

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
2006 Meeting #347
April 12, 2006**

Subject to approval at the 348th meeting.

Senators present were: Julia Ballenger(1), Vice-Chair, Chris Barker(3), Linda Bobo(4), John Boyd(5), Mary Nelle Brunson(6), Debbie Bush(7), Warren Conway(8), Treasurer, Deborah Dalton(9), Troy Davis(10), Deborah Dunn(11), Greta Haidinyak(13), Secretary, Kayce Halstead(14), Lu Yu(15), Wanda Mouton(16), Chair, Brian Oswald (17), Debbie Pace(18), Anita Powell(20), Kelly Salsbery(21), Elton Scifres (22), Dan Unger (23), Brian Utley(24), Michael Walker(25), Elizabeth Witherspoon(26),

Excused absences:

Parker Ballinger(2), Leisha Bridwell(27), Mark Guidry(12), Jeana Paul-Urena(19).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Brian Oswald at the Tracy Pearman Alumni Center.

Announcements

Chair Oswald attended the Board of Regents meeting, and had several announcements:

- A reminder that April 25th is the date of the Faculty recognition luncheon.
- The Board of Regents is looking at an increase in tuition, fees, room & board of around 12% for the next academic year.
- The BOR allowed Chair Oswald to address the Building and Grounds Committee meeting regarding the senate's concern over the proposed demolition of the New Raguet apartments. His comments elicited some questions, but the outcome remained the same. They voted to demolish the apartments.
- The results of the senate's 2006 survey asking faculty their opinion on whether SFA should join a university system, was posted on the university web and sent to all faculty. A press release regarding the survey was distributed to the local TV station and newspaper, the Texas Tech Faculty Senate, the Pine Log, and Representatives Roy Blake and Jim McReynolds, and State Senator Todd Staples.
- The outside consultant hired by the BOR to assess technology on campus gave his report recommending that there be a unified replacement plan for all campus computers and that approximately \$4.5 million would be required to carry out the plan.
- The 3 resolutions sent forward by the senate are presently in the President's office, and he wants the opportunity to discuss them with his team before, or if, they are released.
- Chair Oswald will be presenting the Faculty Senate report to the BOR on Thursday and extended an invitation to all those who could attend.

Vice-Chair Barker asked for volunteers to run on the upcoming ballot of officers for next year. Senators Guidry and Unger volunteered to run for vice-chair.

TREASURER

\$295 was spent for classified personnel. There is \$2746 in the budget, but we have not yet paid for refreshments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elections

Senator Bobo distributed a report which included the calendar for elections, and the results of the Survey for Amendments to the Constitution. The changes are in bold type:

Section 3. Voting members of the faculty are defined as those holding faculty rank, employed full time by the University, and tenured or tenure-track, thus including the following academic appointments and titles: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor ABD, Professional Librarian, Clinical Instructor (nursing), and Military Science.

Section 4. For the purposes of electing members of the Faculty Senate, the University shall be divided into the following groups: Applied Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Fine Arts, Forestry and Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Library, and Sciences and Mathematics. Each group shall have at least one representative; no department shall have more than two representatives; apportionment shall be adjusted every three years. Representation from each group shall be determined by allotting to each group one representative for every four percent, or major fraction thereof, of the voting faculty of the University. For the purposes of apportionment or allotment of representatives, for the academic year 1990-91 and thereafter, upon the Chair-Elect assuming the office of Chairperson, the office of senator from the group from which the Chairperson was elected shall be deemed vacant, and an election shall be held to elect an additional Senator from the group in question.

Senator Salsbery asked about the status of the seats representing the College of Applied Arts and the College of Liberal Arts due to their merger. **A.** The number of seats is based on the number of departments, which has not changed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Dalton moved to accept the minutes of meeting #346. Senator Boyd seconded. Minutes were approved.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

The remainder of the meeting time was devoted to a workshop with the architectural consulting firm **3D/I**, for the purpose of contributing ideas to the Long-Range Plan for the university.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayce Halstead
Secretary