

Faculty Senate Minutes

October 14 1997

Senators Present: L. Bush E. Crane D. Defino J. DeRidder N. Drewer G. Ference (Vice President) J. Kalb (Secretary) K. Fox M. Garner C. Long D. Parker (President) K. Shannon C. Thomas D. Whaley.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Senate President Parker at 3 p.m.

1. Announcements

A. The President's Advisory Council meets every Friday. Parker (or another Senate member when Parker is unavailable) will attend these meetings.

B. On the tenure status of Deans: Dean Dotterer does not have tenure. Dr. Jones as interim dean already had tenure. Dean Bebee has a letter in this file from Nelson Butler dated 12/22/95 stating ". . . you will assume a tenured appointment as a full professor of accounting although Dr. Creighton did not know what procedure was followed in that tenure decision. As part of her negotiations, Dean Barnett was awarded tenure, following review and recommendation by the Department of Education. In discussions with the Henson chairs, Dr. Creighton agreed that part of the upcoming search for a permanent Henson Dean would include

having that Dean seek tenure in an appropriate department, subject to that department's recommendation. The exact procedure for accomplishing this will be drafted, shared with Parker (and others), circulated, and adopted. Dr. Creighton believes tenure is essential for a Dean to be an effective advocate for the faculty.

C. Parker has been approached by Bob Sperry about faculty senate representation on an Ad hoc committee on reviewing procedures to adjudicate disputes on campus. This committee would review the entire judicial process.

D. Parker suggested other issues which the senate might wish to address in the future: the four cornerstones on undergraduate education (as outlined by Dr. Creighton), the faculty salary chart, the promotions process, the impact of international education initiatives on faculty and students, and the library committee.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the meetings of September 23, 1997 and September 30, 1997 were approved.

3. Webster Kathleen Shannon reminded committee members to notify her of committee chairs.

4. Provost Phil Creighton made a few announcements:

A. The post-tenure review process is held up now at the Chancellor's Council and is not yet in force. It is yet to be determined how to select the 20% faculty for review, and the Provost will entertain Senate recommendations.

B. There will be an open forum on October 28 to discuss the Strategic Long Range Plan. The Plan will also be on the agenda at the November 4 University Forum meeting. The next stage would be the creation of a plan for implementation.

C. Under new state fire marshall guidelines, the maximum class size will be posted outside all classrooms. This will probably on average reduce the room maximums by one or two seats.

5. Various Senators discussed their meetings with Regents Gelman, Billingsley, and Gonzalez and noted the potential for these sessions--bringing Regents to campus to meet with students, faculty, staff, and administrators and familiarize them with what SSU is about--to eventually offer advantages to SSU in the not too distant future. President Parker and others urged other Senators to take advantage of these opportunities to meet with the Regents.

6. New Business:

A. Jerry Miller of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse spoke to the Senate in order to determine how the Senate wants to proceed with the recommendations which affect and concern the faculty (e.g., Conversation Across the Curriculum a "Freshman Seminar recognize as meritorious and/or provide faculty/staff release-time for participation in student-centered activities outside the classroom). After much

discussion, the Senate postponed any decision about how to proceed with these issues until its next meeting.

B. Three faculty members are needed to serve on the Ad Hoc Bookstore Advisory Committee. Vice President Greg Ference will solicit volunteers, holding run-off elections if the numbers warrant such.

C. President Parker recommended Michael O'Loughlin as the appropriate and best candidate to serve on the Ad hoc committee on reviewing procedures to adjudicate disputes on campus, and the Senators concurred.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for November 11.

Submitted by John Kalb, Senate secretary

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