

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING 185  
MARCH 9, 1988

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

2. Announcements:

- A. Chairman Howard announced the nominating committee for officers of the Faculty Senate for 1988-89 will meet at 4 p.m., March 23 in Room 181 McGee Building.
- B. Policies on Communicable Diseases and Development Leave have been communicated to faculty by President Johnson.
- C. The long-range planning retreat will be held April 9-10, and both Chairman Howard and Vice-Chairman Dean will attend.
- D. The administration is considering alternatives to notifying students of unpaid bills rather than having faculty deliver them to students.
- E. The waiving of fees for faculty who register for courses is being studied.
- F. The proposed budget for the coming year is being finalized and will be presented to the Board of Regents at the April 19 meeting.
- G. The resolution passed by the Senate last year regarding smoking and non-smoking areas on campus has been sent to the Administration.
- H. The Chairman of the Self-Study Committee, Dr. Connie Spreadbury, will share with the Senate any statements from that committee.
- I. Suggestions and ideas as to the purpose and objectives of the University are welcomed by Vice-President Reese.
- J. The Review of Governance and Management Practices in Texas Public Higher Education as reported to the select committee on higher education by Coopers and LeBrand is available in the Faculty Senate office.

3. Minutes of Meeting #184 were approved with the noted correction under 6. A. d.

4. Officer Reports:

Senator Bailey reported the balance on hand as of January 31, 1988, was \$3,081.84.

5. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports:

- 1. Senator DiNucci, Academic Affairs Committee, gave some background information concerning a total wellness program. Included would be measures to identify potential health problems, remediation, exercise and education. Although the Academic Council of the

Coordinating Board has approved the use of money from residual insurance funds for this type of program, our administration has not yet given approval. At this time, it seems likely the excess funds will be used to reduce cost of health insurance for faculty and staff.

Senator Dinucci moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded the motion that the Senate strongly endorse implementation of a total wellness program for faculty and staff at SFA. Motion passed.

2. Senator Voigtel moved and Senator Mace seconded the motion to accept the Academic Affairs Committee report on recommendations in response to the retention committee's report. Motion passed.

Each recommendation was voted on separately. All were accepted after #4 and #7 were amended. Senator Evans moved and Senator Bailey seconded the motion to amend recommendation #4 on excessive absenteeism as follows:

The second sentence should end with the word "policy", deleting "and that serious consideration be given to an automatic drop policy."

Senator Devine moved and Senator Spreadbury seconded the motion to amend recommendation #7 on faculty and staff awareness as Senator Lackey suggested, which reads as follows:

"This should be the responsibility of the deans and administration of staff and faculty."

3. Senator Voigtel, Professional Welfare Committee, reported the University insurance committee will be happy to investigate and make recommendations on optional retirement plans if faculty will submit names of specific companies.

The awards ceremony will be held in mid-April with over 250 faculty receiving pins and certificates.

- B. Senator Spreadbury moved and Senator Price seconded the motion to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate that were approved for consideration at the February meeting. Motion failed.

6. New Business:

- A. Senator DiNucci moved and Senator Bailey seconded the motion to include someone from the computer center, preferably from technical support, as an ex officio member

of the Faculty Development Committee that determines faculty who receive personal computers. Motion passed.

B. Senate Mueller wanted to know what had happened to a request from his predecessor concerning free housing and/or other benefits for ROTC scholarship students. Chairman Howard will follow up on this and have a report at the next meeting.

C. Eric Nelson, External Affairs Committee of Student Government, explained that "Clean-Up Nacogdoches" will be held this year on March 26. The clean-up will begin at 10:00 a.m. and refreshments will be served on the lawn of the Chamber of Commerce beginning about 12:30. He stressed individuals or departments would be welcome and he asked that Senators notify their constituents. Registration forms are available in the Student Government office.

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

Absences:

Dr. Markworth  
Dr. Thornton

Visitors:

Eric Nelson  
John Zimmerman

Ex officio:

Dr. Reese  
Dr. Eastman



Mary Ella Lowe, Secretary 1987-88