

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 134
September 15, 1982

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of Meeting No. 132 were approved with no corrections.

Approval of the minutes of Meeting No. 133 was postponed until the next meeting because not all senators had copies of them.

Senator Schoenewolf moved that the Faculty Senate minutes and summaries report the actual numbers of votes taken on motions and their amendments for which votes are counted. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

3. Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Senator Carns reported that the 1982-83 Faculty Senate received \$3,200 for operational costs and \$200 for travel costs. The Senate has spent \$83 for Xeroxing the Faculty Handbook leaving a total of \$3,317 remaining in the budget.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Devine announced that Senate meetings would be held on the second Wednesday of the month with the possibility of a called meeting on the fourth Wednesday when necessary.

The Chairman reported the resignation from the Senate of Bill Syers (Applied Arts and Science) because of an increased work load. As required by the Senate Constitution, the vacancy must be filled (until the next regular election) by an election in the Senate at a special meeting. The Chairman announced that such a special meeting would be convened immediately upon the adjournment of the present Meeting No. 134.

Senators were asked to send their class and laboratory schedule to the Senate office (Box 6176) so that committee meeting times could be more easily set.

Chairman Devine polled the Senate for senator members of School Councils and found that only the Library Council included the senator. He asked for volunteers from the Senate to serve as ex officio members of the various School Advisory Councils. The following senators agreed to do so:

Senator Howard	- Forestry	Senator Rayborn	- Education
Senator Schoenewolf	- Liberal Arts	Senator Morley/Holt	- Fine Arts
Senator Young	- Business	Senator Moore	- Sciences & Math

4. Old Business:

A. Faculty Handbook:

Senator Richter, Chairman of the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee, reported on the status of the Faculty Handbook revision. He noted that the revision is essentially complete, with the addition during the summer of several new policy statements and the recent addition of a statement of procedure (not a policy) from the VPAA's office concerning faculty evaluation. He informed the Senate that six copies of the latest draft of the Handbook are on three-day reserve in the Library. He asked that senators review the document and make any suggestions for improvements or corrections.

Chairman Devine commented about a sentence placed on the cover of the Handbook by the University Council which states that the "Handbook and its provisions do not constitute an employment contract or agreement..." Senator Nall moved that Chairman Devine ask Mr. Provan to address the Senate on this subject at the first Senate meeting he is free. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

B. Election Procedures:

Senator Carns, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections, distributed a form designed by the committee to accompany Senate mailings, especially ballots. The form would serve as a receipt slip to be signed and returned when the accompanying material has been received. It should prevent mailings lost en route from going undetected until too late.

5. New Business:

A. Committee Assignments:

Chairman Devine distributed copies of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committee assignments to the senators and reviewed each committee's assignments.


Leah Poston, SGA representative, distributed a proposal from SGA to erect a fountain and a statue commemorating Stephen F. Austin on the campus.

Chairman Devine announced that a list would be mailed to each Senator indicating which departments each would represent.

6. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Absences:

Senator Price - Excused
Senator Whillock - Excused


DONALD RICHTER
Secretary, 1982-83, Senate