

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting No. 143  
April 27, 1983

1. Chairman Devine called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.
2. Dr. Johnson made an unscheduled appearance before the Senate to report on the current outlook for the fiscal condition of the state in the next biennium, especially as it relates to higher education and SFA. He characterized the present outlook as generally bleak and then mentioned some of the state employee and education related provisions of the funding bills under consideration by the House and Senate. Salary increases of 4% (both years of the biennium) and 4 1/2% (first year of the biennium only) are being considered by the two houses; other benefits remain about the same in the two bills. SFA could benefit financially as a result of this year's enrollment increase. Dr. Johnson then answered a number of questions by senators on various matters.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting No. 142 were approved with no corrections.

4. Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Senator Carns announced that there would be no Treasurer's Report because there are no figures available later than those reported at the last meeting.

As chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Elections, she announced the results of the Grievance Panel elections. The following are the newly elected members of the Grievance Panel:

Applied Arts and Sciences . . . . .	W. T. Toney
Business . . . . .	J. M. Bowman and Kurt Stanberry
Education . . . . .	Frank Smith and Donnya Stephens
Fine Arts . . . . .	Ronald Anderson and James Snyder
Forestry . . . . .	James Howard and Kenneth Watterston
Liberal Arts . . . . .	David Cox and Jimmy Jones
Science and Mathematics . . . . .	W. D. Clark and Byron Van Dover
Library . . . . .	Ann Chandler

Secretary's Report:

Senator Richter reported that the election of the 1983-84 Faculty Senators is currently in progress. He also noted that in several schools run-off elections are being held.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Devine announced that Senator June Irwin (Department of Health and Physical Education) and Donald Beeson (Department of Art) had just been selected Regents Professors for next year.

He reminded the chairmen of Standing Committees to have their committees' annual reports ready for presentation at the final meeting of this year's Senate on May 11, 1983.

5. Old Business:

A. Faculty Handbook:

Senator Richter reminded the Senate that copies of the latest draft of the Handbook are on reserve in the Library, available for faculty review. Final approval of the document will be voted on at the May meeting.

B. Pre-registration System:

Senator Devine distributed a handout prepared jointly by the Executive and the Academic Affairs Committees. This report contains recommendations to the Administration concerning pre-registration. It recommended reverting to the pre-registration method used in Fall 1982. If this should be unfeasible, the report continued by making suggestions to improve the method used in Spring 1983. Senator Nicholson moved that the Senate approve these recommendations and submit the report to Dr. Gaston for consideration. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

C. Advising:

Senator Thornton, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising, commented that his committee had distributed a written report at the previous meeting and asked that the names of the members of the committee (Carns, Nicholson, Poston, and Thornton) be added to the report before submitting it to the Administration.

6. New Business:

A. Report of Nominating Committee:

Vice-Chairman Thornton announced the Nominating Committee's nominees for officers for the 1983-84 Faculty Senate:

Chairman:	S. Maamary and M. Young
Vice-Chairman:	P. Hallman and K. Price
Secretary:	K. Rayborn and R. Saunders
Treasurer:	T. Nall

It was noted that T. Quarles had been nominated for the office of Treasurer, but had declined. Chairman Devine asked for nominations for this office from the floor. Senator Nall placed Senator Whillock's name in nomination, but he declined. Senator Irwin moved that nominations be closed and the Nominating Committee's slate be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Chairman Devine announced the resignation from the Senate of Tom Quarles, who will assume the chairmanship of the Department of Agriculture in the Summer of 1983. The Senate will elect a replacement for Senator Quarles at the May 11 meeting to serve the remaining two years of Quarles' term.

B. Report of Professional Welfare Committee I:

1. Copyright Law:

Senator Maamary, committee chairman, moved that his committee's report on copyright, which had been distributed to the Senators at the April 13 meeting, be sent as a recommendation to the Administration. The report urged each department and school to make their staffs aware of copyright law requirements and changes, and the report recommends relevant publications for this purpose. The motion was seconded and after some discussion, passed without opposition.

2. Administrator Evaluation Forms:

Senator Maamary distributed a sliding scale form devised for the evaluation of administrators. He moved that this form be submitted by the Senate to Dr. Gaston for consideration. The motion was seconded.

Senator Schoenewolf made a motion to lay this matter on the table to be considered at the May meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unopposed. Further action on the Administrator Evaluation Form matter was postponed.

C. Academic Affairs Committee:

1. Admissions Policy:

Senator Nicholson, committee chairman, mentioned several of the exceptions to the University Admissions Policy which are not generally known. He asked the Senate for instructions on whether or not his committee should pursue this study. Senator Nall made a motion asking the committee to continue and to bring a recommendation on this matter to the Senate. The motion was seconded and carried unopposed.

2. Transfers:

Senator Nicholson discussed some of the concerns his committee has over the integrity of students' transcripts when transferred credits are involved. Chairman Devine asked the committee to submit a report with recommendations at the next meeting.

7. A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:45.p.m.

Absences

Senator Hallman - excused (dept. business)  
Senator Moses  
Senator Quarles - resigned  
Senator Rayborn - excused (out of town class)  
Senator Stephens

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