

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

MARCH 7, 1985

Members Present: Elliott, Pres.; Magrans, Der, Kupisch,
Grah, Groe, Carlin, Chaffin, McQueen,
Magruder, Crews, Hortenburg, Kimsey,
Beiswenger, Warren

President Elliott convened the Senate at 3:20 p.m. Der moved the acceptance of the minutes of the February meeting. Properly seconded, the motion carried without opposition. The agenda was accepted by the Senate and President Elliott introduced Academic Vice-President Sawrey, substituting for President Riggs. Dr. Sawrey discussed the operating principles document of President Riggs focusing on the term "mentorship" its relationship to the criteria for judging academic personnel and the matter of admissions criteria.

In response to a question Sawrey said that an estimated 5% increase in funds would be available for faculty raises - across-the-board and merit. Sawrey commented that the prospect for parity in academic salaries for APSU faculty did not look good over the next five years.

Beiswenger reporting for the faculty Red Committee presented the following resolution:

We support legislation to amend the Bragg bill for creation of chairs of excellence, allowing an institution the option to utilize the funds for its tenured faculty in the attainment of excellence in academic and creative endeavors, providing that it is not possible to fill the chair of excellence for a given year.

The pursuit of excellence in academic and creative endeavors shall include research and/or study in an academic institution of national prominence, in a research institute, or in residence with prominent artists or scholars.

She moved its passage, properly seconded. After discussion, Elliott put the motion to a voice vote with the motion apparently carrying. To be certain of the matter, Elliott called for a show of hands, the motion carrying 9 to 4.

Chaffin presented a motion from the Faculty White Committee, Beiswenger seconding. It reads as follows:

The Faculty White Committee recommends that the Senate forward a request to President Riggs concerning faculty representation in the budgeting process. The Faculty Senate desires to select a representative (Senate President or other) to be present at all budget meetings or conferences whenever the budget is being developed and/or revised at the vice-presidential or presidential levels.

Kupisch objected to the wording of the resolution on the grounds that it did not make it clear that the faculty should be present on the occasion of budgeting revisions and reductions. Der moved the resolution be tabled to enable Kupisch to consult with the committee on the matter of editing.

President Elliott announced that SBR Academic Vice-Chancellor Bert Bach was available to the Senate for the next meeting to discuss the five year operating principles. Der moved, properly seconded, that Vice-Chancellor Bach be invited. The motion carried unanimously.

President Elliott reported that Tennessee Technological University's Senate sought our support for their position that tenure should be vested in the university and not in the departments and/or programs. The Senate requested Elliott to gain more information.

The agenda having been completed, the Senate adjourned.