

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 129
March 31, 1982

1. Chairman Spreadbury called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of Meeting No. 128 had one correction. Under No. 5A of Old Business, the second sentence should read: Senator Nicholson moved that we consider and approve the package as a whole. The minutes were then accepted as amended. Motion passed.

3. Officer Reports:

There were no officer reports at this meeting.

4. Old Business:

A. Resolution for Federal Aid:

Senator Schoenewolf handed out a resolution concerning aid for students in higher education that his committee revised for the Senate. Senator Schoenewolf moved to accept the resolution as written. Motion passed.

5. New Business:

A. Election of Senators (nominations):

Senator Cole reviewed the Schools that had vacancies for senatorial positions for the academic year 1982-83. The Schools with vacancies are:

The School of Business - 1 position available;
The School of Fine Arts - 1 position available;
The School of Sciences and Mathematics - 1 position available; and
The School of Education - 4 positions available.

It was noted that two nominations were needed for each position available. The most nominations received came from the School of Education. Nominations for senatorial positions will be completed in April.

B. University Committee Appointments:

Senator Carns reported that the Executive Committee will nominate two candidates for each of the university committees. It was noted that over 100 nominations were received for these committees. Senator Carns pointed out that a faculty member cannot serve two consecutive terms on the same university committee.

C. Grievance Panel Elections:

Senator Carns said that ballots will be distributed within the next few ~~days~~, and that they will be the same format as the Senate election ballots. The election will cover those members of the Grievance Panel whose terms expire in 1982. There will be vacancies in the Schools of Business, Education, Fine Arts, Forestry, Liberal Arts, Sciences and Mathematics, and the Library. The ballots will be on a different color of paper to help eliminate confusion over previous elections.

D. Grievance Procedures:

Senator Schoenewolf reported that each grievance committee may establish their own procedures. However, PWCI drew up Optional Procedures for grievance panels to use at their own discretion. Senator Stanberry stated that No. 12 on Page 3 of the report should be amended. Number 12 should read: The committee may hear or admit any evidence which it considers probative. The parties may object and any objections will be officially noted. However, the hearing committee will not specifically rule on any objection. Senator Schoenewolf moved that we accept this report with the modification that Senator Stanberry suggested. Motion passed.

At the next meeting, this item will be presented for a vote.

E. Status of Senate:

Senator Irwin distributed a report formulated by her committee on the Image of the Senate. The report stated the purpose of the Senate, Senate procedures, and recommendations for senatorial participation in university events. A discussion followed on the report.

Senator Marlin Young asked that the report be amended so that item No. 2 at the bottom of Page 1 be changed to include the Chairman of the Senate in the Christmas reception line, instead of just a Senator.

Chairman Spreadbury asked that item No. 2 (last sentence on Page 1) read: That the Christmas reception line contain the Chairman or another officer of the Senate. Motion passed.

Senator Oliver requested that the Senate wait until the next Senate meeting to discuss the report, so the Senators could reflect on the ideas of the report.

Senator Irwin moved that we accept the report. Motion passed.

Discussion continued concerning the present image of the Faculty Senate.

Chairman Spreadbury then discussed suggestions from the Deans Council. He stated that the Deans Council recommended that a Senator serve as an ex-officio member of the ~~School~~ Council. The Senator would be chosen by the Senate or the Deans Council. Secondly, the Deans Council recommended that the three marshals for the graduation exercises be selected from and by the Faculty Senate. Thirdly, the Deans Council recommended that Senators introduce the Regent's Professors for the convocation ceremonies. Chairman Spreadbury stated that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate suggested that the Chairman and Vice Chairman furnish this service unless some other Senators volunteered.

Senator Irwin moved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Faculty Senate for 1982 introduce the Regent's Professors.
Motion passed.

F. Evaluation Instrument:

Senator Morley reported that his committee would propose the Evaluation Instrument at the next meeting. A questionnaire concerning evaluation will be sent out to the faculty to gather additional information. Senator Morley commented that there was not a good showing at the Evaluation Instrument Hearing last month with only 63 faculty members being present.

The instrument proposed at the April 14 meeting will be voted on April 28.

6. Other Business:

A. Establishment of the Nominating Committee for the Senate Officers:

The Nominating Committee for the 1982-83 Senate officers will be composed of the present third-year Senators.

B. Handbook Revision Committee:

The Handbook Revision Committee will have a draft for the Faculty Senate meeting on April 14.

C. Senator Nicholson commented on a survey of why students leave SFA. He noted that 38% of the students say they will not remain at SFA when they first arrive here. Ex-officio members of the Senate, Dr. Speck and Dean Reese, discussed the necessary representation and visibility needed by SFA.

7. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Absences

Bill Syers - excused

Sandra Cole
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