

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING #183  
NOVEMBER 11, 1987

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Howard.
2. Announcements:
  - a. The Administration is studying the status of called faculty to determine eligibility for certain benefits.
  - b. Faculty development leaves have been approved and the Board of Regents ammended the policy to create a special elected review committee to consider applications rather than the Research Council as originally proposed.
  - c. The bonds and bonding agents for the field house improvements have been approved by the Board of Regents.
  - d. The study of probation, suspension and retention policies by the Academic Affairs Council is in progress.
  - e. President Johnson acknowledged in a letter to the Senate that he had fully informed the Board of Regents as to the opposition of the Senate to the field house expansion and to the resolution passed by the Senate. He also stated in the letter that a rider attached to the appropriations bill would give a two percent raise to all staff in 1988-89 provided funds are available at the end of this fiscal year.
  - f. The deadline for Faculty Research proposals is February 15, 1988. The new guidelines are be available.
  - g. A long-range planning retreat will be held again this year an Chairman Howard announced he will be sending a form to all faculty requesting their comments and concerns to aid him in his presentation.
3. The minutes of Meeting #182 were approved with corrections as noted.
4. Officer Reports:

Senator Bailey reported the balance on hand as of November 11, 1987, is \$3,016.32.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Devine seconded the motion to revise Article I, Section 3 of the Faculty

Senate Constitution to read as follows:

Voting members of the faculty are defined as "all tenured faculty, all faculty on tenure-track appointments, and all others with one hundred percent teaching appointments."

Motion passed.

B. Committee Reports:

- (1) Senator Spreadbury, Professional Ethics and Responsibilities Committee, distributed copies of a resolution proposed by the committee. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas a formal request has been made of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate to review existing policy relative to absences of faculty members from officially scheduled classes, and whereas there may occur abusive practices regarding "walks" from classes, and whereas a succinct, fair and complete policy regarding this concern is stated in the faculty handbook, and whereas the faculty senate does not wish to further increase the number of rules and policies which must be adhered to by the faculty, be it resolved that the faculty senate firmly supports and encourages the strict enforcement of existing policy found on pages III-2 and III-3 of the faculty handbook.

Senator Spreadbury moved and Senator Bailey seconded the motion to accept the resolution as presented. Motion passed.

- (2) Senator Voigtel, Professional Welfare Committee, reported that committee would like to pursue examination of some recognition of faculty for services rendered at ten year intervals. Unanimous consent of the Senate was given. Senate approval was also given to examine some method of routing by mail to clear all obligations of those leaving the University.
- (3) Senator Parr, Elections Committee, explained there have been some problems with faculty not receiving voting ballots that have been sent to the departments. Please contact him, or contact the Senate office if this happens.

6. New Business:

- A. Senator Devine moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded the motion that the Faculty Senate urges the Administration to encourage the UC Programs Committee and the Ideas and Issues Committee and other groups that sponsor academic lecturers not to charge admission for them. Motion failed.
- B. Senator Mace asked if there was any information on the Basic Skills Test. Vice-President Reese stated the Coordinating Board and TEA has selected the testing company to develop the test and committees have been appointed to work with them in developing the test. He explained the test is diagnostic with some level of proficiency and must be taken prior to the junior year. Particulars such as fees, specific dates of administering and passing score are not known at this time.
- C. Former Senate Chairman and ex officio member, Dr. Ray Eastman, responded to a request from the Faculty Government Committee that is charged with looking into the merit system. He explained that the results of a faculty survey last year regarding merit showed the majority were unhappy with the system and thought it should be changed. He suggested perhaps tapes from certain previous Senate meetings might be helpful.
- D. Vice-President Reese reported that approximately 30-40 faculty development grants will be funded and the committee members to select those will be known by Wednesday. Dr. Reese also said the response by faculty applying for personal computers was tremendous.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

## Absences:

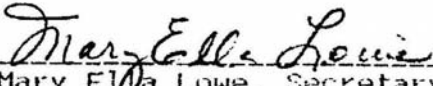
Patrick Mueller  
Doug Prewitt

## Visitors:

Casey Coffman, Sophomore Class V.P., SGA Senator

## Ex Officio Members:

Dr. James Reese  
Dr. Barbara Carr  
Dr. Ray Eastman

  
Mary Eliza Lowe, Secretary, 1987-88