

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING #184  
FEBRUARY 10, 1988

1. Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. Special Report:

The Chairman presented Dr. Nancy Speck, Vice President for University Advancement, who reported on the activities of that office. Dr. Speck gave a brief history of the office for University Advancement from its beginning in the late 1970's to the present. The purpose of the office is to facilitate the timely implementation of the policy approved by the Regents regarding gifts, endowments and bequests to the University. Dr. Speck explained that much of her time since assuming her present position has been spent in Austin attending sessions of the State Legislature where she took an active role by serving on various task force committees. Actively seeking endowment funds through a major gifts campaign is also a major responsibility. This is of vital importance to the University as Dr. Speck stated that it has become increasingly clear that in the future, higher education will be state assisted, not state funded.

Dr. Speck explained the Stephen F. Austin State University Foundation Inc., founded in 1974, is a separate entity and governed by a separate board. The Regents serve individually and separately as members of the Foundations trustees along with nine non-regent members.

Dr. Speck introduced John F. Anderson, Assistant to the Vice President, and Mary Nell Daniels, Program Coordinator. In addition, they serve as Financial Officers of the Foundation and Secretary, respectively. Dr. Speck says she is very optimistic that the goal of eleven million dollars will be reached in three to five years. The money will be used for various academic needs including assistance in research, recruiting and retention of faculty and for visiting professors.

3. Announcements:

- A. Chairman Howard announced he and Senator Spreadbury attended the January meeting of COFGO.
- B. ARA would provide a hot lunch in the faculty lounge if the faculty would support it. Three senators responded favorably.
- C. The institutional self-study committees for the April 1990 visit of the Southern Association will be appointed next week. A representative from that body is on campus today and will meet with certain faculty.
- D. The Coordinating Board has recommended a 39% increase in the overall budget for higher education and a 10.1% increase in faculty salaries each year.

- E. The Title VI Immigration team will visit in April.
  - F. The Advisory Committee on Health Affairs has recommended this University have no Masters degree in Nursing for the present time.
  - G. The deadline for Faculty Development proposals has been extended to February 15.
  - H. There is a need for faculty to serve as Coordinating Board Fellows. Applications may be obtained from Chairman Howard or Senator Spreadbury.
  - I. President Johnson approved the amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution.
  - J. The development of the Basic Skills Test is continuing and several SFA faculty members are involved. They are: Drs. Stephens, Rodriguez, Mace and Russell.
  - K. Enrollment for the Spring semester is 11,373, which is an increase of 51 over the Spring of 1987.
  - L. Nominations for the Alumni Association Distinguished Professor award are requested by the Alumni Association. Support materials should be included with the nomination.
  - M. The Board of Regents considered the following matters at their last meeting:
    - 1) adopted a policy for appearing before the board,
    - 2) re-elected the president,
    - 3) faculty and staff changes were approved,
    - 4) a policy on student discipline that insures due process was approved,
    - 5) bonds were approved for the field house,
    - 6) university police department building expansion was approved as was remodeling of the art building and demolition of the Raguet apartments,
    - 7) set the maximum amount for student lab fees at \$30, and
    - 8) approved an additional CPU unit for the computer center.
4. Minutes of Meeting #183 were approved with the noted addition to 5A which is as follows:  
"Chairman Howard noted that since professional librarians at SFA are eligible for tenure, they would not be disenfranchised by the wording of the revision."
5. Officer Reports:  
Senator Bailey reported the balance on hand as of December 31, 1987 was \$3,086.54

## 6. Old Business:

## A. Committee Reports:

- a. Chairman Howard reported for the Election Committee in the absence of Senator Parr.
  - 1) All senators should have received a list of names of all those serving on the Faculty Development Committee.
  - 2) Dr. Wayne Murdock will be in charge of the Grievance Panel election.
  - 3) Ddr. Orlyn Evans will be in charge of the Faculty Senate election.
  - 4) Dr. Parr will be in charge of University Committee election.
- b. Senator Markworth, Administration and Finance Committee is waiting for an answer to their request that the university budget for the last ten years be made available to them.
- c. Senator Voigtel, Professional Welfare Committee, reported they are working on confirming a date in April for recognizing faculty for longevity. Pins would be awarded as follows:
  1. 137 faculty members would receive a 10 year pin,
  2. 118 faculty members would receive a 20 year pin, and
  3. 5 faculty members would receive a 30 year pin.

This committee is working with Dr. Reese. Also, beginning in 1988-89, the process of clearing obligations to the University by departing faculty will be simplified.

Senator Voigtel moved the Senate endorse the use of a surplus of approximately \$100,000 in the insurance fund for a faculty health and fitness center. Senator Spreadbury seconded.

Senator Mace moved to table the motion until the Senate has more information on uses of surplus insurance funds from David Fry. Senator White seconded. Motion passed.

- d. Senator DiNucci, Academic Affairs Committee, reported that that committee re-affirms its position regarding the final exam schedule.

A hand-out was distributed with recommendations <sup>of the Retention Committee</sup> for retention of students. The committee requested Senate and faculty input.

Senator Voigtel commented about the fiscal slips faculty are asked to deliver to students. After a

brief discussion, Senator Lackey moved and Senator Mace seconded that the Administration explore other avenues of getting the notices from the fiscal office to the students. Motion passed.

- B. Senator Bailey reported on the status of a recommendation passed by an earlier Senate that would allow faculty to take courses with no tuition fee charged. The Administration responded that it was taking the recommendation under advisement. Since no other references to the matter have been forthcoming from the Administration, Senator Bailey moved to request the Administration waive general tuition fees and student activity fees for faculty wishing to take a course. Senator Devine seconded the motion.

Senator Dean moved to amend the motion to read "request the Administration waive all fees which can legally be waived for faculty to register for courses." Senator Devine seconded. Motion passed as amended.

7. New Business:

- A. Senator Spreadbury distributed copies of a rationale for changing the Senate Constitution and the recommended changes. He moved to accept the recommendations as presented and to present them for formal acceptance at the March meeting. Senator Voigtel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Tom Johnson, Social Chairman of Delta Tau Delta, presented preliminary plans for a Chili Cook-Off to raise funds for scholarships. The cook-off would involve various departments and faculty who wanted to enter, as well as the members of Delta Tau Delta. His organization wished to know the reaction of the Senate.

Senator Bailey moved the Senate pass a resolution that it endorses the idea of a Chili Cook-Off and will support it. Senator McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. Senator Dean moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded a motion that the Chairman of the Senate appoint a committee to discuss the question of the interest in a Faculty Club and to survey the faculty to determine if there is interest in a Faculty Club and to report their findings to the Senate. Motion passed.
- D. Chairman Howard charged the Professional Welfare Committee to look into the lack of diversity of retirement plans for faculty.

E. Senator Mace asked if the self-study committees would have members from other departments. Vice President Reese responded that at the present this has not been determined.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

ABSENCES:

Dr. Patrick Mueller  
Dr. Andrew Parr  
Dr. John Thornton

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Dr. James Reese  
Dr. Ray Eastman

VISITORS:

Dr. Nancy Speck  
Mr. John Anderson  
Ms. Mary Nell Daniels  
Bryan Spurling  
John Zimmerman  
Tom Johnson

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