

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MEETING #182
OCTOBER 14, 1987

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

2. Announcements:

A. Chairman Howard announced that he and Senator Spreadbury attended the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations Meeting in Austin, October 9 and 10. Dr. Spreadbury reported there was a strong trend among all institutions for insuring continuity by lengthening terms of office of senators and for membership on certain committees. The meeting focused on budget and how important it is for faculty senators to be involved in the budget process. He stated that because of the results of a statewide financial management study of higher education institutions, profound changes are underway to insure cost effectiveness.

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Senator Spreadbury mentioned two Summer Fellowships that are available to faculty. One is the Coordinating Board Fellowship and the other is the Advisory Committee to the Coordinating Board. Both Senator Spreadbury and Chairman Howard encouraged faculty to apply and to contact either of them for more information. They both expressed their thanks to the Senate for allowing them to attend the meeting.

B. Vice Chairman Dean made the following announcements from the Academic Affairs Meeting:

- (1) The Coordinating Board meets Monday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 20, and those faculty recently appointed as full professors are invited to attend and meet the board members.
- (2) Lab fees may now be kept by the University and the Council is looking into how the University can realize more money from these fees.
- (3) The Committee tabled again for further study, the question of instructor generated materials.
- (4) As to notification of faculty applying* for promotions, the Council agreed that an effort will be made by the Chair and Dean to contact successful candidates on the date of the Regents meeting and that a promotion list for the University should be

made available in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the offices of all Deans on the date of the Regents' action.

- (5) Discussion of the Highest-Ranking Senior award is continuing.
 - (6) The Council approved a policy that all shortened courses shall consist of the same number of class contact hours as similar courses offered in a regular session or summer session, which is 45-48 hours. No three credit hour course shall consist of fewer than nine days over a three week period of time.
 - (7) Discussion will continue as to the procedure for dispersement of scholarships and the positions of on-campus lecturers.
- C. Chairman Howard made the following announcements from the Academic Affairs Council meeting prior to the last one:
- (1) The Academic Affairs Council has recommended a task force be formed to look at admissions, retention and probation policies.
 - (2) The Summer and Fall 1988 calendar has been set. There will be no break between Summer I and Summer II terms and Summer II and the beginning of the Fall term.
 - (3) The Medical Clinic reminds faculty that the form given to students who are seen at the clinic is verification they were there and not an excuse.
 - (4) An application fee of \$25.00 for admission of all foreign, non-exchange students was approved.
 - (5) Students placed on probation at the end of the Spring semester will be admitted to the Fall term regardless of summer grades.
 - (6) A committee has been assigned to look at admission requirements of students from non-accredited high schools and those who are non-high school graduates.
 - (7) President Johnson acknowledged his receipt of the Senate's recommendation on staff raises. He stated the legislature specifically ear-marked certain money for faculty raises only, but that he and Vice President Reese intend to concentrate on "finding" money for staff raises next year.

- (8) Faculty development leaves are now available and applications are encouraged. Election of a committee to determine those receiving leaves is underway.
 - (9) A memo from the Vice President's office concerning the purchase of personal computers is forthcoming and it will specify how many computers will be purchased and the requirements for purchase.
 - (10) Long-range plans involving computers and telecommunicators that are in the library are undergoing revisions.
 - (11) The Board of Regents will meet October 19 and 20, and the Faculty Senate will be represented at those meetings.
 - (12) Student evaluation of all university faculty using a form previously approved by the Senate, has been delayed because of budget, but will soon be re-enacted by the Academic Affairs Council.
 - (13) A University policy on AIDS and communicable diseases will be forthcoming from the office of the President.
 - (14) A policy addressing additional pay to faculty and staff for University functions above and beyond the call of duty will be coming from the President soon.
 - (15) Renovations have been approved for the Art Studio, Boynton Building, Austin Building, Dairy Farm, and the Library.
- 3. The minutes of meeting 181 were approved with the corrections noted by Senator Bailey.
 - 4. Officer Reports:

Senator Bailey reported the balance on hand as of August 31, 1987, is \$2,393.84.
 - 5. Old Business:
 - A. Senator McMillan moved and Senator Mace seconded the amendment to the constitution that includes the immediate past Senate Chairman as an ex officio member of the Senate and the Executive Committee. Motioned passed.
 - B. Committee Reports:
 - (1) Senator Parr reported the Election Committee has

completed the re-apportionment of the Senate.

The Committee proposes the following definition of a "full-time" faculty member:

"All tenure faculty, all faculty on tenure-track appointments, and all others with 100% teaching appointments."

Senator Voigtel moved to accept the recommendation and Senator McMillan seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion, Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Evans seconded the motion to amend Senator Voigtel's motion to read "the first day of the Fall Semester."

The amendment passed.

The motion passed.

- (2) Senator DiNucci reported for the Academic Affairs Committee that pre-registration by computer will be possible when the renovation of the Rusk Building is completed.

Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Mace seconded the last date to add a class by the end of the first week of class and after that date, the student must have the approval of the instructor in order to add the class.

Senator Voigtel amended the motion to read "from the end of the first week until the twelfth class day to add with instructor approval." Senator Hackard seconded the motion.

The amendment passed.

The original motion as amended passed.

- (3) Senator Thornton, Faculty Government and Involvement Committee, requested that committee be allowed to consider some constitutional changes that would allow senators to serve longer than one term and that officers be allowed to serve longer terms. Clarification of "university merit" was requested.

- (4) Senator Markworth, Administration and Finance Committee, reported on some long-range budget studies by other universities and Chairman Howard charged this committee to develop a financial history of SFA's budget.

Senator Markworth moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded the motion to allow this committee to hire

a student programmer to assist in the study.

Senator Bailey moved to amend the motion "to limit funding to \$350.00." Senator Lackey seconded.

The amendment passed.

The motion passed as amended.

6. New Buiness:

A. Senator Bailey moved and Senator McMillan seconded the motion that the Senate go on record as opposing mandatory retirement based on age. The motion passed.

B. Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Dean seconded the motion to amend Article I, Section III of the Constitution in order to be consistent in wording with that of the Election Committee's interpretation of "full-time faculty." The motion passed.

C. Unforeseen Items:

Senator Mace's motion that the Senate send a copy of the Pine Log editorial and satirical piece to each member of the Board of Regents died for lack of a second.

Senator ~~DiNucci~~^{DeVane} moved and Senator White seconded the motion for the Senate to reaffirm the request for President Johnson to transmit to the Board of Regents the Senate motion passed in May stipulating opposition to the field house expansion. The motion passed.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p. m.

Absences:

Dr. Victor Bilan
Dr. Patrick Mueller
Dr. Forrest Price
Dr. Pamela Roberson

Ex Officio Members:

Dr. James Reese
Dr. Ray Eastman

Mary Ella Lowe
Mary Ella Lowe, Secretary 1987-88