

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 142
April 13, 1983

1. Chairman Devine called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting No. 141 were approved with one correction. Under New Business A., second paragraph, the report of Senator Nall's motion was corrected to read that the Standing Rules of the Senate be amended to permit second- as well as third-year senators to run for Chairman of the Senate.

3. Officer Reports:

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Senator Thornton, as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising, distributed his committee's report. After some discussion by the senators, Leah Poston, representative of the SGA, endorsed the report.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance for O & M travel budget (March 9)	\$1,921.05
Expenditures (including encumbrance)	432.29
Balance (April 13)	<u>\$1,488.76</u>
Balance for Student Assistance (March 9)	\$ 726.63
Expenditures	103.30
Balance (April 13)	<u>\$ 623.33</u>

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Devine announced that the Nominating Committee, composed of all third-year senators would meet on Thursday, April 14 at 3:05 in Ferguson 512.

He also announced that any senator interested in attending a Summer 1983 one-week internship with the Texas Coordinating Board, sponsored by the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations, should contact him by April 25.

4. Old Business:

- A. Proposal to revise by-laws to permit nominees for Senate chairman to be chosen from among those who will be in the second and third years of their Senate term.

Senator Nall's motion at Senate meeting No. 141 that the Standing Rules of the Senate be amended to permit second- as well as third-year senators to run for Chairman of the Senate served as announcement of intent to amend the rules, with the issue to be decided at the present meeting. After some discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed (12 yes, 7 no votes) lacking a two-thirds majority.

B. Regents Rules of 1977 and Faculty Handbook:

As a matter related to the Faculty Handbook, Chairman Devine reported on his investigations of the status of the Regents Rules of 1977. He reviewed a discussion he had with Mr. Provan about the apparent contradictions between the University Tenure Policy and the Regents Rules.

Senator Richter reported that all additions and corrections of which he is aware had been entered into the word processor and that a number of copies of a late draft of the Handbook will be available for faculty review in the Reserve Room of the Library by Monday.

5. New Business:

A. Report by Senators Devine, Nall, and Stephens on the evaluation conference:

The conference attended by the three Senators was sponsored by the Higher Education Management Institute of the University of Texas. Senator Devine commented that SFA has had faculty evaluation since its founding. The question of evaluation is not if but how faculty evaluation should be implemented to be equitable and useful. Student evaluation of faculty was mentioned as one of the best techniques. Senator Nall commented on evaluation forms and distributed a sample from the Conference. Senator Stephens discussed briefly the evaluation of administrators.

A general discussion of faculty evaluation followed. It was concluded that a faculty hearing should be held in the Fall of 1983 on this controversial subject. This suggestion will be made to next year's Senate.

B. Discussion of Policy on Faculty Development:

This topic was not included on the agenda of the meeting. Chairman Devine distributed copies of a University Policy on Faculty Developmental Leaves, a proposed policy developed by the Dean's Council. A discussion followed. Senator Nall, who had had an opportunity to study the policy statement, commented that the proposed policy was fair and moved to endorse the policy statement. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

C. Report of Professional Welfare Committee on Evaluation of Deans:

This report was postponed until the next Senate meeting on April 27, 1983.

D. Discussion of April Pre-registration:

In a general discussion of the recent pre-registration experience, a number of senators pointed out specific problems and made suggestions for improving the process. Leah Poston, SGA representative, commented on pre-registration from the students' point of view. Chairman Devine announced that the Executive Committee would consider these comments and incorporate them into a recommendation to the Administration. The recommendation will be presented for Senate approval at the next meeting, April 27.

E. Nonscheduled items presented by senators, ex-officio members, or visitors:

Leah Poston introduced Shawn Wright, a Biology major, who will replace her as Student Government representative in the Senate next year.

6. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Absences

Senator Carns - excused (ill)
Senator Morley - excused (class)
Senator Saunders - excused (injured)

Don Richter

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