

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 1983 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Members Absent: Senators Velarides, Canarina, McMinn, Yarbro, McMahan, Ryan, McCoy, Hamel, Sears.

1. President Billy Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Minutes of the February 17 meeting were approved.

3. Agenda of the March 10 meeting was approved.

4. Remarks from Dr. Riggs:

a. The Board of Regents meets on March 18 to discuss, among other items, the APSU Communications major.

b. Governor Alexander has recommended a 1 1/4% pay increase for 1983-84. However, for subsequent years of his administration, Alexander envisions an improved state economy and a 41.5% increase in higher education funding. This vision of the future would translate into a 5-6% raises for 1984-87.

c. Personnel at the low end of the university pay scale may find that next year's checks are lighter than this year's. This cut in take home pay reflects rising health insurance cuts.

d. An 8% fee increase could generate \$286,000, some of which may be available for merit pay or "selective pay increases."

e. Longevity pay is, at the moment, an open question.

f. The Alexander budget provides \$2 1/2 million for "Centers for Excellence" in 1983-84 (\$10, \$15, and \$20 million in succeeding years). For the moment, however, no one knows what the Governor means by "Centers for Excellence."

g. To the good, it should be noted that APSU's recommended appropriations are up by 13%, which compares favorably to the 12% increase recommended for some institutions.

5. Rules Committee Reports on Faculty Senate and University Governance (Dr. Bhatia): To clarify the role of the Faculty Senate in university governance, the committee recommends the following:

a. To the Constitution, Article I, Section 1, add: The Senate shall be an advisory body to the President of the University. The President of the University may refer matters to the Senate and expect a response from that body.

b. To the Constitution, Section V, add Item "b": b. The Faculty Sub-Committee Representative shall be a present or past member of the Faculty Senate and shall be annually nominated by the Election Committee for a term of one year or more.

c. To the bylaws add Article I, Section I, Item D: D. An address by the President or his designee normally not to exceed 20 minutes.

d. To the bylaws add Article I, Section III, Item 3: 3. Normally, an address by the President of the University or his designee will be the first item of business.

e. To the bylaws add to Article III, Section 3, Item 1: The Senate President shall meet and confer regularly with the President of the University and apprise him of relevant investigative studies of the Senate.

6. Rules Committee reports an election of sub-council member for two-year term (Dr. Bhatia): The Rules Committee recommends that the sub-council representative be nominated by the Election Committee and that he be eligible to succeed himself. This recommendation is intended to provide continuity and improved effectiveness for the Faculty Sub-Council Representative.

7. Faculty Red Committee reports on the SBR Proposed Tenure Policy and the Distinguished Professor Award:

a. Regarding the Proposed Tenure Policy, committee members have expressed areas of concern to be forwarded to the Board of Regents. It encourages other faculty to do the same.

b. Regarding the Distinguished Professor Award, the Committee recommends no change for the present (but continued examination is recommended).

8. Academic White Committee reports on retention of adult students: Survey work is in process; a final report will follow.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.