

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting #177  
March 11, 1987

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

2. Announcements:

A. The new tax law addresses the distinction between employees and consultants. A representative from the IRS will be on campus March 21 to explain the law to the Administration.

B. As of January 1, 1987, The Southern Association requires teaching assistants to complete 18 hrs. of graduate work in their discipline before they can be the instructor of record.

C. SFA had 226 more applications for admittance as Freshmen than last year.

D. Maintenance would prefer to revert back to the 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. time schedule next year.

3. Minutes of meeting #176 were approved.

4. Officer Reports:

In the absence of Treasurer Ballenger, Senator Graves gave the financial report.

O.M.	2057.14
Travel	11.90
Student Assistant Acc	988.08
Balance	3057.12

5. Old Business:

A. Senator Parr gave a progress report on the Grievance Panel election. Results will be announced soon.

B. Senator Carr presented the following revised statement the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee proposed as the duties of the Executive Committee.

"The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in conjunction with the Senate Chair shall set the agenda for the regularly scheduled Senate meetings. The Executive Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Senate Chair and will perform such duties as prescribed by University Policy."

Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Thornton seconded to accept the statement as presented. Motion passed.

- C. Senator Carr presented the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee's proposal for membership on University-Level Merit Committee for approval. Senator Dean, committee member, recommended changing the second line of Roman Numeral I to read "School Councils or School Merit Councils." Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Pruitt seconded to change V. 3. to read "a committee member may not rank members of their own school but may provide input into the process." Motion failed. Senator Howard moved and Senator Bailey seconded a motion to change V. 2. to read, "The Committee shall provide a ranked recommendation of individuals deserving University Merit." Motion passed. Senator Bailey moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded a motion to add to VI, a number 8, that reads "the committee chair will transmit a letter to each individual informing him or her of their having been recommended for University level merit." Motion passed. Senator Thornton moved and Senator Russell seconded a motion to adopt the proposal with the noted changes. Motion passed.
- D. Guidelines for applying for University-Level merit were presented. Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Howard seconded a motion to adopt guidelines as presented. Motion passed.
- E. A report from the Academic Affairs Committee was given by Senator DiNucci. That committee recommended the following: "Incoming students who ranked in the lower three quartiles of their high school class must have a score of 900 on the SAT or an equivalent ACT score." Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Devine seconded to approve the recommendation. Motion passed.
- F. Senator Devine presented his motion for abolition of the merit system. Motion failed.
6. New Business:
- A. Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Markworth seconded a motion not to subscribe to "Perspective" and "Academic Leader." Motion passed.
- B. Senator Spreadbury reported for the Professional Ethics and Responsibilities Committee regarding required purchase of instructor materials. A questionnaire is being developed that will be distributed to all faculty. Senator Howard moved and Senator Thornton seconded a motion to delay other business until the next meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Excused Absences:

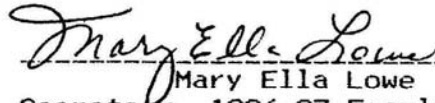
Dr. Joe Ballenger  
Major Randall Fain  
Dr. Donice McCune  
Dr. Richard Voigtel

Guests:

Larry O'Neal - for Senator  
Ballenger

Ex Officio Members:

Dr. James Reese



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Mary Ella Lowe  
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