

Meeting No. 69
14 July 1976
Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate

Absent: (All Excused)

Dr. Jasper E. Adams
Dr. William J. Brophy
Dr. J. H. Burr, Jr.
Dr. Jerry L. Irons
Mr. James R. Snyder
Dr. Beverly S. Young

Visitors:

Dr. Roy E. Cain
Dr. Kirby L. Duncan
Dr. Diane Ford
Dr. Robert S. Maxwell
Dr. S. S. Naistat
Dr. Fred A. Rodewald
Mr. Howard Yeagy

Ex officio Members Present:

Dr. William R. Johnson
Dr. John T. Lewis, III

1. Chairman Bourbon called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.
2. Minutes of Meeting No. 68 were approved as written.
3. Chairman Bourbon reported on the two Deans Council meetings held since Senate Meeting No. 68. These meetings dealt with:
 - A) Approval of a change in requirements for the BFA and BM Degrees from 12 hours of science, math, or language to 12 hours of science, math, language, sociology, psychology, or philosophy, with the students to take courses in two of the areas.
 - B) Approval of candidates for degrees in May.
 - C) Dr. Lewis introduced a proposal for a specific program of faculty development. After discussion the proposal was withdrawn.
4. Chairman Bourbon reported on his meeting with President Johnson on 7 July. This meeting was a general discussion of Senate operations and faculty opinions and ideas.
5. Chairman Bourbon called attention of the Senate to Article III, Section 4 of the Faculty Senate Constitution pertaining to absences at Senate meetings. (A senator with three unexcused absences forfeits the right of membership. If a senator has reason to be absent, he/she should contact the Secretary at 3301 or Box 6109 prior to the meeting.)
6. Transfer of Old Business from 1975-76 Senate to 1976-77 Senate:
 - A) Professional Welfare Committee: Deanne Malpass, Chairman. Establish mechanism to honor outstanding, long-term active faculty for service to the University. Rpt. due in October.
 - B) Administration and Finance Committee: Pat Russell, Chairman. Develop recommendations based on last years study of the Fiscal Affairs Division. Rpt. due in November.

- C) Academic Affairs Committee: Jerry Vincent, Chairman.
Examine merits of departmental chairmanship as opposed to present system of department heads. This also involves the idea of limited tenure or accountability of heads and/or deans. Interim rpt. due in October.
Comment by Vincent: Committee will formulate a definition and statement of function of department chairman/head, with faculty input.

7. New Business:

- A) Student Affairs Committee: Beverly Young, Chairman.
Inquiry concerning the increase in parking fees for 1976-77. This inquiry will be in conjunction with the appropriate committee of the Student Congress and has the purpose of informing faculty and students of the reason(s) for the fee increase.
- B) Professional Welfare Committee.
Analysis of teaching loads during the regular and Summer semesters, and analysis of Summer teaching and research policies in various schools and departments. Rpt. due in January/February.
- C) Faculty Government and Involvement Committee: Jim Dickson, Chairman.
Recommendations concerning composition of screening committees for department heads and deans, and procedures to be followed within those committees. Rpt. due in October.
- D) Administration and Finance Committee.
Along with previous assignment (Item 6B) will study administrative and faculty budget procedures and policies. No rpt. date assigned.

8. Committee work to be assigned at a later date:

- A) Examination and evaluation of quota system on tenure and rank established by the 1972-73 Faculty Senate. Will be assigned to an ad hoc committee chaired by Jerry Lackey, Vice Chairman of the Senate.
- B) Review of reports to Dr. Lewis by the Planning Committees for the 1980's for the purpose of informing the Senate of the thinking that emerged from these committees. (Committees were: Curriculum and Programs, Faculty Development, Faculty Welfare, and Academic Standards.)
- C) Examine academic organization of the University - a study of the feasibility or desirability of modifying the academic structure (departments - schools) of the University.

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9. Chairman Bourbon introduced President William R. Johnson. In response to questions, Dr. Johnson commented on:
- A) Status of deans appointments - little change from comments made at the recent general faculty meeting.
 - B) Role of the Graduate Dean as a spokesman for research. Because the Graduate Dean has no control over space allocations, promotions, raises, or tenure, success as a research leader-coordinator is dependent on force of personality.
 - C) Arrangements will be made for off-campus candidates for deans positions to meet with the screening committees with provision for feedback to the President.
10. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 3:15 pm on the 8th of September. If there is a need for a called meeting before that date, 11 August is open. Chairman Bourbon will call senators if a need arises.
11. Meeting No. 69 was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Kenneth G. Watterston, Secretary