

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Meeting #229
April 14, 1993

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carr, Chair, at 2:35 p.m. April 14, 1993, in the Wyatt Room, Steen Library.
- A. Chairperson Carr recognized Charles Hardy, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs.
- B. Vice-President Hardy spoke at some length on the current state of the legislature and state budget items relating to Stephen F. Austin State University. The process is still very fluid. Most areas relating to the University were funded at previous levels or were cut slightly. Among the cuts were:
- a. House Bill pays for only one year of last years 3% raise.
 - b. no increase for insurance
 - c. ORP cut from 7.31% to 6%
 - d. all non-formula items got a 5% cut
 - e. no growth money

There is hope the legislature can increase HEAF funds to 150 million. The bill will go to the Conference Committee soon.

- II. Secretary Barton noted that on page 5 of the minutes for meeting, the amendment by Senator Price was not described. The minutes of the previous meeting #228 were submitted and accepted with corrections.

III. Report by Chair

- A. Chairperson Carr reported:
1. The VPAA search committee will have the last meeting Thursday, April 15, 1993.

President Angel reduced the list to three candidates; Ashley, Glass, and Pierce.

Interviews have been arranged at the DFW airport.
 2. The resolutions adopted by the Faculty Senate at the previous meeting have been forwarded to Dr. Angel. He will respond at the May meeting.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. Chair-Elect - Suzy Weems: no report.
- B. Treasurer - Sherry Rulfs: no report.

C. Secretary - C. P. Barton: no report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs - no report.

B. Administration & Finance - no report.

C. Elections - Senator Clark observed that the College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts each have two outgoing senators. She urged members to encourage their colleagues to volunteer and make themselves available to serve in the Senate.

D. Faculty Governance - no report.

E. Ethics - no report.

F. Professional Welfare - Senator Johnson reported for Senator Jones.

Mary Devine located a study done by then VPAA James Reese on The Use of Non-Tenure Track Faculty at SFASU. She requested the Faculty Senate to act upon this report.

Senator Johnson's motion to defer the matter back to committee was defeated.

After some discussion, Senator Howard made the motion that:

1. "The Faculty Senate urges the continuation of the study begun in 1992 of the state of non-tenure track faculty here at SFA -- a study that would illustrate clearly the present situation.

2. The university is asked to bring the Spring 1992 survey up to date (Spring 1993).

3. The university is asked to extend the survey to cover the following relevant matters:

a. complete list, by department, of the names of all persons who taught at SFASU during the 1992-1993 academic year other than in a full-time capacity; or in a non-tenure track appointment;

b. the academic degrees held, and the number of years teaching experience of those persons;

c. the year and semester when each such person first taught at SFA;

d. the specific courses taught by those persons during the 92-93 academic year;

e. the title and designation of their position in 1992-1993;

f. the total remuneration for each course taught during 1992-1993.

4. The university is asked to clarify its long term policy regarding the use and status of part-time and/or non-tenure track faculty."

Senator Price seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business - none.

VII. New Business

- A. A slate of nominations for Senate officers for 1993-94 was presented by the nominating committee.
- B. Some concerns of her constituents were presented by Senator L. Clark.
1. state and university policy on new travel restrictions.
 2. some were told they could not use some one outside of their discipline to cover their classes.
 3. some chairmen are requiring documentation of the faculty are not in their office hours.

No motion was forthcoming on these matters.

- C. Senator DiNucci recommended that the Senate prepare a resolution concerning the use of university resources in case of a serious cut in state funding.

No action was taken.

VIII. Comments by Ex-Officio - None

VIII. Adjournment


It was moved by Senator Hearell to adjourn, seconded by Senator Johnson. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 3:45 p.m.

ABSENCES

J. Corbin
J. Frye
C. Jones
S. Rulfs (Excused)
H. Mace (Excused)
L. Watts
J. Jackson (Excused)
D. Perritt

VISITORS

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Calvin P. Barton, Secretary 1992-93