

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate - Special Meeting
Meeting No. 127
February 10, 1982

1. Chairman Spreadbury called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. At this special meeting, Chairman Spreadbury reminded the Faculty Senators that no regular business would be conducted.

Chairman Spreadbury then introduced Dr. William Johnson, President of Stephen F. Austin State University.

3. Dr. William Johnson addressed the Senate on the topics of a) conditions relative to higher education, b) student enrollment, c) minority students, d) Federal aid budget cuts, e) faculty salaries, f) library funds, g) off-campus instruction, h) new construction, i) university development, and j) university planning.

During his address, Dr. Johnson noted that a) Texas Higher Education is in good shape compared to other states and Texas holds 7th rank position at a level of \$4,364 state money spent per student; b) Also, our enrollment has increased due in part to UT and A&M stiffened admission requirements. A drop in interest rates would permit university construction of dorms or private builders to build more apartments in the near future; c) Presently, SFA has 439 Blacks and 197 Hispanics with a few other minority students amounting to a total of 703 minority students. This figure represents a 4-7% increase over the past several years; d) SFA ranks fourth among Texas state universities relative to grade point/SAT scores for entering freshmen; e) Dr. Johnson complimented the Senate on the valuable contribution in the form of policy proposals and other tasks that were well performed for the benefit of the university. Proposals from the Coordinating Board included a 3% catch up and a 9% inflation increase for faculty salaries. The DOE budget may be funded for a 17% catch up and a 9% inflation increase. It is hoped that in the future the costs of running the computer center will be funded as a separate item, rather than being taken from DOE; f) The library budget will increase from \$1 million to \$1.3 million; g) At least \$40,000 will have to be refunded to Austin because of off-campus instruction. In the future, the legislature may disallow off-campus courses either by mandate or excessive percentage of rebate; h) SFA has \$9.3 million presently available for construction; i) Mr. Clyde Carman is working to gather funds for Faculty Development; j) Task forces are being assembled and gathering data for the academic assistance center, faculty development, audio-visual center, and other projects.

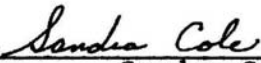
There was also a question and answer session between Dr. Johnson and the faculty.

Dr. Johnson expressed high regards for the Senate and the work it has accomplished.

4. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Absences

James Howard -- excused
June Irwin -- excused



Sandra Cole
Secretary, 1981-82, Senate