

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING #179

1. Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. Announcements:
  - A. Chairman Eastman read portions of a letter from President Johnson acknowledging that he had received the recommendations passed by the Senate at the April meeting. He stated he was sending the recommendation concerning instructor-generator materials and the resolution on teaching excellence to the Academic Affairs Committee (previously the Council of Deans).
  - B. Senate Bill 1363 defining eligible participants in the optional retirement plan was passed after it was ammended to include professional librarians, preidents, chancellors, vice-presidents, vice-chancellors or other professional staff whose national mobility requirements are similar to those of faculty members who will fill positions that are the subject of nation-wide searches in the academic community.
3. The minutes of Meeting #178 were approved after the following corrections were noted:
  - A. 2,d. In line 3, the word Fine should be Applied.
  - B. 5,a. Sepond paragraph, line 4, after members, the words, of the Faculty Senate, should be added.
4. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice-Chair Howard briefly commented on his responsibilities during the past year.
  - B. Treasurer Ballenger reported the following as of March 31, 1987:

Balances are:

Wages-non-student	\$723.42
Travel	( 83.73)
O&M	2263.18
	2902.87

5. Committee Chairman Reports:

- a. Senator DiNucci reported for the Academic Affairs Committee. The Committee addressed admission requirements, the admission and probation requirements, retaking courses failed at SFASU, and giving final examinations at times other than the scheduled times.
- b. Senator Parr reported for the Election Committee. Elections held during the year were for the Grievance Panel and the Faculty Senate. A list of Senators for 1987-88 was distributed.
- c. Senator Russell, Professional Welfare Committee, reported investigating lack of faculty sick leave, developing proposed guidelines for faculty requesting personal computers, and including faculty of state institutions of higher learning as being eligible for longevity pay.
- d. Senator Graves, Administration and Finance, reported that the committee invited Dr. Provan to address the Senate, but he was unable to do so.
- e. Senator Carr, Faculty Government and Involvement Committee, reported enactment of a university smoking policy, revising guidelines for applying for University Level Merit pay increases. Work on evaluation of the entire University Merit System has started and continuation of the study was encouraged.
- f. Chairman Eastman, reporting for Senator McCune, Professional Ethics and Responsibilities Committee, noted two projects: (1) a recommendation concerning the purchase of instructor-authored materials, and (2) the establishment of a committee for teaching excellence. Chairman Eastman charged the 1987-88 Senate to investigate instructional materials required by departments for purchase by students and from which the department retains sales profits.

6. Old Business:

- A. Senator Russell, Faculty Welfare, presented a form to be used by faculty requesting personal computers. His motion to accept the form was seconded by Senator DiNucci and was passed.
- B. Senator Spreadbury presented two resolutions proposed by COFGO that request a commitment that the funds appropriated by the State Legislature for faculty salaries be used expressly for that purpose. The first resolution is to be sent to the SFASU administrative officers, and the second to the Council of State University Presidents. Senator Spreadbury moved to accept the resolutions and Senator Devine seconded. Motion Passed.

7. New Business:

- a. Senator Russell, Professional Welfare, moved acceptance of a resolution from TWU's Faculty Senate that faculty of state supported institutions of higher learning be treated as other state employees and be allowed to be eligible for and draw longevity pay. Senator Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Senator DiNucci, Academic Affairs, moved that the 1987-88 Senate propose a policy that would insure that the final examination schedule be adhered to be all faculty. Senator Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C. Senator Dean moved and Senator Russell seconded the motion that the Senate encourage the Administration to enforce the policy of no dismissing classes by faculty and that no walks be given. Motion passed.
- D. Several Senators expressed concern for students due to the problems created by the early date in effect for dropping a course. Chairman Eastman charged the 1987-88 Senate to study that policy.
- E. Senator Devine moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded that future Chairs of the Faculty Senate attend all SFASU Board of Regents meetings, including Summer meetings, or have the Vice-Chair attend as a Faculty Senate representative.
- F. Senator Devine moved and Senator Dean Seconded that the following resolution be approved:

~~The Faculty Senate resolves that it is opposed to expanding the field house during the current economic crisis, and the Senate recommends that expansion be postponed until the state's economy is healthier.~~

Senator Ballenger proposed an ammendment to the motion: "and those funds (\$500,000) be used for faculty and academic enhancement." Senator Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Unscheduled Items:

- A. Senator Russell moved and Senator Bailey seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

~~The Faculty Senate request a report from the Office of University Advancement about the funds they have obtained for faculty development, for the advancement of academic programs at SFASU, and to fill other faculty requests. The report should be made in writing so that it will be available for the first meeting of the Senate next Fall (1987).~~

Motion passed.

- B. the Senate approved a motion by Senator Bailey and seconded by Senator Dean to support the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award proposed by the Graduate Council.
- C. Senator Lowe's motion to amend Section F of the Faculty Senate Constitution to add the immediate past Faculty Senate Chairman to those appointed as ex officio members of the Faculty Senate and Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate was tabled.
- D. Senator Fain proposed that SFASU provide free room and board for Military Science students on scholarships (approximately 10 students). The 1987-88 Senate was charged with study of this proposal.
- E. Chairman Eastman expressed his heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Senators who came on board with him three years ago and who have served so well. Those Senators are:

Joe Ballenger, Barbara Carr, Sharon Graves, Paul Kellenhals, replaced by Randall Fain, Donice McCune, and Homer "Ted" Russell.

The Senate conveyed its thanks to those Senators for their valiant efforts to the cause and their many good works.

Senator Carr moved that the Senate express a vote of appreciation to Chairman Eastman for the job he has done.

The Faculty Senate responded with a standing ovation to Chairman Eastman.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Ex Officio: Dr. James Reese

Excused Absence: Senator Donice McCune

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. Lowe, Secretary