitution include a clarification of the method of determining who should be counted in determining apportionment.
 - C. Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Snyder reported a balance in the treasury of \$1,337.04.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Administration and Finance Committee:

Dr. Lackey reported that his committee sent out the questionnaire surveying students on the causes of attrition at SFA. He said the response

looks good; however, the off-campus questionnaires are slower coming in than the on-campus ones and no tabulation can be made at present.

B. Ad Hoc Committee for the Revision of the Faculty Handbook:

Dr. Rodewald announced that he and his committee of Senators Burr, Irwin, and L. Thompson had presented its progress report to the Chairman and that the work of his committee cannot be completed until some policies and procedures are clarified. He thanked the members of the committee for their work.

5. Old Business:

- A. Senator Kerr reported that his preliminary investigation of questions raised by eight faculty members requesting the Senate to look into the possibility of the University's withdrawing from the Social Security system reveals that a review is justified. He said it is a complicated issue and will require careful, meticulous examination. The several questions have been assigned.

Chairman Vincent assigned further investigation to the Professional Welfare Committee.

- B. In regard to her committee's report (Senate Bill #86-1) Senator Malpass presented three motions to the Senate.

1. Senator Bos seconded her motion to request that the Administration make available the following information: (a) the total amount set aside this year for merit raises, (b) the total number of faculty members who received merit raises, (c) the total number of faculty members who received merit raises in each school, and (d) the total number of faculty members who received merit raises in each rank.

Senator Snyder moved and Senator Reeves seconded a motion to amend the motion to include the total number of people within each school receiving salary adjustment aside from merit increases. MOTION PASSED and the MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

2. Senator Johnson seconded Senator Malpass' motion that the Faculty Senate review faculty salary equity and distribution again no later than 1979-80. MOTION PASSED.
3. Senators Malpass and Burr moved and seconded the motion that the Faculty Senate Chairman continue to attend budgetary meetings and/or workshops. MOTION PASSED.
- C. Senator Bos moved and Senator Malpass seconded the motion that Senate Bill #86-2, Proposed Standing Rules for the Faculty Senate, be adopted. MOTION PASSED.

6. New Business:

Senator Burr presented a faculty member's complaint that he was denied access to the copy of the current budget in the offices of the Vice President for

Fiscal Affairs and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and in the office of the Dean of the School of Science and Mathematics.

Senators Jeffrey and Burr pointed out that since faculty members have only ten days in which to sign their contracts and since the budget may not be available in the Library at that time, it needs to be available to faculty somewhere during this period.

Chairman Vincent advised the Senate of the "Brophy Amendment" which was passed by the Senate and approved by the Administration, and Senator Rodewald raised the question of denial of legal rights since the budget, after approval by the Board of Regents, is a public record.

Several questions were raised as to when the budget becomes official public record and what are official copies of this record. Dean Reese pointed out that errors exist in the copy in his office both before and after the meeting of the Board of Regents at which the official budget is approved.

Senator Burr moved and Senator Malpass seconded the motion that as soon as the budget becomes available to the Deans of the Schools that it should be available to all faculty members who wish to see it. MOTION PASSED.

7. Other Business:

1. Chairman Vincent announced the appointment of Senator Johnson as Social Chairman of the Senate.
2. At this time Dr. Vincent recognized the retiring members of the Senate and thanked them for their service. The members who are retiring are: Senators J. H. Burr, Jr., E. D. Malpass, June Irwin, Jerry Lackey, David Petty, Thomas K. Hunter, and Jerry Vincent.
3. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be immediately following this meeting.

8. Senator Lackey moved and Senator Malpass seconded the motion to adjourn. MOTION PASSED and the Senate adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Visitors:

Dr. Earl Morrison
 Dr. J. E. Magruder
 Dr. H. B. Weyland
 Dr. B. F. Walker
 Dr. James E. Corbin
 Dr. Connie Spreadbury
 Dr. Wayne Murdock
 Dr. E. D. McCune
 Dr. Sue Jones
 Dr. Robert Mathis

Absentees:

Dr. Jerry Irons (Excused--Prof. Conflict)
 Dr. Leslie Thompson (Excused--Prof. Conflict)
 Dr. Beverly Young (Excused--Prof. Conflict)

Ex Officio Members Present:

Dr. James Reese



Fred A. Rodewald
 Secretary, 1977-78 Senate