

Texas Council of Faculty Senates  
General Business Meeting  
Minutes  
October 18, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Hudnall at 10:00 A.M. Present were senate members from a majority of the institutions along with Executive Committee Members.

President Hudnall presented a brief synopsis of how the Texas Council of Faculty Senates was formed for the benefit of new senate members.

Marian Jernigan, Treasurer, presented the financial statement and noted that, since its preparation on October 13th, additional funds had been received.. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statement.

Jim Case, Program Director, asked for suggestions to be sent to him on topics for future meetings.

Jack Gilbert, Newsletter Editor, suggested several methods of obtaining information for a quarterly newsletter and it was decided that each senate office would choose a Contributing Editor who will forward newsworthy items to Jack periodically. Sharon Grimm to follow up with senate offices. It was decided that our web page would become the medium for posting the newsletter.

Marie Hayden announced that nominations are now in order for the positions of President-Elect, Northeast Region Vice President and West Region Vice President. The voting for these positions will take place at the Spring Meeting. Marie also briefly explained the Coordinating Board Summer Fellow Program. It was suggested that the written requirement of a report of those attending be added to the instructions/application along with the amount of the stipend to create interest.

Sharon Grimm addressed the problems of obtaining information from each senate office and encouraged all senate members to attempt to reach her at her home phone, fax or e-mail. The use of the web page was briefly discussed.

Jim Case presented the following resolution that was offered by Corbett Gaulden at the Western Region meeting:

*The Texas Council of Faculty Senates views with concern the current disparity between annual per capita expenditures on prisoners and on students involved in public education through the university level. We believe the people of the State of Texas would benefit greatly from a purposeful investment and commitment in education.*

A motion was made by Darrel McDonald and seconded by Jack Gilbert to table the resolution for now and assign it to an ad hoc committee for study, rewriting and presentation for approval prior to releasing it.

President Hudnall announced that the agreement with TACT for office space and storage of materials would expire on October 31, 1997. Under this agreement, \$165.04 is paid monthly and includes telephone and e-mail service. A proposal was received from TACT for office space and services that would eliminate the position of Executive Secretary stipulated in the Texas Council of Faculty Senate Bylaws at a cost of \$500.00 per month. The Executive Committee felt that the position was important for the work of the Council and submitted a proposal to TACT President Tom Hoffman with four points:

1. The Texas Council of Faculty Senates would pay \$200.00 per month to TACT including telephone service.
2. The Texas Council of Faculty Senates would retain the position of Executive Secretary.
3. TACT would supply a separate office for The Texas Council of Faculty Senates.
4. Arrangements for the handling of mail will be worked out.

President Hudnall read the two proposals submitted by the TACT Executive Board. The provisions were:

\$200.00 per month with no telephone service, arrangements for space would continue. The Texas Council of Faculty Senates would retain its position of Executive Secretary and arrangements for handling of mail would be developed.

\$300.00 per month with telephone service included if the Texas Council of Faculty Senates provided information for intelligent answers to questions. Present arrangements for office space would be continued, the position of Executive Secretary would be retained by the Texas Council of Faculty Senates and arrangements for handling of mail would be developed.

Edward George moved that the Executive Committee make arrangements for office space. The motion was seconded and discussion about short-term arrangements and long-term needs followed. Mavis Triebel asked that both long and short-term plans be accepted as a friendly amendment. Both the maker and seconder agreed. The vote was a unanimous approval.

Marian Jernigan presented the 1997/1998 budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as recommended.

It has been determined that the only dates available at the Four Points Hotel for February are the 20th and 21st. Therefore, the Spring Meeting has been set for these days.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm  
Executive Secretary