

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 136  
October 13, 1982

1. Chairman Devine called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.
2. The usual order of the meeting was altered to permit Dr. Johnson to address the Senate first. He reported on the October meeting of the Board of Regents, at which a number of renovation and addition projects on the SFA campus was approved. Among these projects are the development of an Academic Assistance Center in the Library and renovations on the Fine Arts and Liberal Arts buildings, Forestry and Early Childhood labs and dormitories. Funds for this work will be available only if the voters of Texas repeal the Ad Valorem Tax in the November election.
3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of Meeting No. 133 were approved with one correction. Please correct your copy of the minutes of meeting No. 133 to read that Joseph Ormsby is in the School of Business instead of Management/Marketing.

The minutes of Meeting Nos. 134 and 135 were approved with no corrections.
4. Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Carns reported that as of September 15, 1982, \$3,317 remained in the operational/maintenance/travel fund. She also noted that ~~\$1,200~~ remained in the student wage fund.  
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Chairman's Report:

Chairman Devine reported that Dr. Johnson will again address the Senate in December, at which time he will discuss the contract disclaimer statement on the title page of the Faculty Handbook. Mr. Provan, university attorney, was invited to do so, but declined.

The Chairman also commented that the administration believes that this may be an unusually well funded year for organized research, judging by the recommendations of the L.B.B. November 5 is the deadline for research support applications.
5. New Business:
  - A. Admissions Standards:

Senator Nicholson, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, distributed copies of his committee's recommendation on the Freshman Admission Policy.

The recommendation would raise the admission standards (ACT and SAT scores) for freshmen entering SFA in the fall or spring term.

Probationary summer entry provisions for otherwise ineligible students would be retained.

A discussion by the Senators followed.

Senator Nicholson moved and it was seconded that the report be accepted by the Senate for submission as the Senate's recommendation to the administration.

Senator Hyams moved to amend the recommendation to require that all of the 12 summer hours to be taken by the probationary summer entrants must be General Education courses. The motion to amend was seconded.

Senator Whillock moved to amend the original recommendation to require that only 9 of the 12 summer hours must be core courses. This motion was seconded and passed 13 to 6.

The committee recommendation as amended was then passed unanimously.

## 6. Old Business:

### A. Faculty Handbook: Discussion

Senator Richter, chairman of the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee, reported that completion of the Faculty Handbook revision has been delayed because of faculty concern over the contract disclaimer on the cover page. He noted that several draft copies of the Handbook are on 3-day reserve in the Library, available for faculty examination.

A discussion of the disclaimer and contracts generally followed. It was suggested that the committee draft a positive statement of what the Handbook is, that could be added to the contract disclaimer. Approval of the university lawyer would have to be obtained.

## 7. New Business:

### B. Should Applications for Faculty Merit Cover One Year or More Than One Year?

The new (Sept. 3, 1982) university statement: Faculty Evaluation, Merit Pay, Promotion and Tenure: Policies and Procedures, makes the single preceding academic year the period for which merit is awarded. The Senate had recommended last year that the period since the last merit award, but not to exceed 3 years, should be the evaluation period for merit.

Chairman Devine asked for the sense of the Senate on the matter so he could decide whether to bring the matter up at the Academic Deans Council meeting. Senator Morley offered the resolution that Dr. Gaston reconsider the Senate's recommendation of last year concerning the merit award evaluation period. The resolution was seconded and passed 13 to 7.

### C. SGA Proposal:

This topic was postponed until the next Senate meeting.

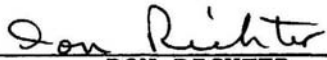
D. Comments:

The next Senate meeting will be November 10, 1982 at 2:20 p.m.  
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8. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned  
at 4:00 p.m.

Absences

John Thornton - excused

  
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DON RICHTER  
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