

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING #181  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1987

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

2. Announcements:

- a. The University now has a hazing policy and all faculty should have received a copy.
- b. All employees hired by the University since November 9, 1987 must fill out an I-9 Form.
- c. Janitorial services are scheduled in academic buildings from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- d. The Academic Affairs Council is continuing discussion of instructor-generated materials, students' medical absences, admission, probation and suspension policies and the teaching excellence center.
- e. The calendar for Summer and Fall 1988 is under consideration.
- f. The Council is also discussing a way to notify those faculty members who apply for promotion as to whether or not they have been promoted.
- g. There is about a 4.5% general increase in SFA's budget for this year.
- h. President Johnson acknowledged in a letter to the Senate that he had received the resolution concerning expansion of the field house.

3. Minutes of meetings 179 and 180 were approved.

4. Officer Reports:

Senator Bailey, Treasurer, reported the balance on hand is \$2,367. There were ~~no~~ expenditures during the summer.

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5. Old Business:

- a. Senator Evans moved and Senator Petty seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Senate Constitution proposed by Senator Lowe at the last meeting of the Senate in May. The amendment is as follows:

"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."

Motion passed.

- b. Chairman Howard announced that he hoped to have a report from the office of University Advancement at the next Senate meeting, October 14.

6. New Business:

- a. Chairman Howard distributed copies of Standing Committee assignments for the coming year and charged each committee with some immediate responsibilities.
- b. The Chairman read a petition signed by twelve members of the Department of English and Philosophy urging the Faculty Senate to protest in the strongest possible terms the failure of this administration to allocate some funds for a general staff raise.

Senator Devine moved and Senator White seconded the motion to support the petition. After a lengthy discussion, Senator Evans moved and Senator Voigtel seconded the motion to amend Senator Devine's motion to read "The Faculty Senate encourages the administration to find some method for allocating funds for staff raises."

Chairman Howard requested a hand-count vote. Motion passed. The Senate unanimously approved the original motion as amended.

c. Unforeseen Items:

1. Senator Evans' motion for the Executive Committee to prepare supporting statements with additional information in keeping with the original resolution to support the petition as passed by the Senate died for lack of a second.
2. After considerable discussion with a number of Senators voicing concern over lack of financial knowledge of budget procedures, Senator Howard charged the Administration and Finance Committee with studying the problem and making a recommendation at the October meeting.
3. Senator Spreadbury announced COFGO will meet October 9 and 10 in Austin.

Senator Devine moved and the motion was seconded to pay the \$100.00 membership dues to COFGO. Motion passed.

Senator Devine moved and Senator DiNucci seconded the motion for Chairman Howard and one other Senator to attend. Motion passed.

Senator Bailey moved and Senator Murdock seconded the motion that either Senator Spreadbury or Senator Devine attend the COFGO meeting with Chairman Howard. Motion passed.

4. Senator Devine mentioned the last date to add courses causes some problems because it is so late in the semester. Chairman Howard charged the Academic Affairs Committee with studying this matter.

5. The Vice President of the Student Government Association distributed letters to the Senate requesting they announce to their students that some vacancies for senate seats still exist and elections are scheduled for September 15.

d. Comments from ex officio members:

Vice President Reese made the following announcements:

1. The enrollment this year is 12,224.
2. Committee assignments are being completed and faculty will receive them shortly.
3. The amount of capital outlay money for instructional materials should be known in a few days.
4. The faculty development fund now has money to fund a limited number (2-3) of faculty development leaves.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Absences:

Dr. Jerry Lackey  
Dr. Kenneth Mace  
Dr. Doug Prewitt  
Dr. John Thornton

Ex officio members:

Dr. James Reese  
Dr. Ray Eastman

Visitors:

Lori Blakey  
Steve Esparza

  
Mary Ellen Lowe, Secretary 1987-1988