

Stephen F. Austin State University

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2001 Meeting #302
(Subject to approval)**

I. CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Kandy Stahl at 2:31 PM

Absent: Donice McCune, Mitzi Perritt, Sharon Spall

Excused: Tina Oswald, Arthur Sementelli, Aileen Smith

II. GUESTS

A. None.

III. General Announcements

Dr. Tito Guerrero has been named as the new President of SFA.

Mr. Mike Enoch has been named as the new chair of the Board of Regents.

Chair Stahl's report to the Board of Regents is available on the web.

Dr. Joe McWilliams submitted a letter to the Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics and sent copies to the Faculty Senate. The substance of the letter is a protest over SFA's involvement in an athletic competition during the week of finals: he feels that if the rest of the university is forbidden to require or sponsor extracurricular activities during the week before finals so that students can prepare for finals, then students should also not be required to engage in such activities during the week of finals. The letter itself was made available in a handout.

IV. Approval/Correction of Minutes of Meeting #301 (March 2001)

The meeting was called to order by Chair-elect Devine, not Chair Stahl. On VI.E.: "Senator King offered an amendment to category for..." should be "four".

V. Officers' Reports

A. Chair:

At the April 11 Academic Affairs Council meeting: Several adjustments were made to the academic calendar, available in a handout.

The QF grade is in effect now: The system is in place; use it as you see fit.

At the May 9 Academic Affairs Council meeting: A motion to approve graduate certification programs has passed. These programs require 9 to 15 hours of graduate study. No degree is conferred, but a certificate is awarded. Chair Stahl will mail us a copy of the motion.

Dr. Randy MacDonald is the new director of information technology.

At the meeting of the Board of Regents: A reinstatement fee of \$50 per credit hour was approved for students who are dropped for nonpayment of fees by the 20th class day in Fall or Spring, and the 15th class day in Summer.

An increase in designated tuition (from \$26 to \$30 per credit hour) was approved.

We now have a room named the Murray Shaw Championship room.

Policies passed: amendments to the cheating and plagiarism policy, add/drop policy, E10-A, and E38-A were all passed.

Two new regentsí professors were named: Anna Bradford and Mike Lay.

As of Spring, 2002, SFA will charge a \$25 application fee.

SFA will hire a consultant to work in Washington, D.C. to find research funding opportunities; this position will be funded by the Temple Grant.

As of May 7, Dr. Ashley had reported no progress on setting up a faculty listserv or on protections against identity theft.

B. Chair-Elect:

Nothing of significance happened in the graduate council meeting.

C. Treasurer:

We have about \$3000 remaining in our budget.

D. Secretary: No report.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs:

Senators received a resolution to add a \$1 per-semester fee to be used for study abroad. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Administration and Finance: No report.

C. Elections: No report.

D. Faculty Government and Involvement:

We will discuss a change in the standing rules under old business.

E. Professional Welfare: See old business.

F. Strategic Planning: No report.

VII. Old Business

We will probably revisit the issue of hiring Dave Castle next year.

A change in the Senate standing rules was proposed at the April meeting: the election of officers should occur before new senators are seated. The motion passed with 1 abstention and 18 ayes.

The intellectual property rights policy (re: distance and distributed learning) passed unanimously with a friendly amendment to adjust the signature lines on the agreement pages to accurately reflect administrative titles at SFA.

A resolution recommending that Campus police not release student information outside the university passed with 1 opposed.

VIII. *New Business*

A resolution recommending that solutions to faculty salary problems not increase class size or the role of adjunct faculty passed with 4 abstentions.

New officers were elected:

Chair Elect: Larry King.

Secretary: Karen Zagrodnik

Treasurer: Jim Howard

Former Chair Stahl was presented with a plaque expressing the Senate's appreciation of her services for the past year.

IX. *Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.*