MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF
April 4, 2001
ATTENDANCE:
Arts and Sciences: Christine Bridges-Esser, Bruce Drury, Vernice Monroe, Joe Nordgren, Joe Pizzo, Kathy Roberts, Walter Sutton. Absent: Kevin Dodson, Pam Saur, James Stevens , Cindy Stinson
Business: Larry Allen, K.C. Sen, Celia Varick. Absent: Richard Jones,
Education: Kimberly Griffith, William Holmes, Desmond Rice, Kimberly Wallet-Chalambaga. William Worsham.
Engineering: Valentin Andreev, Peggy Doerschuck, Alec Matheson, David Read . Absent: Keith Gonthier,
Fine Arts and Communications: Randy Deal, Kurt Gilman. Absent: Wayne Dyess, Steve Hodges, Lane Roth
Library: Sarah Tusa , Jon Tritsch
Port Arthur: Absent:Mavis Triebel

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Randolph Deal.

MINUTES
The minutes of 3-7-01 were approved with corrections.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Deal reported that the Executive Council met with President Simmons and discussed:
• The House Education Appropriations Bill: The Senate added $135 million to the formula. If this goes through, we are in good shape.
• The House and Senate gave Lamar $23 million in Revenue bonds for construction. The Senate should approve it. This should allow us to use some of the HEAF money for other needs.
• Enrollment is the key to our future and the dormitories are critical to attracting students. The cost per student to stay in the new dorms is $3,050/nine mo. The rooms have cable, data port, phone and gated parking.
• The Academic Plan should integrate long range planning, facilities, academics, and financial planning.
• Lamar University has made an offer to buy the Pizza Inn property.
• Salaries are President Simmons' top priority.
• The President is concerned for the academic integrity in departments where faculty leave and are not replaced with new people at the same salary.
• The deans are looking into standardizing criteria for selecting acting chairs (in the absence of the chair).
• SWTSU's "flagship designation" effort has been withdrawn for the time being. Their name change to Texas State University is still under consideration.
• A discussion regarding the terms, Dept. Head vs. Chair, suggested that Chairs are really Heads in that they serve at the pleasure of the dean rather than at the pleasure of the faculty. This raised the question of whether or not the faculty should be asked on the chair evaluation form if the chair should be retained. There is still administrative resistance to this.
• Administrative job descriptions are being formulated
• The Senate Executive Council will meet with VPAA Doblin for 1-2 hours during his next visit to campus.

Committee reports

Academic Issues: no report.
Faculty Issues: Chair. Bill Holmes reported that the committee reviewed the faculty handbook and recommends the underlined words be added to A.III 2.7

2.7 Appointment and Removal of Department Chairs and Program Directors

Recommendation by Dean after consultation with the faculty to EVPAA to President to TSUS Board of Regents; decision by Board of Regents. The President shall recommend annually the re-employment of all administrative officers; decision by Board of Regents.

The motion was made by Dr. Holmes, seconded by Bruce Drury, and passed unanimously.

Dr Holmes reported that his committee also reviewed the guidelines for selection of the University Professor and Merit awards and recommends the underlined word be added to the guidelines:

3. All eligible faculty, nominated by self or others, shall submit brief resumes and be considered by the College Selection Committee; (.....)

The motion was seconded by Chris Bridges-Esser and passed unanimously.

Budget and Compensation Committee: Chair. K.C. Sen reported that his committee wished to make two resolutions:

• Whereas: given that salary increases for promotion within faculty ranks, i.e., from instructor to assistant professor, assistant to associate professor and associate professor to full professor, have stagnated for almost a decade, the Faculty Senate proposes that salary increases for promotion be raised to reflect the norm in comparable universities.

This resolution was seconded by David Read and passed unanimously.

The second resolution concerning the stipend for teaching overload classes was tabled .
If you have input on this matter please contact Dr. K.C. Sen. Ext. 8972.

Faculty Senate Research and Development Leave Committee: No report.

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Committee: Sarah Tusa reported that a call for nominations has been answered by 8 nominations. The applications were due April 13. The committee will meet on April 17.

Old Business: Elections for the new faculty senate have been completed. The newly elected senators are:
Arts and Sciences:
Bruce Drury Judy Mann Donna Bumpus (replacement for Iva Hall)
Dave Castle Sheila Smith
Vernice Monroe Diane Rivers
Max Loges Stephanie Yearwood
Walter Sutton Mike Matthis

Business
K.C. Sen Frank Cavaliere

Education
Joel Barton Kim Griffith Bill Holmes

Engineering
Valentin Andreev Hsing Wei Chu John Gossage
Alec Matheson (replacement for Keith Gonthier)

Fine Arts and Communication
Travis Almany Anne Mattlock Larry Elliott

NEW BUSINESS

• President Deal formed a nominating committee for the Faculty Senate Election Ballot to elect a new president, vice president and secretary for the coming year. The committee members are:
Chris Bridges-Esser, Chair., Joe Pizzo, Larry Allen, Kim Griffith, Kurt Gilman, Jon Tritsch, Alec Matheson
• Bruce Drury encouraged all to participate in Walk America. It will be held on April 21. Typically, the Faculty Senate supports the Staff Senate in providing the rest tent. President Deal will ask Dr. Simmons for this money.
• Update: Dr. Simmons provided the money for the rest tent for Walk America.

The Senate was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any concerns that you want the Senate to discuss, please contact your Senator or the Senate Secretary: (8600).