

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting No. 149
January 18, 1984

1. Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
2. Announcements:
 - A. Dr. Brophy, recently appointed Interim Assistant Vice-President of Academic Affairs, was welcomed to the meeting and congratulated on his appointment.
 - B. Robert Szafran was recognized as a visitor representing Senator Maamary from the School of Liberal Arts.
 - C. Chairman Young announced that President Johnson had approved the Senate's membership in the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations.
 - D. President Johnson has notified Chairman Young of the following actions:
 1. Approval of the Senate's recommendation concerning standards for determining Academic Probation and Suspension.
 2. Request that the Senate review the proposed changes in the tenure policy. Chairman Young referred this to Professional Welfare Committee I.
 3. Approval of the 1982-83 Senate report on student advising.
 4. Change in commencement attendance for faculty will result in the faculty choosing to participate in any two of the three ceremonies.
 - E. Chairman Young distributed copies of a newsletter from the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations. He noted a call for applications for the Coordinating Board Internship and encouraged participation.
 - F. Dean Reese reminded the Senate of the Magna Carta display scheduled for January 22-25, 1984.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting No. 148 were approved as corrected (p. 2, last line should read "...motion failed on a 6-11 vote.").

4. Officer Reports:

Chairman Report:

Chairman Young reported the following pre-registration changes considered at the December 6 meeting of the Deans Council:

Extending the hours of pre-registration from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Scheduling pre-registration for the Coliseum.
Mailing data sheets three weeks prior to pre-registration to
accommodate clearing of delinquencies.

Secretary's Report:

Senator Rayborn represented the Senate at the November 22 meeting of the Deans Council. Items discussed included:

The pre-registration process just completed, especially problems observed.

The 1982-83 Senate report on advising. This report was accepted by the Deans Council.

The role of the Deans Council in developing an instrument for faculty evaluation by students. It was recommended that the Deans Council wait to see the result of the Faculty Senate's work on this issue.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance for O & M and Travel (1-18-84)	\$2,561.82
Student Wage (1-18-84)	621.77

5. New Business:

A. Professional Welfare I Committee:

Senator Stephens reviewed the findings of that committee on planned sick leave vs. unscheduled sick leave. At present, no policy exists concerning this issue nor are specific funds provided for this purpose. Concern was expressed that establishment of such a policy and/or fund might jeopardize other policies and/or funds regarding faculty and summer employment.

Senator Payette moved that we accept the report of the committee and take no further action at this time. The motion was seconded by Senator Arcsott and approved with no opposition.

B. Wedgeworth Lecture:

Senator Hallman presented the report of this committee. Motion to accept the report for consideration was made by Senator Nall, seconded by Senator Stephens, and approved. Chairman Young requested that Senators review the report and be prepared to take action at the February meeting.

C. Basic Skills:

Senator Dahmus, Chairman, summarized the recommendations of the committee for consideration. Those for immediate implementation would encourage all faculty members to require as much writing as possible to fulfill course objectives and that faculty and students be reminded of the services offered through the Academic Assistance Center. Additionally, the committee offered the following recommendations:

1. A competency test in written English to be administered and evaluated by the faculty in the Department of the student's major. The test

would be administered at the beginning of the junior year or as soon as possible thereafter for transfer students.

2. The university policy regarding WP, WF, W be changed to only allow withdrawal from a course prior to mid-term.
3. The procedure for computing GPA for graduation be established to include all hours attempted at SFA.

Chairman Young reminded the Senate that a similar recommendation regarding computation of GPA was approved by the Senate on December 8, 1982. However, no record of response from the administration has been located. Dean Reese reported the Deans Council did review the recommendation. His recollection was that no action was taken to change the procedure.

Motion to accept the report for study and further action was made by Senator Whillock, seconded by Senator Crocker, and passed.

D. Professional Welfare Committee II:

Senators Whillock and Payette presented a progress report on student evaluation. Data obtained from the survey of faculty suggest three observations:

A majority of the responding faculty feels that an evaluation by students is helpful.

There is a cautionary attitude as to how these evaluations will be used.

The faculty supports an endeavor to develop appropriate questions for the evaluation instrument.

E. Administration and Finance:

Senator Smith requested that any questions concerning the 1984-85 budget be forwarded to him in anticipation of a visit with Dr. Gaston and/or in planning for Dr. Gaston to address the Senate regarding budgetary items. In response to a question, Dean Reese reviewed the procedure for establishing budgets regarding faculty salaries.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Absences

Senator Holt (excused)
Senator Maamary (excused)
Senator Ormsby

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Bill Brophy
Dr. James Reese

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