

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 126
January 27, 1982

1. Chairman Spreadbury called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of Meeting Nos. 124 and 125 were approved with no corrections.

3. Reports of Officers:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Morley reported that the Senate has \$2561.04 remaining in the budget.

4. Old Business:

A. Time and Place of Classes Policy Discussion:

Senator Nicholson reviewed the Senate on the policy his committee proposed several Senate meetings ago.

He reminded the Senators that this proposal would go between University Governance and Absences from Class by Faculty in the Faculty Handbook.

Dean Reese added comments to the discussion including that the Deans would insist that this proposal contain something about content and conduction of classes.

The discussion continued by the Senators.

Senator Morley moved to table the discussion on this proposal. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

5. New Business:

A. Dead Week Policy Introduction:

Senator Carns reviewed the proposal by her committee with the Senators.

Senator Carns stated that the main idea of this proposal is to curtail unexpected and major assignments given to students right before final examinations. This would be done by simply giving the students some type of written notification ~~perhaps~~ at the beginning of the semester.

Senator Carns then introduced Jessica Webb to the Senate, and Ms. Webb reviewed the results of a poll given to students on campus last semester by the SGA.

Ms. Webb said that the major complaint of the students is that they are given tests and term papers to do the week before final examinations.

She also said that the students want to have some kind of written notification so that they may be forewarned at the beginning of the semester.

A "dead day", which involves one day of no classes to be used for extra study, was also mentioned.

The Senators then discussed this proposal at length.

Senator Carns moved that the Senate accept this report.
Motion passed.

Senator Devine asked when the Senate would vote on this proposal to which Chairman Spreadbury replied that the Senators should take this proposal to their constituents, and at the next meeting it would go up for acceptance.

6. Other Business:

A. Announcements:

Chairman Spreadbury asked everyone to note that the Faculty Senate Report had been distributed.

The elections for the Grievance Panel are near completion but a second run-off election has been held, since two schools did not have a majority winner. The results will be published as soon as possible.

Chairman Spreadbury reminded the Senate that there would be a special meeting with Dr. Johnson on February 10.

B. Comments from Committee Chair Concerning Task in Progress:

Senator Proctor asked that members of departments and/or the Faculty Senate look into the Social Security problem.

Senator Schoenewolf moved to form a fact-finding committee to study the possibility of SFA withdrawing from the Social Security System.

Motion passed.

C. Comments from Ex Officio Members:

Dean Reese mentioned that several Southeast universities were getting together to study Administration Efficiency and discuss mutual concerns.

7. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Absences

Dennis Hyams - excused
Bill Syers - excused
David Whillock - excused

Sandra Cole
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Secretary, 1981-82, Senate