

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting #174  
November 12, 1986

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Eastman.

2. Announcements:

- a. Chairman Eastman expressed regret at the death of Dr. Kathryne Kolar and announced that a memorial fund has been established in her name.
- b. The Chairman announced the resignation of Senator George Thompson, Secondary Education, and shared with the Senate, his letter of resignation.
- c. Chairman Eastman reported that a copy of the letter stating the Senate's position regarding financial exigency is available in the Senate office along with letters received in response to that letter.
- d. The Chairman announced the Executive Committee voted to receive two free trial subscriptions of professional periodicals. These will be available shortly in the Senate office and comments from Senators are requested.
- e. Chairman Eastman announced that \$30,000 has just been made available by the Board of Regents for out-of-state travel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting #173 were approved with the change noted by Senator Devine that David Fry is director of Personnel Services, not Business Manager, as recorded on page 2 of the minutes.

4. No financial report was given.

5. Old Business:

Chairman Eastman announced that Robert Provan was involved in a minor traffic accident and would not be able to speak to the Senate as scheduled. He will be rescheduled at a later date. Thanks were expressed to Senator Graves for compiling the list of questions submitted to Mr. Provan.

6. New Business:

Senator Parr distributed the list of nominees to fill the unexpired term of Senator Thompson, Secondary Education. Senator Bailey moved and Senator Prewitt seconded to accept this list. The motion carried. Wendall Spreadbury, Elementary Education was elected on the first ballot.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Senator Carr, Faculty Government and Involvement, reported that upon investigation it was determined the only smoking policy on campus is a "No Smoking" policy in classrooms and cafeterias.

After considerable discussion, Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Dean seconded that the Senate recommend the formulation of a policy whereby each academic building on campus would designate specific smoking areas.

Senator Howard moved and Senator Bailey seconded to amend the motion to include "if they desire to establish a policy."

The motion as amended was passed with Senator Bilan abstaining.

The Faculty Government and Involvement Committee was charged with this responsibility.

- b. Senator Carr reported on a letter received from the Faculty Senate of the American University in Washington D.C. Their Senate was encouraging university Senates to pass a resolution recommending no university funds be invested in corporations doing business with South America.

Vice President Reese stated the Board of Regents has a policy regarding this and that we are in compliance with that policy.

Senator Voigtel moved and Senator DiNucci seconded that this Senate not make a statement either pro or con regarding this matter. The motion passed.

- c. Senator Carr reported on the work of the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee regarding University level merit. Considerable discussion followed concerning previous problems of the entire procedure.

The motion was made by Senator DiNucci and seconded by Senator McCune for the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee to examine existing guidelines for University level merit and to develop additional ones if needed. The motion carried.

Senator Markworth moved and Senator Evans seconded to present a sense of the Senate resolution to the Council of Deans that would broaden the time base for merit consideration to include the period when funding was not available for merit raises. The motion carried.

8. Unscheduled Items:

- a. Senator Thornton asked about the possibility of the Senate offering tax seminars to acquaint faculty with the new tax laws. Chairman Eastman charged the Professional Welfare Committee with the responsibility of securing and coordinating information on this to be made available as soon as possible to the Senate.
- b. Senator Russell reported that David Fry is checking into the pre-admission insurance requirement and any information he obtains will be available to the Senate shortly.

9. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Visitor:  
Dr. Connie Spreadbury

Ex Officio Member:  
Dr. James Reese

  
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MARY ELLA LOWE  
Secretary, 1986-87 Faculty Senate